



**Athletic Council
IPTAY Board Room
February 11, 2009
3:30 PM**

Voting Members Present: Janie Hodge, *Presiding Chair*; Clementina Adams, Andrew Billings, Charles Dalton for Jim Bostic, Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, Paul Dawson, Jeremy DiGorio for Callie Boyd, Sandy Edge, Abbey Fernandez, LaDonte Harris, Jimmy Kimbell for Leslie Callison, K.B. Kulasekera, Ken Marcus, Colin McMillian for Jason Schweir, Mary Anne Raymond, Elaine Richardson, Webb Smathers, Alesia Smith, George Smith, and Jack Whetstone

Ex-Officio Present: Bill D'Andrea, Becky Bowman, Stephanie Ellison, Katie Hill, Larry LaForge, Terry Don Phillips, and Kyle Young

Chair Janie Hodge convened the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Item 1. Welcome and introductions

Dr. Janie Hodge welcomed everyone.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

The January minutes were approved by the Council.

Item 3. Faculty Athletic Representative Report – Larry LaForge

Dr. Larry LaForge distributed copies of the *NCAA Legislative Council Actions Taken on Selected Proposals Identified by the CU Athletic Council, January 2009*. Larry reported that the Governance and Rules Compliance Committee has been tracking the outcome of the NCAA Legislative Council actions, and of the 70 proposals about a third were adopted, about a third were defeated, and about a third were tabled. He discussed policy changes relevant to Clemson.

Dr. LaForge distributed copies of two articles, one from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, “*Many Athletes Lag Far Behind on SAT Scores*”, and one from the *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*, “*Academic Majors of Upperclassmen Football Players in the Atlantic Coast Conference: An Analysis of Academic Clustering Comparing White and Minority Players*”. Dr. LaForge discussed the academic integrity issues presented in the articles and talked about Clemson policies that address those issues.

Item 4. Committee Reports

A. Academic Standards and Integrity – Dr. Elaine Richardson reported that her committee is continuing to examine missed class time due to out-of-town competitions. The committee wants to determine if there has been an increase in missed class time and if grades have declined due to this trend.

B. Campus and Community Relations – Dr. Webb Smathers reported the committee was continuing the initiative with the Chamber of Commerce to establish a meet and greet with downtown businesses. This will provide an opportunity to discuss community service projects, event scheduling, and merchandizing, and to exchange information with Chamber members. Sandy Edge requested names of Athletics Department staff who attend a meeting with the Chamber members on March 25th.

C. Equity, Welfare and Sportsmanship – Dr. Andy Billings distributed and discussed a report from the committee’s January meeting (see attached).

Item 5. Student-Athlete Enrichment Program – Becky Bowman

Ms. Becky Bowman distributed and discussed a data sheet about student-athlete majors. (see attached).

Item 5. Athletic Department

Dr. Terry Don Phillips stated that things are going well in Athletics.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.