



Wednesday, April 9, 2025

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nieri 254 (Assembly Room)

Presiding: Mary Anne Raymond, Chair, mar@clemson.edu

Mary Anne Raymond (Chair, COB), Karen Burton (Libraries, Vice Chair), Michelle Colquitt (Libraries), Rose Imbessi (SAAC Representative), Matt Lombardi (Athletics), Lauren Duffy (Faculty Senate), Gigi Graziano (Student Senate), Leslie Moreland (Athletics), Kyle Cutler (Enrollment Management), Kathryn Kisska-Schulze (COB), Jake Serra (SAAC Representative), David Scott (Education), Rebecca Stoll (CAH), Brian Bootz (CECAS), Emily Scribner (CECAS), Stephen Kaeppler (COS), Stephanie Ellison-Johnson (Athletics)

AGENDA*:

- I. Welcome and Approval of January 2025 minutes (2 minutes)
 - a. Chair Raymond welcomed the council
 - b. Minutes were approved
- II. Athletic Council updates – Mary Anne Raymond (2 minutes)
 - a. New library representative – Karen Burton
 - Chair Raymond introduced the new Vice Chair, replacing Shelby Carroll.
- III. Coach Shawn Poppie – Women’s Basketball (20 minutes)
 - a. Shared his experience of his first year at Clemson.
 - b. Started with a roster of 2, built his roster from there. Prioritized making sure that students graduate.
 - c. 3 signed to play professionally
 - d. Culture established: Pride in our program/Clemson, good attitude, focus on “we” over “me”, connecting with the community.
 - Gave examples of how the team helped with hurricane Helene relief
 - e. Team GPA over 3.5
 - f. Prioritized using the student athlete development resources to prepare for life after graduation

- g. No scholarship athletes entered the transfer portal for women's basketball this year
- IV. Athletic Department updates - ~~Graham Neff (30 minutes)~~
- a. Absent
 - b. Someone mentioned that the final hearing on NCAA house settlement case is soon
 - Question about if this is on an institutional level? Funding decisions will be made at the institutional level. Schools do not have to provide scholarships, but can individually decide how many to offer. Can revenue share with a max of 20.5 million
- V. Academic Support Services update - Matt Lombardi (10 minutes)
- a. Progress reports due April 16
 - b. 410 student athletes registered for fall classes
 - c. Summer registration: Reviewing requests more diligently
 - 318 enrolled 2024, average of 6 credits; 284 for 2025, average of 4 credits. This offers budget savings to Clemson.
 - d. Working on tutor needs projection for summer/fall 2025.
 - e. Transfer portal season
 - Need evaluations of transfer credit for potential recruits
 - Challenge of the transfer landscape, can take a long time.
 - Helps the student athletes make an informed decision before deciding to transfer.
- VI. SAAC report - Jake Serra and Rose Imbessi (10 minutes)
- a. Shared 3 events
 - Project Life Movement – saving bone cancer patients through getting young people to register for a match
 - Women's lacrosse game had an event honoring female athletes at Clemson
 - Be a Tiger field day – free event for kids, activities focused on STEM. Over 400 kids attended.
 - b. Met goals for this year
 - Bridging the gap between student athletes and undergraduate students
 - 1. Discussed several events that supported this goal
 - Bridging the gap between student athletes and administrators
 - Student Athlete Protection Plan
 - 1. Created this at Clemson, adopted by other universities.
- VII. FAR update - Antonis Katsiyannis (10 minutes)
- a. Absent
- VIII. Other Business (2 minutes)

- a. New reps next fall
 - New college representatives please contact Mary Anne
- b. Vice Chair update
 - Will finish Shelby's term, and can have a 2 year term as Vice Chair if continues as Library's repetitive.

IX. Next Athletic Council meeting date – September 10, 2025,** at 3:30 in Nieri 245

*Times are approximate; order may change.

**Tentative date