

PROVOST'S ATHLETICS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

**Academic Integrity & NCAA Rules
Compliance Institutional Control
Student-Athlete Welfare**

PAOC Meeting Nov 7, 2024

12:30-1:45PM

Location: ALC3200

In attendance: Lisa Bauer, Patrick Vickers, Matthew Iwanski, Randy Kennedy, Milton Overton, Tricia Chastain, Daniel Niederjohn, Matt Mitchelson, Selena Patterson, Stacy Delacruz, Ivan Pulinkala, Tamica Jones, AJ Johnson, Ronald Briggs, Megan Stoltzfus

Dan Niederjohn, Faculty Athletics Representative, opened the meeting at 12:32pm. He spent a few moments recognizing Coach Amir; Milton also commended Coach Amir and shared that support was made available to the student athletes who were affected by his passing.

The minutes of the Sept 5, 2024 PAOC meeting were approved.

Milton Overton, Director of Athletics, provided the State of the Department to include highlights of the major capital campaign and industry changes in college sports. He requested patience in this transitional time. He feels that we are positioned well and is proud of how our teams are doing in Conference USA. It is difficult to come into a new conference and sometimes it takes a couple years to adjust. We are moving in the right direction. The baseball facility is on track to be completed by mid-April.

Milton provided an update on the new holistic Sports Performance Research Institute. This center will have physical, mental and emotional aspects. It will be focused on making our athletes more competitive, as well as reducing the number of injuries. An Executive Director will be hired. He further highlighted some of the equipment that will be put in place in the new training facility to collect data. The new Athletic Therapist started on Monday. Latrice Lewis comes from GA State and Mercer. This is another step to providing a holistic approach to supporting our athletes.

In response to a question, Milton responded that there is no difference in pressure on the coaches with the conference change. However, our recruiting footprint will change, and budgets will improve to enable the coaches to have the competitive advantage they need. Some coaches are recruiting internationally, and we must expand support.

Tamica highlighted volleyball and their CUSA championship. They are the first team to win a CUSA game and the first to win a CUSA Championship.

Kourtney Brown, KSU Women's Volleyball player, shared highlights of her experience. This is her third year and one of the best experiences she has ever had. She enjoys the close-knit

college town and loves game day. Home games are her favorite since there are so many fans to support the team. Kourtney participates in a youth volleyball organization; she loves the atmosphere and enjoys talking to the kids and encouraging them. She participates in SGA and SAAC and would like to see larger attendance at the sporting events. Students don't always have information about athletic events, and she would like to overcome that challenge. She talked about the increase in travel and the challenge that poses to get academic work done and take care of their bodies.

AJ Johnson shared that SAAC is working on the awards program and trying to establish dates for all the athletes to attend a sports event. His focus is on developing members and looking for leadership to fill upcoming vacant positions.

Meghan Stoltzfus, Director, Student-Athlete Development expanded on the Awards Ceremony plans and shared some Student Athlete Development programs. She is wrapping up a financial literacy program for graduate students and bringing in guest speakers. This program is mandatory for student athletes. There are also local partners that are available to provide financial literacy assistance to our athletes.

Everyone is invited to the Athletic Awards program. It is a catered event on Sunday, January 19, planned and hosted by our student athletes. Award recipients are peer-nominated, and they are peer-selected with input from staff for the Wise Owl and Iron Owl awards.

Matthew Iwanski, Associate Athletic Director, Athletics Compliance and Risk Management provided the Compliance Report and NCAA update. Last month, the House case was approved to move onto its next steps which include a time period for schools to send out information and a time period for people to file complaints and lawsuits against the settlement agreement. KSU, as well as many institutions, is reviewing the inclusions in the house settlement; we need to plan to effectively implement starting July 1, 2025.

There are a variety of rule changes to implement all of this. The NCAA rule book will basically get rewritten to be able to handle all of the different changes due to the house settlement. Changes are still in the planning phase. Part of the settlement is that if you want to do any, you do all; you can't pick and choose.

There will be some growing pains from all of this that will affect student athletes, coaches, and administration. The settlement will be over 8 years. Roster Caps were discussed and explained.

Randy Kennedy, Associate Athletic Director, recently sent out reports. There is

no week between Thanksgiving and finals this year, so his team is working to make sure that the athletes are prepared. Randy passed out APR data. (Attachment A) which was just finalized this week. All of our teams are above 950 multi-year rate. The single year rate was 974, not as good as in years past. There are several teams with a perfect score of 1000. In a conference call today with academic administration for CUSA the "Stars of Tomorrow" opportunity was discussed This is a fantastic opportunity for KSU students. Discussion ensued about how we might get the word out to our students about this since the deadline to apply is in December.

Dan Niederjohn, Faculty Athletics Representative and Associate Professor of Psychology provided the FAR and Admission Advisory Committee Update. Dan has been curious about how all the changes have affected our academics. He will keep an eye on this information, but our athletes are continuing to do well. The Admissions Advisory group met recently and set an allotment for the coaches/each squad (potential student athletes that pose a risk). He is also starting to look at test scores, assessing risk, and communicating with coaches quickly. He should be able to communicate in February. Previously, the Committee met with coaches each year to go over overall risk and this will be reinstated this winter. Tamica thinks this is a good idea, particularly for new coaches.

Future Meeting Dates are February 6, 2025 and April 3, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.

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