The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Christine Draper, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

Cheryl Aasheim, Sam Baker, Barry Balleck, David Beaubien, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Ron Core, Christine Draper, Chris Geyerman, Garrett Green, Bill Levernier, John Luque, Chris MacDonald, Steve Rossi, and Christine Whitlock.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the November 30, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Introduction of Guest by Sam Baker:

- Tom VanLandingham, Student-Athlete Services Tutor Coordinator.
- During his twenty-seven years in education, Mr. VanLandingham taught math and physics for 5 years and was an administrator for 22 years. Prior to entering the field of education he spent 6 years in the Navy in the nuclear power program.
- During the 2011 fall semester we had 40-50 tutoring sessions a day, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM-10:00 PM. Some on Saturday and Sunday. Before a tutor has a session they must attend an orientation session. Handbooks are distributed to each tutor. It is imperative we make certain the tutors know the ‘Big 3’: the Privacy Act, Can’t Do the Work for Them, and Extra Benefits. In order to be a tutor they must have a 3.0 GPA and an A or B in the subject they are tutoring. Tutors are continuously evaluated by Mr. VanLandingham. Students fill out an online survey through SurveyMonkey to evaluate the tutor. The tutor also fills out a self-evaluation. Tutors complete a report on each tutoring session through Grades First. Every Friday a report is provided to each Academic Advisor showing who is not attending their tutoring session.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- The January budget report was emailed to the UAC for review.
- Revenue has not changed significantly since the last report. Spring student athletic fees have been transferred to our account. Now focused on collecting sponsorship money and guarantees. Baseball tickets are on now sale.
- Expenses are holding steady and are on budget. Spring scholarships should hit next month.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Men’s soccer, women’s soccer and volleyball’s spring schedules will be emailed to the committee for approval next week.
Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Appreciate the job Tom VanLandingham and Keith Roughton have done in Student-Athlete Services. With the ever present APR as a backdrop the coaches are constantly stressing the importance of academics.
- NCAA is making changes to the APR program. In 2013-14 the cut score will go up to 930 from 925.
- At the recent SoCon AD’s meetings the discussion of not allowing teams to participate in the championship tournaments if the APR was under 930 was one of the topics. SoCon televised games through public TV did well in Georgia but not as well in North Carolina and South Carolina. After next year SoCon plans to move to ESPN3. Since ESPN3 can show more than one game at a time we would not have to move game times. Moving kickoff times to accommodate television hurts attendance. Evening football games draw better crowds.
- The Socon Basketball Championship Tournament returns to Asheville, NC this year after last being there in 1995.
- At next month’s meeting UAC will vote on the scholar athletes. The banquet will be on April 3 in the Nessmith-Lane ballroom.
- Received a letter from the NCAA Infractions Committee stating that Georgia Southern has fulfilled all the obligations outlined in the penalty report and is no longer on probation. An email was sent to all the coaches stating “It is incumbent for all of us to observe the guidelines and bylaws of the NCAA, SoCon and the Board of Regents as well as the institution.“
- We are always watching the budget and appreciate the coaches efforts to effectively manage their budgets.
- Women’s basketball game with Appalachian State on Saturday has been moved from 7:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There’s a home double header on Monday, February 6.
- Baseball and softball season is coming up.
- National Letter of Intent signing day is tomorrow. The major focus will be on football but several other sports will also be signing prospects.
- Georgia Southern is currently on the Capital One Cup Top 10 list.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Distributed the Athletics fall semester GPA report. Will share with the Faculty Senate at the next meeting.
- Action item: Present to Dr. Keel for consideration adding the Student-Athlete Advisory Board President as a member of the UAC. UAC unanimously approved the motion. The UAC Chair will forward a letter to Dr. Keel notifying him of the UAC request for consideration.
Athletic Foundation Report

David Beaubien:

- March 1st kick off the annual campaign.
- The Foundation Executive Board meets tomorrow night.

New Business

- Coach Jeff Monken will be at Loco’s tomorrow night to discuss the new signees.
- Next meeting will be at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, February 29.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lanell VanLandingham
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Department of Athletics