The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Bruce McLean, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Barry Balleck, Tony Barilla, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Tom Buckley, Kevin Elder, Cynthia Frost, Chris Geyerman, Kymberly Harris, Vickie Hawkins, Bruce McLean, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, Keith Roughton and Samantha Young.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for November 19, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Revenue is looking good. Spring student enrollment has exceeded projections which helps the overall budget. Football tickets sales met budget.
- Expenses are within budget. Spring tuition will be posted soon.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed the spring schedule for women’s soccer. The schedule is in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules. The schedule was approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Since we last met we have had a football coaching change. Jeff Monken from Georgia Tech was hired as head coach. Coach Monken is working on hiring the staff. He has named seven of his coaches and they are focused on recruiting. National signing day is February 3.
- On Tuesday Georgia Southern received notice from the NCAA that an announcement would be issued on Wednesday, January 20 at 3:00 PM concerning penalties related to the basketball infraction. For the record the NCAA Committee on Infractions imposed the following penalties (the institution’s self-imposed penalties are so noted):
  1. Public reprimand and censure.
  3. The institution has 11 grants-in-aid in effect for men’s basketball during the 2009-10 academic year, two less than the NCAA limit of 13. The loss of two grants is due to one self-imposed grant cut and one APR (Academic Progress Rate) mandated reduction. For 2010-11, the institution has self-imposed a reduction of one grant-in-aid in men’s basketball, limiting the institution to 12 scholarships for that year. The committee imposes an additional reduction of one grant-in-aid in men’s basketball for the 2011-12 academic year, which will limit the institution to a maximum of 12
grants for that year as well. However, it should be noted that the aforementioned penalties are independent of and supplemental to any action that has been or may be taken by the Committee on Academic Performance through its assessment of contemporaneous, historical, or other penalties.

4. During the 2009-2010 academic year, the number of official recruiting visits for men's basketball shall be reduced by four from the maximum of 12. (Institution imposed)

5. Pursuant to NCAA Bylaws 19.5.2.2-(e)-(2) and 31.2.2.3-(b), the institution will vacate all wins in which the two academically ineligible student-athletes competed during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 men's basketball seasons. The individual records of the former student-athletes shall be vacated as well. Further, the institution's records regarding men's basketball, as well as the record of the former head men's basketball coach will reflect the vacated records and will be recorded in all publications in which men's basketball records for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 seasons are reported, including, but not limited to institution media guides, recruiting material, electronic and digital media plus institution and NCAA archives. Any public reference to these vacated contests shall be removed from athletics department stationery, banners displayed in public areas and any other forum in which they may appear.

Finally, to ensure that all institutional and student-athlete vacations, statistics and records are accurately reflected in official NCAA publication and archives, the sports information director (or other designee as assigned by the director of athletics) must contact the NCAA director of statistics, to identify the specific student-athlete(s) and contest(s) impacted by the penalties. In addition, the institution must provide the NCAA statistics department a written report, detailing those discussions with the director of statistics. This document will be maintained in the permanent files of the statistics department. This written report must be delivered to the NCAA statistics department no later than forty-five (45) days following the initial Committee on Infractions release or, if the vacation penalty is appealed, the final adjudication of the appeals process. (Institution imposed)

6. All men's basketball coaches shall be required to attend an NCAA regional rules seminar in either 2010 or 2011.

7. As a result of the academic fraud in this case, and in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.2.7, the NCAA will forward a copy of the public infractions report to the appropriate regional accrediting agency.

8. Due to his involvement in academic fraud and his provision of false and misleading information to investigators as set forth in this report, for a five-year period of time commencing with the date of this report, January 20, 2010, and concluding on January 19, 2015, any NCAA member institution employing the former assistant coach shall prohibit him from participating in any off-campus recruiting activities involving prospective student-athletes to include telephone and other electronic (e-mail etc.) contacts. This limits the former assistant coach to on-campus recruiting activity exclusively. Further, if the former assistant coach is employed by a member institution prior to January 19, 2015, he will be required to attend, on an annual basis and his own expense, NCAA regional rules seminars that are offered between the time that he is hired and the expiration of the five-year show-cause period. Finally, consistent with the implementation of
such penalties, any institution employing the former assistant coach during this five-year period shall be required to contact the office of the committees on infractions to review these restrictions. Any employing institution shall also be required to send a report to the committee each year during the show cause period. These reports shall document the institution's monitoring of the former assistant coach and confirm that he has complied with the provisions of the show cause penalty.

9. Due to his involvement in academic fraud as set forth in this report, for a two year period of time commencing with the date of this report, January 20, 2010, and concluding on January 19, 2012, any NCAA member institution employing the former director of basketball operations shall prohibit him from participating in off-campus recruiting contacts involving prospective student-athletes. The former director of operations may evaluate prospects, participate in on-campus recruiting activity and have telephone contact with prospects. Consistent with the implementation of such penalties, any institution employing the former assistant coach during this two-year period shall be required to contact the office of the committees on infractions to review these restrictions. Any employing institution shall also be required to send a report to the committee each year during the show cause period. These reports shall document the institution's monitoring of the former director of operations and confirm that he has complied with the provisions of the show cause penalty. The committee wishes to recognize the cooperation exhibited by the former director of operations in the investigation of this case and the fact that he admitted to violations against his own self interests. Had the former director of operations not cooperated in the manner in which he did, a longer period of restrictions would have been imposed on him.

10. During this period of probation, the institution shall:

a. Continue to develop and implement a comprehensive educational program on NCAA legislation, including seminars and testing, to instruct the coaches, the faculty athletics representative, all athletics department personnel and all institution staff members with responsibility for the certification of student-athletes for admission, retention, financial aid or competition;

b. Submit a preliminary report to the office of the Committees on Infractions by March 8, 2010, setting forth a schedule for establishing this compliance and educational program; and

c. File with the office of the Committees on Infractions annual compliance reports indicating the progress made with this program by October 1 of each year during the probationary period. Particular emphasis should be placed on the proper administration of the academics programs for student-athletes. The reports must also include documentation of the institution's compliance with the penalties adopted and imposed by the committee.

d. At the conclusion of the probationary period, the institution's president shall provide a letter to the committee affirming that the institution's current athletics policies and practices conform to all requirements of NCAA regulations.

- Men's basketball had a great win last night over Appalachian State.
• Currently advertising for the Athletic Academic Services Director position.
• Distributed Fall GPA Comparison Report.
• Samantha Young suggested that students be involved in the search for an Athletic Academic Director.
• Michael Moore stated that the committee should be more than a liaison. Believes that the committee should have been more involved with the NCAA investigation. Sam Baker said that the NCAA dictated the procedures. A faculty member was involved therefore the NCAA required that the investigation be kept confidential.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Attended the NCAA Convention in January. There were two override votes. One to extend the baseball season by one week and the other to vote on adding sand volleyball to the NCAA emerging sports list. The number of baseball games will not change. If enough institutions add women’s sand volleyball to their programs then it will be added as a championship sport.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

• The annual campaign begins in March.
• Provided a copy of the new Athletic Foundation Newsletter for review by the committee.

New Business

• Next meeting the Scholar Student-Athlete Award recipients will be selected.

Old Business

• No old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Lanell VanLandingham
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