



**Athletic Council
IPTAY Boardroom
September 9, 2009
3:30 PM**

Voting Members Present: Janie Hodge, *Presiding Chair*; Denise Anderson, Eric Benson, Andrew Billings, Bill Bowerman, Paul Dawson, Sandy Edge, Negar Edwards, Jimmy Kimbell, K.B. Kulasekera, Ken Marcus, Mary Anne Raymond, Lois Sill, Webb Smathers, Alesia Smith, George Smith, Michael Godfrey for Tammy Vaught, Jack Whetstone

Ex-Officio Present: Bill D'Andrea, Leslie Moreland for Becky Bowman, Phil Grayson, Barbara Kennedy-Dixon, Larry LaForge, Terry Don Phillips, and Kyle Young

Chair Janie Hodge convened the meeting at 3:33 PM.

Item 1. Welcome and introductions

Dr. Janie Hodge welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2009-2010 year for Athletic Council. Introductions of department representative were made. Dr. Hodge informed the group that the *Athletic Council Policy and Procedures Manual* is located on the Athletic Council website. Council members can also view meeting dates, prior minutes, membership and committee information on the website.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

The May minutes were approved by the Council.

Item 3. Faculty Athletic Representative Report (FAR)

Dr. Larry LaForge distributed copies of the *Academic Policies and Procedures for Athletics* manual, explained the purpose of the manual, and highlighted several minor policy changes from the previous edition of the manual.

Dr. LaForge gave an overview of the NCAA legislative cycle and described the role of the Athletic Council (AC) in helping Clemson determine its institutional position on current legislative proposals. He said that he will submit the NCAA Division I Publication of Proposed Legislation to the AC Governance and Rules Compliance Subcommittee, and ask their assistance in identifying key proposals that should be presented to the entire AC. Dr. LaForge will discuss the selected key proposals with the AC at the November meeting in preparation for submitting Clemson's institutional position to the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) later that month.

Dr. LaForge also reported on two continuing reviews being conducted by the NCAA. He reported that the NCAA Academic Cabinet is currently reviewing initial eligibility standards and the NCAA Financial Aid Cabinet is studying the entire financial aid structure of college athletics. He gave a brief overview of the two issues and indicated that he will provide updates on any developments in the reviews during the coming year.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Todd

Finally, Dr. LaForge reported that the ACC will be on campus in late October to conduct a compliance review. These campus reviews take place every four years. He reported that the ACC review will assist Clemson as it prepares for its Fall 2011 self study for NCAA re-certification.

Item 4. Introduction of Committee Chairs

Paul Dawson – Chair – Academic Standards and Integrity
Webb Smathers – Chair – Campus and Community Relations
Andy Billings – Chair – Equity, Welfare, and Sportsmanship
George Smith – Chair – Governance and Rules of Compliance (Confirmed at the conclusion of meeting)

Chair Hodge expressed the importance of participation and support for each of the committees.

Item 5. Athletic Department

Dr. Terry Don Phillips had nothing new to report from the Athletic Department.

Bill D’Andrea reported that 2008 was a good year for Clemson IPTAY considering the economic situation.

Barbara Kennedy-Dixon reported that Clemson will host the ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championship on Thursday, April 15 through Saturday, April 17, 2010. In addition, Clemson Rowing will attempt to claim the ACC Championship Title again for the second consecutive year when Clemson hosts the ACC Rowing Championship on Saturday, April 24, 2010 starting at 8:00 am.

Webb Smathers announced that Tigerama will be Friday, October 30, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.