



Meeting Minutes
APPROVED NOVEMBER 2023
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Nieri 254 (Assembly Room)

Presiding: Jasmine Townsend, Chair, jtowns@clemsun.edu

Attendance: Mary Anne Raymond (COB, Vice Chair); Rebecca Stoil (CAAH); Leslie Moreland (Athletic Academic Services); Emily Scribner (CECAS); Chris Fiocchi (Student Affairs); Kyle Cutler (Registrar’s Office); Matt Lombardi (Athletic Academic Services); Stephen Kaeppler (COS); Michelle Colquitt (Libraries); Stephanie Ellison-Johnson (Athletics); Graham Neff (Athletics); Amanda Gray Richardson (Athletics); Kevin White (Athletics); Greg Cranmer (designee); Matt Morfogen (Student Government); Antonis Katsiyannis (FAR); David Scott (COE)

- I. Jasmine welcomed everyone; minutes from April 2023 were approved and accepted. Also approved last year’s annual report. All minutes and reports, including annual report are on the Athletic Council website.
- II. Athletic Council membership updates – Jasmine provided the following updates.
 - a. Purpose of Athletic Council – Reviewed purpose. Group to serve as sounding board and as advisory board; Presidential committee.
 - b. Policies and Procedures – Four meetings a year
 - c. Subcommittees – Three (Academic Integrity and Policies; Administration and Communication, and Student Athlete Wellness); sign-up sheet for subcommittees; each committee works with someone in Athletic Department. President Clements said focus will be on welfare of student athletes (about 600); visit with teams; getting to know athletes. We are a resource for student athletes.
- III. Athletic Director report – Graham Neff
 - a. Athletic Update – Four (4) primary fall sports (football; soccer – men’s and women’s (6-0-1; ranked 6th or 7th); volleyball); Tiger Walk – opened Saturday; women’s sports expansion project by existing rowing facility – operations for



- lacrosse (finished top 20 last year) and gymnastics; lacrosse field; Athlete Recovery Center; gymnastics will compete in Littlejohn (sold 2,000 season tickets)
- b. ACC Expansion – Welcome Cal–Berkeley, SMU, and Stanford. Clemson, FSU, and UNC dissented (schools out west; financial benefits could have been more significant; not much tradition from football standpoint). Track, golf, rowing won't travel out there; others will; men's soccer will travel next fall (travel – combine games/travel, i.e., Cal and Stanford); Student-Athlete Well-being is priority (travel, academic support, mental health – gone for a week); discussed scheduling in football; basketball, and Olympic sports; budgetary information
 - c. Value of CFP Expansion – last season of four teams making playoffs; 12 in 2024; President Clements is on CFP Board of Managers – one of 11 votes; Executive Director, Bill Hancock retiring; Clemson plays UGA first game next year; financial component
 - d. Student Experience (Clemson Elevate)- Conference realignment – Clemson #4 among schools in which students love their sports team – economic impact; fundraising
 - e. Applications 2022 – 52,819, 22,704 accepted (43%); 4,588 enrolled vs. 2013
 - f. Brand building; NIL – How we're telling our story! Clemson plus app – Available to all IPTAY members – creative story telling; mini-series; docu-series: Building Legends; The Other Halves The Real Housewives of Clemson; Step by Step (Coming to Clemson Plus +); Her Winning Deal; (Clemson also has Advisory Committees for student athletes); SAAC – Student Advisory Council
- IV. FAR report – Antonis Katsiyannis - Coach “K” – Ensure academic eligibility; 3.25 avg. last year; 388/527 had GPA over 3.0 GPA and cumulative GPA; 43 had perfect 4.0; 8 sports (out of 15) had 100% graduation rates.
- a. Transfers to Clemson much higher than transfers out (many, about 40%, students enter portal but do not leave); once enter portal may lose all benefits
 - b. Scheduling was discussed.
- V. Academic Support Services report – Matt Lombardi
- a. Stats on incoming athletes – added 2 new sports; serve 582 student athletes; 76 graduate students; 140 freshmen; 197 (30% new to Clemson) new students since January (this number takes transfers into account)
 - b. Nieri holds almost 1,000 appointments a week (302 advising; 300+ tutoring; 183 mentoring; 38 – learning specialists).
 - c. Grades First – used for years; faculty travel notifications; progress reports through this program; company was bought about 2 years; use Teamworks – making transition – attendance verification, etc.
 - d. Benefit to Teamworks – all athletes have app – 1 calendar snapshot – all in one spot – each day)



- e. Canvas observer updates - 12 faculty; overwhelming positive – didn't seem to provide any advantages to athletes; not actively pursuing faculty to share classes
 - f. Study hall program – Academic Policies for Athletics – 10 hours week – 1st semester freshmen; graduated requirements after that; mandatory class attendance
- VI. SAAC report – No update.
- VII. No other new business was discussed. Next Athletic Council meeting is November 15, 2023. Meeting adjourned.