



Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

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Presiding: Jasmine Townsend, Chair, jntowns@clemsonteam.edu

Attendance

Jasmine Townsend, Mary Anne Raymond, Graham Neff, Greg Batt, Kyle Cutler, Matt Lombardi, Pat Layton, Abel Bartley, Chris Vidas, Thompson Medford, Brian Booth, David Scott, Antonis Katsiyannis, Tori Niemann, Brenda Burk, Bill Baldwin, Jack Wolf, Stephen Kaepler, Holden Kammerer, Amanda Richardson, Oliver Myers, Brandon Boatwright

- I. Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by Chair, Jasmine Townsend.
- II. Approval of November 2021 minutes
Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 2021 with minor edits.
- III. Introduction of new Athletic Director, Graham Neff, and AD report
 - a. Graham discussed his background and importance of athletics folding into values of university.
 - b. Mentioned several things to accomplish including the new video board (East End) and new club (West End Zone) at Memorial Stadium; and new actions for Trustee's February meeting including operation center for women's lacrosse and gymnastics practice gym near rowing facility
 - c. Other updates regarding women's sports included upcoming search for gymnastics coach and roster building in lacrosse
 - d. Mentioned advantage of having Covid testing lab on campus.
 - e. NIL update – Position Clemson in the marketplace; within limitations, laws, and regulations, educate athletes on things such as opportunities, brand building, and business; in discussions, Steve Duzan emphasized that university cannot be involved with students to make a deal and Amanda discussed the uneven playing field - SC thought we were on forefront with law to engage, but turns out that states that didn't enact state law were in better shape than those who did.
- IV. Academic Support Services report - Matt Lombardi
 - a. Discussed GPA for fall of 3.19 (2nd highest ever if don't count for forgiveness semester) compared to 3.24 for students university-wide; 15 of 17 sports over 3.0 and other two with 2.99.
 - b. Discussed Canvas Observer, which provides 3rd party access with varying availability to students' accounts; tool to monitor progress of student athletes; academic coordinators – access to gradebook and visibility of submission of assignments; would not take place of progress reports from faculty; athletes are used to sharing information and signed FERPA agreements; questions and concerns were discussed; noted that a communication plan is needed. Pilot will be in summer with implementation planned for fall.

- V. FAR/Athletic Academic Oversight Committee report – Antonis Katsiyannis discussed communication with Provost and legal on changes being made in Manual to streamline information and make it consistent; number of preferred walk-ons increased because adding two more sports; once approved by Provost, go to coaches so everyone is familiar with information.
- VI. SAAC report – No report since George graduated and other rep has class conflict.
- VII. Other Business – There were several questions regarding testing requirements, the transfer portal, and transfer requirements. A suggestion was also made to have one page document about what athletes are doing, which could be shared with others. Jasmine also noted elections for Chair and Vice Chair would occur after April meeting.
- VIII. Future meeting dates for Athletic Council
- a. Wednesday April 6, 2022
 - Hopefully in Neri, but possibly on zoom
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