



## Meeting Minutes

**APPROVED APRIL 2024**

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nieri 254 (Assembly Room)

Presiding: Jasmine Townsend, Chair, [jtowns@clemsion.edu](mailto:jtowns@clemsion.edu)

Attendance: Mary Anne Raymond (COB, Vice Chair); Paul Russell (CAAH); Leslie Moreland (Athletic Academic Services); Chris Fioocchi (Student Affairs); Kyle Cutler (Registrar's Office); Matt Lombardi (Athletic Academic Services); Stephen Kaeppler (COS); Shelby Carroll (Libraries); Stephanie Ellison-Johnson (Athletics); Graham Neff (Athletics); Steve Duzan (Athletics); Matt Morfogen (Student Government); Andrew Tyminski (COE); Greg Batt (CAFLS); Charles Santerre (CAFLS); Julia Walsh (SAAC); Vivian Knighten (Graduate Student Government); Logan Hartnell (Student-Athlete Wellness)

- I. Jasmine welcomed everyone. Minutes from November were approved and seconded.
- II. Student Athlete Wellness and Experience: Sports Medicine & Nutrition
  - a. Kayleigh Best: Sport Nutrition (3 groups with some services provided to cheer and spirit) – Introduction of staff via photos (all registered dietitians – Masters degree in Dietetics and licensing now required in SC; basketball has separate person given schedules)
  - b. Student Athlete Experience with Dietitians - screening for bloodwork (with athlete performance, i.e., iron deficiency and eating disorders – self-reported); medical nutrition and therapy/counseling (general wellness category); supplement review (first thing done – Third Party Testing by 2 companies – NSF – Certified Sport and Informed Sport Drug Free Sport Program (screen for banned substances – eligibility on line; athletes sign waiver on own) (make sure fueling selves appropriately); recovery from injury

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### CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COUNCIL

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- c. Daily Basis – PAW & WEZ Bistros – Athlete Centered Dining; Education – Teaching how to shop at grocery store; cooking; learn as much as they can while they are here; Testing (Body Composition – very confidential; looking at injury risk, bone density, hydration); Sports Nutrition – Training needed, Pre/Post Competition, Intra- Competition; Travel; Collaboration; Why We Do It – fueling success
  - d. Questions – Keep in touch during off-season; make resources available if not licensed where student athlete lives; confidential, even to coaches; staff meetings – let coaches know what nutritionists are doing; blood work and screening are required; body composition is not – determine what is required on a team by team basis – discussed what they are doing with numbers and how using information
- III. Athletic Council – Jasmine Townsend
- a. Election – Need to find new chair and vice chair; reviewed duties and term of office (from policies and procedures); election in April
  - b. Scope of council
  - c. Reviewed responsibilities of chair such as serving on AAOC (Academic Athletic Oversight Committee) and AARC (Academic Athletic Review Committee)
  - d. Executive Council – Chair, Vice Chair, and three committee chairs
  - e. Responsibilities of Vice Chair
  - f. Overlap between purpose of AAOC and Athletic Council – initiated meeting in February with others involved across university (things AC did in past such as setting ticket prices are no longer done by AC)
- IV. Athletic Department updates – Kevin White (Staff meeting this morning – over 300 people including male and female athlete to lead off meeting)
- a. Vision and values at beginning of each meeting
  - b. Remembered Melissa King who passed away last week
  - c. Academic Excellence – Graduation Success 97% Graduation Success Rate (GSR) – tops nation among public Power Five institutions; Football's 99% is highest GSR for any institution
  - d. 3.3 cumulative GPA Fall 2023; all 19 sports had at least a 3.0
  - e. Ousmane Sylla (soccer) wins MAC Hermann Trophy (player of the year)
  - f. Gymnastics – Over 8,000 attended both events (2-0 record)
  - g. Several (3) first win coaches
  - h. Athlete Wellness Center – Construction started 11/23 – to be completed 3/25 \$5.675 million from Steven and Pam Watt; Michael and Kimberly Watt; for all sports



- i. External Presence – Clemson+ Program (showcase student athletes)
    - Building Legends
    - Featured athletes
    - 4 shows launched via podcast in January
  - j. Football schedule released tonight (ESPN2)
  - k. MLK Day of Service – Staff Gear Drive
  - l. National landscape – NIL and Conference Realignment taking most of time (also gambling scandals; player problems; FSU trying to get out of ACC); trying to educate student athletes so don't fall victim or engage
  - m. Compliance – New NCAA Director; can't raise (for 110 Society) for NIL but cannot distribute funds – still bound by Title IX (must distribute equally between male and female athletes)
- V. FAR update – Antonis Katsiyannis
- a. Synergy between everyone involved in athletes (75.8% of student athletes earned a 3.0+; 121 earned a 4.0; all had a 3.0 or higher; Will Shipley – Academic All American – graduated in 3 years with 4.0 in management.
- VI. SAAC report – Julia Walsh
- a. NIL and Athletic Department
  - b. ACC schools– sending bills to state about making athletes employees
  - c. Project Life – one athlete is going to donate an organ (anonymous)
  - d. Semi-formal with all athletes
  - e. Branding – some sports don't have agents
- VII. Other Business - No new business
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.
- IX. Future Athletic Council meeting date
- a. April 17, 2024