

**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS**  
**UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

I. Call to Order

Kristen Varjas called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 11:39 a.m. in the College of Education Room 1025.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was presented to approve the minutes from September 17, 2015. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Attendees-

Charlie Cobb, Jacob English, Richard Fendler, Kerry Heyward, Brad Horton, Justin Jones, Shelley Linens, Robert Moore, Michael Murray, Erik Paz, Joseph Peragine, Catherine Perkins, George Pierce, Chester Philips, Sebastian Rand, Kelcey Roegiers, and Kris Varjas.

III. Standing Reports

A. Chair Report

B. Athletic Director's Report

Director of Athletics Charlie Cobb discussed the status of the fall sports and provided updates on the status of the Athletics Department Strategic Plan. The plan consisted of five study areas and is now down to four. The goal is to provide the committee with background and perspective on the department's goals and projections moving forward. The final version is expected to be ready by January 2016.

C. Academic Report

Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development Brad Horton announced the goal for the department's GPA is 3.1. To reach this goal, the academics staff will be on a flex schedule to allow for late-night study hall hours. Horton announced that there is now more focus on providing the student-athletes with graduation plans to keep them on track to graduate on time.

i. APR Update

Horton explained how the Academic Progress Rate (APR) is calculated as a single-year and multi-year score. There is a 930 multi-year score set as a benchmark for each team. Horton explained that men's golf is not currently at 930 because one student left Georgia State to play professionally and another student has not graduated yet. Both students are expected to enroll in classes for the fall 2015 semester and graduate which will bring men's golf up to the 930 benchmark. As a

department goal, Horton wants all teams to be at a 950 score. Horton and his staff continuously review data with coaches and administrators to educate them on APR and specific scenarios. The APR report will be finalized in April 2016 and submitted to the NCAA. Horton will create a list of important definitions for the committee to know.

#### D. Compliance Report

##### i. Rules

Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance Erik Paz gave the committee an overview of basic NCAA rules and regulations. Paz announced that the committee has a responsibility to follow NCAA, Georgia State University, Sun Belt Conference, and Georgia State Athletics rules. Paz is the contact for questions regarding NCAA rules and will send the presentation to committee members via email following the meeting.

##### ii. Competition Schedules

Paz announced the competition schedules will be final once the committee approves. Paz mentioned teams with a high number of missed class days are typically high achieving. The Athletic Department makes accommodations for student-athletes to be able to take exams, labs, study hall, etc. on the road or at alternate times. Some student-athletes travel later to fulfill their academic requirements. Faculty Athletic Representative George Pierce mentioned that he is in discussions with Assistant Provost Edgar Torbert regarding class offerings and possible changes. Following discussion, a motion was made from the committee to approve the competition schedules as presented. The motion was passed with no rejections.

Pierce gave a brief update on the NCAA survey on student-athlete participation in scheduled and non-scheduled activities. Paz added that the reports of non-scheduled activities found that student-athletes have more time for activities outside of athletics than they previously thought. Cobb stated the study shows student-athletes spend 25% of their time on athletics throughout four years of college. Associate Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator Kelcey Roegiers announced the survey regarding undergraduate female student interest in a new women's sport closed and she will present the updates at the next meeting. Varjas announced three new members from the Georgia Perimeter College campuses will join the committee in the spring. Horton announced the addition of Michael Stovall to his staff. Stovall will direct career placement and life skills for the student-athletes.

#### IV. Future Meetings

- i. Thursday, February 18, 2016 – Sports Arena Room 274
- ii. Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – Sports Arena Room 274

#### V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.