The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman, Bill Levernier.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Joseph Barjis, Cathy Beene, Kelly Berry, Kyla Clark, Iris Durden, Chris Geyerman, Jenna Heim, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, John Mulherin, Lacy Needham, Keith Roughton, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for January 25, 2007, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Lacy Needham:

- The major budget items in January were the adjustment to the revenue created by student fees and scholarship costs hit the expense budget. Student fees for the fall and summer surpassed the projections. Scholarship costs for this spring 2007 have been on budget. There could still be some additional adjustments to the spring fees in February.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed the 2007 men’s soccer fall schedule and stated that it is in compliance. The schedule was approved.
- The men’s soccer spring schedule was approved via email.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Lacy Needham is leaving March 16 to return home to Fort Worth. The department is moving as expeditiously as possible to identify her replacement.
- The new football coaching staff is transitioning nicely into their new duties. Now that the recruiting period has been completed the coaches are working to get to know the current student-athletes. Jeff Beckles decided to leave which put football in a bind with recruiting. Student intern, Mary Beth Snyder did a great job filling the void and helping with recruiting.
- New head football coach Chris Hatcher has been out introducing himself to our fans.
- NCAA reported that in 2006 Georgia Southern ranked 8th in the Football Championship Subdivision in overall attendance, averaging 15,612 per game.
- Basketball is getting ready for the SoCon Men’s and Women’s Championships starting February 27 in Charleston, SC.
- Commended Keith Roughton and his staff for all his work on APR.
NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- At the upcoming Southern Conference Basketball Championships the Executive Committee will be meeting to vote on extending an offer to Samford to join the conference.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

- The Southern Booster 2007 Annual Campaign begins on March 12. It will be a six week campaign.
- Eagle Club meetings begin March 8 in Sylvania.
- Southern Booster is in the planning stages for hosting a Georgia Southern Open House on April 14th to be held in conjunction with a spring practice scrimmage and a baseball game.

New Business

- Voted on 2007 Scholar Student-Athletes. Chosen were: male student-athlete, Dusty Reddick (football) and the female student-athlete vote ended with two recipients, Laura-Ashley Harris (soccer), and Heather Reynolds (tennis).

Old Business

- There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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