

Minutes of the BOAC Meeting, September 17, 2007

Members Present: Ellis, Larson, Schreck, Stephens, Mazurana, McConnell, Schaffer, Doerner, Falger, Walslaben, Wint, Dimaria

Ex-Officio Members Present: Manz, Henderson, Gray, Mills, Hinrichs, Cardenas, Oltjenbruns, Christman, Stotlar

Guests: Head Coaches Jennifer Schunke, Kevin Smallcomb, Tim Barrera, and Michael Kallsen

The meeting was held at the Multipurpose Room at Jackson Stadium and called to order at 5:05 p.m. Chair Michael Mills asked the members, ex-officio members, and guests present to introduce themselves and thanked the guests and members for their time.

In accordance with the University's bylaws concerning the BOAC, especially Bylaw III "The Powers and Duties of the BOAC," Chair Mills announced that the four specified duties outlined in the Bylaws would be addressed separately at BOAC meetings spread over the academic year at the rate of two per semester. This semester, at the October 15th meeting, policies regarding financial assistance to athletes will be discussed. At the November 26th meeting, policies governing the financing of intercollegiate athletics and their effectiveness will be examined.

AAD Jimmy Henderson then reported on the Academic Success efforts for student athletes. The Academic Center is back functioning at full capacity in Henderson Hall. An additional staff person, Michael Kallsen, has added to focus on eligibility and student success. Kallsen will also serve as an assistant in the Compliance Office. Academic liaison and coach manuals are being produced for educational purposes on student athlete academic services. The first liaison meeting will be in early October. Student athlete major reports will be run in the next week.

AAD Chris Kiser was unable to attend the meeting but Chair Mills delivered his report on fundraising activities having to do with athletics. The Roundball/QB Club matching funds initiative raised \$180K, which will be matched by an anonymous donor, for a total of \$360K. The Athletic Department effort in this area is expected to reach \$400K total. There has been great energy from this donor group and much is expected in the future. The money raised will go to the football and basketball programs for overall programmatic assistance. Fundraising efforts have had good success in obtaining new donors. At least \$40K has come from new, first time donors in Denver. In conjunction with the UNC Foundation, the Athletic Department is developing a case statement for the upcoming university-wide capital campaign, as well as prioritizing the needs of the Athletic Department to be included in the campaign. The Department is also developing new annual fund materials which will be completed by the October 13 Homecoming game.

Kati Falger, SAAC Representative, delivered a report on activities having to do with Student Athlete Advisory Council. Ms. Falger introduced the new officers to the SAAC

committee and stated that the goal for SAAC is to develop unity throughout the Athletic Department, not just through individual teams. As part of that effort, "Monday Night Football Lounge" will happen every Monday night as a different sport will host each week. Student-athletes (S-As) will be able to watch football, have snacks and chat. Another effort this year will involve every sports team having a sister/brother team with whom the S-As can go to their games, make posters, and give "spirit uppers." Life Skills is an inter-athletic competition where teams earn points based on involvement in the Athletic Department activities, in the community and in the school. Another effort named "Gear Up" will encourage S-As to wear UNC gear on Fridays. Recently, the S-As and the Athletic Department played a part in a program for children who are potential first generation college goers (their parents didn't attend). Other areas of emphasis for the year will be to encourage greater participation in Relay for Life and "Best Buddies," involving working with Special Olympics.

According to the absence policy passed by the BOAC on Oct. 26, 2006, athletic teams may miss no more than seven days of class per academic term. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the BOAC, by considering factors outlined in the missed class policy. Last spring, the proposed competition schedules for each of the 19 intercollegiate sports UNC will participate in during 2007-2008 were examined. Each schedule detailed missed class days and dates of competition and was discussed according to NCAA requirements for minimum dates of competition, and potential problem areas in scheduling. All sport competition schedules, with the exception of men's baseball and women's softball, were approved in the spring meeting. Since the BOAC did not have a quorum of members at the April meeting, no vote on the schedules was allowed under BOAC rules, but a friendly motion was put forward and seconded to send the baseball and softball schedules back to the head coaches for revision and rescheduling. At the September meeting, revised and updated schedules for these sports were resubmitted for review and discussion, and both schedules reflected fewer missed class days than the originals and a more favorable distribution of missed classes by days of the week. Coaches Schunke and Smallcomb, from Women's Softball and Men's Baseball respectively, discussed challenges in scheduling home competitions, independent status of their programs, and efforts each program undertakes to offset the possible negative effects that missed class days can have on their players' academic progress.

A possible alteration to the Athletic Department's missed practice and competition policy was discussed. Chair Mills asked the Board for advice concerning the following question having to do with student-athletes and non-religious holidays and/or cultural events: "How should the Athletic Department and coaches handle student-athletes who request to miss practices, competitions, and/or team meetings for cultural, non-religious events?" Some examples of these events offered by the Chair included: Kwanza, Chinese New Year, Tet, Bastille Day, Dia de Constitucion (Constitution Day in Spain), Waitanga Day (New Zealand), Australia Day, Memorial Day, and Martin Luther King's birthday. A wide ranging discussion ensued with the possibility of a department-wide policy being written to provide consistency to potential future cases. Concerns were raised about the practicality and/or necessity of such a policy and where responsibility lay and whether or not these questions might best be handled within each program, rather than through the

entire Department. After a long debate, Chair Mills proposed that the Board members consider this question and the topic would be readdressed at the October meeting.

AD Jay Hinrichs delivered announcements of external and special events. Nancy Gray reminded the Board that this year's Reverse Raffle would be held in November.

Chair Mills then announced the next meeting would take place, October 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Jackson Field since the majority of the Board thought the facility served the Board's needs admirably. The November meeting is scheduled for the 26th.

There being no further announcements or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Mills, Chair