



Wednesday, September 10, 2025

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nieri 254 (Assembly Room)

Mary Anne Raymond (Chair, COB), Karen Burton (Libraries, Vice Chair), Emily Shelton (Libraries), Emily Scribner (CECAS), Brian Booth (CECAS), David Scott (Education), Paul Russell (AAC), Greg Batt (CAFLS) Steve Kaeppler (COS), Heather Batt (Faculty Senate Designee), Bryce Getsinger (Undergraduate Student Government Senate President Designee), Zach Freeman (Undergraduate Student Government President), Jake Serra (Student Athlete Advisory Council Revenue Sport), Rose Imbessi (Student Athlete Advisory Council Non-Revenue Sport), Antonis Katsiyannis (Faculty Athletic Representative), Rikishi Rey (CBSHS), David Foltz (CAH), Kelly Bardusk (Student Affairs), Leslie Moreland (Athletics), Natalie Honnen (Athletics), Matt Lombardi (Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academic Services).

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

AGENDA*:

- I. Welcome and Approval of April 2025 minutes (2 minutes)
- II. Athletic Council updates and introductions – Mary Anne Raymond (8 minutes)
 - a. Introductions of all members (including the College/unit they represent) and Athletic Department representatives (including role in Athletics)
 - b. Focus of Athletic Council activities this year
- III. Athletic Department updates - Graham Neff (30 minutes)
 - a. Clemson named best College Athletic Department in division 1 athletics
 - b. Record attendance for 2024-25 season
 - c. Graduation success rate 97%, Football 99% (highest ever recorded)
 - d. Academic Progress Rate and GPA are excellent
 - e. Clemson Ventures is a new affiliate organization, and revenue generating.
 - Helps facilitate NIL deals with business/industry
 - f. Landscape of higher education changing
 - financial constraints
 - changing business model of college athletics
 - g. Revenue levers summary, approximately \$39.6 million.
 - Most of athletics budget is self-generating

- Discussion about how the athletics budget relates to the rest of the university budget
- IV. Academic Support Services update - Matt Lombardi (10 minutes)
- a. Several ACC and NCAA academic awards
 - b. GPAs are 3.34 and 3.35 for this academic year
 - Almost identical to the general student body
 - c. All metrics at or near the top nationally
 - d. 20% of student athletes are first generation college students
 - e. The contents of the Academic Athletic Services annual report was shared
- V. SAAC report - Jake Serra and Rose Imbessi (10 minutes)
- a. Want to plan more tailgates to foster community
 - b. 3 pillars
 - Community
 - Connecting with undergraduate student government
 - Leadership, especially for underclassmen.
- VI. Faculty Athletics Representative update - Antonis Katsiyannis (10 minutes)
- a. Introduced himself and gave background
 - b. Explained his role
 - Ensure academic integrity
 - Voting member for ACC and NCAA
- VII. Other Business (10 minutes)
- a. List of representatives interested in meeting with athletes for lunch
- VIII. Focus of Athletic Council this year: Well-being
- IX. Next Athletic Council meeting date – November 12, 2025, ** at 3:30 in Nieri 245

*Times are approximate; order may change.

**Tentative date