

**University Athletic Advisory Committee: Final Report 2018-2019**

Chair: Deborah Brosdahl (HRSM)

**UAAC Committee Membership**

**Elected Committee Members**

- Deborah Brosdahl (HRSM)-2019
- Johnathan Ohrt (Education)-2019
- Peter Binev (Mathematics) – 2020
- Rom Regan (HRSM) – 2020
- Heather Brandt (Public Health) – 2021
- Kari Wolf-Odland (Public Health) – 2021

**Appointed Committee Members**

- Dennis Pruitt, VP Student Affairs
- Chuck Allen, Board of Trustees
- Valinda Littlefield, FAR/SEC Representative
- Ray Tanner, Director of Athletics
- P. Brandon Bookstaver (Pharmacy) – Immediate Past Chair

**Student Committee Members**

- Marissa Delgado (HRSM)-Undergraduate Student Athlete
- Aaron Greenberg (HRSM)-Undergraduate Student Athlete
- Madelynne Herlocker (HRSM)-Undergraduate Student Athlete
- Clint Saidy (Engineering)-Graduate Student Athlete

**Ex-officio Members**

- Maria Hickman, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academic & Student Development
- Judy Van Horn, Executive Associate Athletic Director/SWA

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

	Main Topic	Person
Sept. 12, 2018	1) Welcome; Role of UAAC 2) Meet the Coach 4) Role of Faculty Athletics Representative 5) Tanner Talks	1) Dedb Brosdahl 4) Deb Brosdahl 5) Dr. Valinda Littlefield 4) AD Ray Tanner
Oct. 10, 2018	1) Meet the Coach 2) Academics, Part 1: Report on Student Athlete’s Outcomes: NCAA’s Academic Progress Report (APR) & graduation rate, etc 3) Process for Academic Infractions & Missed Class Times; Major Clustering report 4) Tanner Talks	1) TBD 2) Angie Ludwig 3) Maria Hickman 4) AD Ray Tanner

Nov. 14, 2018	1) Meet the Coach 2) Culture of Care Part I: Mental Health, new role & new programming; Medical Care, Expanded Availability (with Sara Noll) 3) Tanner Talks	1) TBD 2) Sara Noll 3) AD Ray Tanner
Dec. 12, 2018	1) Culture of Care, Part II: Sports Nutrition, Visit with Gamecock Athletic Culinary Team/Appetizers 2) Tanner Talks	1) Charles Waddell & Chance Miller Meet in Dodie cafeteria 3) AD Ray Tanner
Jan. 16, 2019**	1) Meet the Coach 2) Student-Athlete Experience/Community Service Initiatives 3) Guest Coaching Program; 4) Tanner Talks	1) TBD 2) Committee Student Members 3) Niesha Love 4) AD Ray Tanner
Feb. 13, 2019	1) Cyndi and Kenneth Long Family Football Operations Center; 2) Meet the Coach 3) Tanner Talks	1) Meet and tour Facility 2) TBD 3) AD Ray Tanner
Mar. 20, 2019**	1) Academics: Student Development Update: Beyond Sports, Career Preparation, Dodie Programming; 2) Meet the Coach 3) Tanner Talks	1) Megan Stoltzfus 2) TBD 3) AD Ray Tanner
Apr. 10, 2019	1) Meet the Coach 2) NCAA certification reports, including Title IX reports; 3) Tanner Talks	1) TBD 2) Judy Van Horn 3) AD Ray Tanner

\*\*Coaches will be asked to speak 15 minutes on issues impacting their athletes and the academic environment of those student athletes.

Regularly scheduled topics that were covered to encompass the mission of the University Athletic Advisory Committee included: Academic Department Budget; Student Athlete Development Processes and Benefits; Student Athlete Community Service initiatives; and Athlete Academic Services. In addition to these topics the following topics were covered during the 9-month academic year:

**Oversight of Athletics Admissions: the College Admissions Scandal**

In March, a number of academic institutions were caught in a scandal where a private college consultant paid college coaches and athletic administrators millions of dollars by wealthy parents to ensure that their non-athlete children were designated as student athlete recruits for admissions purposes. In response to this scandal, AD Ray Tanner and AD Executive Associate AD Judy Van Horn outlined procedures in place at SC that would make it extremely difficult for a similar situation to occur. A discussion followed with the UAAC Committee Members.

### **Cyndi and Kenneth Long Family Football Operations Center**

A two-year construction project concluded in January 2019, as the Gamecock football team moved into the new Cyndi and Kenneth Long Family Football Operations Center, located at the back of Gamecock Park near the Jerri and Steve Spurrier Indoor Practice Facility. The UAAC members had the opportunity to tour the new facility in February which houses everything the Gamecock football team needs for success. The layout of the Center is designed for efficient navigation, so student-athletes and coaches have ready access to each other and to the training and meeting spaces they need as well as be a valuable recruiting tool promising the resources to help players compete and perform at their highest level. Key features of the new facility include a 20,000-square-foot, two-story weight room; a cardio balcony overlooking the weight room and outdoor practice fields; a nutrition area to provide healthy foods and nutritional guidance; a training room and hydrotherapy area for daily treatment and rehabilitation; and a locker room with direct access to both indoor and outdoor practice fields. In addition, there is a 15-seat movie theater; displays of the Heisman Trophy and bowl trophies; interactive screens that showcase Gamecock football history and standouts who went on to the NFL; and a two-chair barbershop. AD Ray Tanner commented that “There are a lot of nice facilities around the country, and certainly, ours will rank among the best”.

### **Columbia Hosts NCAA Basketball Tournament**

In January, it was announced that the NCAA had selected Columbia to host the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Division I basketball tournament on March 21-24, 2019. This was the first time Columbia had hosted the tournament since 1970. The tournament was estimated to have brought in almost 25,000 visitors to Columbia and brought in an estimated \$10.5 million in addition to bringing prestige to Columbia, the University, and the Athletic Department.