



Athletic Council Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 3:30pm

Attendance: Jasmine Townsend, Brian Booth, Janie Hodge, George Marks, Bill Baldwin, Jack Wolf, Dan Radakovich, Steve Duzan, Michael Godfrey, Greg Batt, Jae Espey, Mary Anne Raymond, Amanda Gray, Sarah Cooper, Abel Bartley, Stephanie Ellison, Pat Layton, Brenda Burk, Deborah Smith, Taylor Rogers, Natalie Honnen, Kyle Cutler

Chair, Jasmine Townsend, Associate Professor, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management, 280A Lehotsky Hall, jntowns@clermson.edu

- I. Jasmine Townsend welcomed everyone and started meeting.
- II. September minutes approved.
- III. Director of Athletics report – Dan Radakovich
 - a. Covid updates: Women’s/men’s soccer – automatically qualify for tournament in spring; both soccer and volleyball will play in spring. Swinney announced Trevor would not be available for Notre Dame game due to positive Covid test.
 - b. There will be room for 1900 people for men’s and women’s basketball in Littlejohn. Plans for other spring sports are underway.
- IV. Stephanie Ellison – All sports competing in spring. Schedules should be ready in December!
- V. Natalie Honnen –Mental health (screening when students returned) – all areas (nutrition, strength and conditioning; mental health, sports psychology, etc.) are still available. Bi-weekly meeting with medical staff. When someone tests positive, there is lots of communication. During academic year, 65-70% will connect with services. More intense now! Encourage students to take walk.
- VI. 2019-2020 year-end report approved. It will be posted on Athletic Council website.
- VII. Committee Membership Sign-Up
 - a. Academic Policies and Integrity- Brenda Burk and Greg Batt volunteered.
 - b. Student Athlete Welfare and Experience – Mike spearheading and working with executive committee.
 - c. Administration and Communication – Will notify when need volunteers!
- VIII. Athletic Council Policies and Procedures Updates – Bill Baldwin
 - a. Bill and Jasmine led a discussion about the proposed changes to the Athletic Council manual. Many changes had been started by previous Council chair, Mike Godfrey.

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- b. We need to run various items by University General Counsel, and the approval by President Clements via Max Allen.
- IX. Academic Support Services report – Steve Duzan
 - a. Academic metrics (annual report) – emailed to council!
 - b. Staff served students throughout pandemic. Finished and dedicated Habitat House; Paw Pals (with Ravel students); 60 UPICS for student athletes to engage; Tiger Trust–15 athletes participated and graduated; academic reports discussed.
 - c. Second document – APR data submitted in October; 12 teams with single score of 1000; 7 teams with multi-year scores of 1000; perfect 1000 with eligibility points; information is public in May.
- X. Athletic Academic Oversight Committee report – Janie Hodge, FAR/AAOC
 - a. Updates – NIL (NAME IMAGE LIKENESS)– additional legislation proposed from GT; ACC has made progress with Congress; discussions with legal council on NIL and Austin case. Discussions to protect student athlete.
 - b. Structure has changed – Council of Presidents – have them more engaged; FAR role less defined with changes; need more conversation; ADs have more direct link to Presidents on campus.
 - c. John Swofford, ACC Commissioner is retiring. Hiring process is in place.
 - d. APR is being reviewed at national level. Due to Covid, penalties on hold for year if APR falls below 930 for year. Should graduate students count toward retention?
 - e. ACC established CORE committee (Committee on Racial Equity) - submitted recommendation - proposed requirement for coaches/staff to have equity/diversity training – report to ACC.
 - f. University adopted tools for admission processes; can add processes for reviewing student athlete admissions. Made application process more efficient– paper trail (now more digital)–using for freshmen; allowing more from compliance, long way to go; but process is in place; may be good discussion for AC.
- XI. Amanda – Overviewed several things from institutional standout: how to educate student athletes on taxes, receive Pell Grants; get programming on how to help student athletes who want to monetize NIL, etc.
- XII. SAAC report – George Marks, President of SAAC; voter registration – individual letters to over 300 student athletes; Tigerama involvement; funds raised from Unity tee shirts; looking for new food bank; encouraged people to watch Voices video
- XIII. With no other new business, the meeting was adjourned.