



Wednesday, January 14, 2026

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nieri 254 (Assembly Room)

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

Present: Mary Anne Raymond (Chair, COB), Karen Burton (Libraries, Vice Chair), Emily Shelton (Libraries), Greg Batt (CAFLS), Leslie Moreland (Athletics), Natalie Honnen (Athletics), Matt Lombardi (Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academic Services), Zach Freeman (Undergraduate Student Government President), Jake Serra (Student Athlete Advisory Council Revenue Sport), Heather Batt (Faculty Senate Designee), Rikishi Rey (CBSHS), Kyle Cutler (Enrollment Management), Ellie DuBose (Graduate Student Government), Paul Russell (AAC), David Foltz (CAH), Emily Scribner (CECAS), Bryce Gusinger (CU Student Government), David Scott (COE).

AGENDA:

- I. Welcome and Approval of November 2025 minutes
- II. Athletic Council updates – Mary Anne Raymond
 - a. Mary Anne’s term as chair is ending after the April meeting
 - b. Karen Burton’s term as vice-chair is ending after the April meeting
- III. Athletic Department updates – Graham Neff
 - a. Football has the highest GSR in the FBS at 98% (tied with Harvard)
 - b. 3.33 GPA for all SA (graduate and undergraduate) across all 21 sports programs
 - c. Lots of moving parts in the collegiate sports world
 - Rules from the house case decision went into effect in July
 - Currently there is a lack of legislative clarity
- IV. Academic Support Services update - Matt Lombardi
 - a. Busy transfer portal season for fall sports
 - 48 new students, about half from high school
 - b. Have orientations for everyone, but separate for late-enrollees
 - Transfer portal close date is after last day to add a class
 - c. 2 programs with a 3.8 GPA or higher
 - d. Late start to tutoring because hires didn’t get approved

- V. SAAC report - Jake Serra
 - a. New world record in indoor track event
 - b. Relationship building with younger student athletes on SAAC
 - c. Facilitating connections with student government
 - Student athletes participating in a presidential search event
 - d. Connecting with student affairs
 - e. Working on having recurring meetings with the new provost
- VI. Faculty Athletics Representative update - Antonis Katsiyannis
 - a. Not present
- VII. Other Business
 - a. None
- VIII. Next Athletic Council meeting date – April 8, 2026, ** at 3:30 in Nieri 254

**Tentative date