

*Senate Athletics Committee Meeting  
September 17, 2015*

*Elected Members:*

*Present*

X	Katelyn Allison
X	Jacques Bromberg
X	Nancy Burkoff
X	Mike-Frank Epitropoulos
X	Susanne Gollin
X	Jay Irrgang (Co-Chair)
X	Kevin McLaughlin (Co-Chair)
X	Elizabeth (Betsy) Nagle
X	Carma Sprowls-Repcheck

*Student Representatives:*

X	Julia Helgert
	Jack Heidecker
X	Yolandi Van der Merwe

*Staff Association  
Member:*

X	Barbara Mowery
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*Pro-Tem Members:*

	Timothy Averch
X	Dan Bartholomae
	Dave Brienza
X	Toby Chapman
X	Tony Eichelberger
	Lou Fabian
	Nancy Glynn
	Jeanann Croft Haas
	Nathan Hershey
	Don Martin
	Ken Metz
X	Wendy Meyers
X	Donna Nativio
X	Leonard Plotnicov
X	Zac Saunders
	Patrick Smolinski

***Chancellor's Liaison***

***Appointments:***

X	Susan Albrecht
X	David DeJong
X	Scott Barnes

***Senate Liaison***

***Appointments:***

Susan Skledar  
Michael Spring  
Lori Molinaro

Jay Irrgang and Kevin McLaughlin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Irrgang provided the group an overview of the committee and then introduced Scott Barnes, Athletic Director.

**Introduction and Athletic Department Update**

Scott Barnes started his comments by providing the committee an overview of his personal and professional background. Barnes noted his excitement about coming to Pitt and provided an overview of the Fall sport programs. Barnes discussed his philosophy as the athletic director and provided an overview on a number of topics which included: Department SWOT analysis and outcomes, gap analysis, organizational analysis, strategic planning process, branding, fan experience committee, enhancing the student-athlete experience, and improvements with communication and fundraising.

Mr. Barnes provided the group an overview of some of the national issues with respect to the changing landscape of college athletics, particularly at the Autonomy Conference level. Barnes also mentioned the significance of the pending NCAA lawsuits and briefly discussed the governance changes at the NCAA. Mr. Barnes expressed his commitment to excellence and integrity, and his eagerness to advance the athletic department to the next level. Mr. Barnes thanked the committee for their work and commitment to the student-athletes.

Irrgang thanked Barnes and then introduced Dan Bartholomae, Executive Associate Athletic Director for Compliance & Administration.

## **Update – Cost of Attendance Implementation**

Dan Bartholomae started his comments by providing the group an update on a new NCAA legislative item (i.e., cost-of-attendance allowance) effective for the Fall 2015 that changed the definition of an athletics scholarship. Mr. Bartholomae provided the group a refresher on the cost-of-attendance legislation involving the change to the athletic scholarship that was discussed in a previous Senate Athletics Committee meeting in the Spring of 2015. Mr. Bartholomae shared with the group some visual examples that demonstrated the changes with respect to the athletics scholarship at Pitt. Mr. Bartholomae discussed the significance of this legislative change and Pitt's planning efforts for implementation. Mr. Bartholomae mentioned the cost-of-attendance implementation committee that included the Faculty Athletics Representative, Pitt Athletics staff, members of the University Financial Aid and Internal Audit units, and expressed his thanks for their work and planning. Mr. Bartholomae concluded his comments with an overview of the Autonomy legislative process within the NCAA structure.

Irrgang and McLaughlin thanked Bartholomae for his update. Irrgang adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.