The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman, Bruce McLean.

Members and Visitors Present

    Sam Baker, Joseph Barjis, Cathy Beene, Kelly Berry, Joe Franklin, Chris Geyerman, Amy Green, Vickie Hawkins, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, Lacy Needham, Keith Roughton, Ashley Scruggs, Charles Skewis, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

    The minutes of the meeting for September 28, 2005, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

    Lacy Needham:

    • An overview of the Fiscal Year 2006 budget through September was presented. It is early in the fiscal year but to this point both revenues and expenses are on budget. Travel remains on budget which was a concern at our last meeting with the rise in gasoline prices. The grant-in-aid for the fall semester is on budget. Those are the major expense items to this point.

Schedule Approvals

    Cathy Beene:

    • A revised 2006 baseball schedule was presented. She reported that the revised schedule is in compliance with the missed class day policy.

Athletics Update

    Sam Baker:

    • Mondo has finally completed all its work and the track is now finished. The team was able to run on the fully painted track on Tuesday, October 25. Now the throws area is the final area of the track yet to be completed. The heavy rains from Hurricane Tammy provided an excellent opportunity to assess the drainage. From all reports the soccer surface drained well.
    
    • Homecoming went well. The fireworks at J.I. Clements Friday night was a great addition to the homecoming festivities. Of course winning on Saturday made it a great weekend.
• The Lupton Building is to be demolished at the close of the 2005 football season. Gene Bishop was generous enough to contribute monies for the new fieldhouse as a gift to the Capital Campaign.

• Keith Roughton is double checking both the 2004-2005 NCAA APR report and the NCAA Graduation-Rates report before they are signed off on to make them official.

• In 2005-2006 Georgia Southern is hosting three Southern Conference Championships. The SoCon Cross Country Championship Meet is this weekend, October 30 at Southern Links Golf Course. The women begin at 9:00 a.m. and the men begin at 9:45 a.m. The SoCon Volleyball Championship Meet is November 17-20 at the Hanner Fieldhouse. All 11 teams will be here. The SoCon Outdoor Track Championship Tournament will be in the held on the new track on April 29-30, 2006.

• The Southern Conference Fall Meeting is November 7 and 8 in Greenville, SC.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Encouraged everyone to attend the Southern Conference Volleyball Championship Tournament November 17-20. Since this is a Conference event there will be a charge for attendance.

• Stated how impressed he is with the SAAB (Student-Athlete Advisory Board). They are involved with Habitat for Humanity, Reading Days, Holiday Helper, and are collecting pop top tabs for cancer treatment. For every 1,000 tabs collected, a child with cancer will receive one hour of chemo free. Encouraged the committee to get the word out to their colleagues.

Southern Boosters Report

Sam Baker presented an update:

• The fall Board of Directors meeting was held Saturday, October 22. The financial audit came back good. The Booster’s cash position is the best it’s ever been.

• The golf practice facility is coming along and once completed will be one of the best in the Nation.

• The new Athletics web site is up and running.

New Business
The early registration for student-athletes request worked its way through the Enrollment Management Committee, to the Provost who took it to the Dean’s Council, who approved the proposal. The Provost with this approval by the Dean’s presented it to the President’s Council for consideration. PC approved the proposal with the proviso that it be brought back to the UAC for their approval. The greatest benefit will be for freshman and sophomores. UAC unanimously approved early registration for student-athletes.

Sam Baker brought forward to the UAC for consideration a 2006 men’s basketball issue. The team has the opportunity to play in the Regency Challenge Tournament at Drake University on December 8 and 9, 2006. The issue is that in order to travel to Des Moines, the team would have to leave on December 7 which is the final day of exams. According to the Athletics Policy Manual, student-athletes are not allowed to travel on a day finals are scheduled without the approval from UAC.

After a great deal of discussion, the UAC approved the request with limitations. The main point is that if a student-athlete has an exam scheduled on December 7, then they would have to stay and take the exam at the designated time. No special consideration for moving the exam is to be requested. Those finished with exams could travel in advance and those impacted by exams would join the team after completion of their exam. All team travel would be accompanied by a coach.

Old Business

Reminder for everyone to bring their spring class schedule to the November 30 meeting so the spring UAC meeting dates can be set at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics