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

Members and Visitors Present


Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for September 30, 2004, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Assistant Athletic Director for Business Lacy Needham distributed copies of the September Budget reports. She reported that student fees and football revenues were all meeting budget projections. On the expense side, grant-in-aid costs are looking good. In the eventuality that Georgia Southern hosts a I-AA playoff game, the question was posed as to the opportunity to make more money. The attendance would have to be 6,000 to break even on expenses and then the net receipts are turned over to the NCAA. A small percentage is returned to the institution based on a revenue sharing formula.

Schedule Approvals

No schedules presented.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Discussed the NCAA Peer Review Committee’s upcoming visit Nov. 15-17. Asked everyone to mark their calendars.

- The Track/Soccer Field construction will begin after football season. The job is currently being bid out by the construction manager from Lavender & Associates. There was no effect on football parking this year, but next year will be different. The area for the facility will take up space in the parking lot adjacent to the water tower.

- Patrick Osterman joined our staff as Media Relations Director.

- An offer has been made to an individual for the track head coach position.

- The deadline for applications for the swimming head coach position is Friday, October 29.

- The baseball stadium construction is moving along.

- The next Southern Boosters Board of Directors meeting is Saturday, October 30.

- Briefly discussed the topic of I-A football vs. I-AA.
- Men’s and women’s basketball are preparing to start their seasons.

**NCAA Representative Update**

Richard Rogers:

- This time of year the NCAA sends out the to the institutions their graduation rate report. By the latest report based on the entering freshmen class of ‘97-'98, the student-athletes graduation rate was 50%, which is good to see. The troublesome thing is that men’s basketball will reflect a zero graduation rate. However, this is based on two freshmen recruited by the previous coach. It will be a year or two before Coach Price’s recruiting shows on the reports. Of special note is that of the student-athletes who had used up their eligibility 87% graduated.

**Southern Boosters Report**

John Mulherin:

- Reported that income is up and expenses are down.

- There has been a tremendous response for the entry pavers and reserved seats at J.I. Clements.

**New Business**

Hank Schomber discussed changes in the Policy Manual. The terminology has been updated in the Coaches Code of Professionalism (pp. 51-52), the Eligibility and Squad List section (p. 76) and expanded on student-athletes welfare in the Travel Policy section (p. 124). All changes were approved (policy changes attached to original minutes).

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lanell VanLandingham
Senior Administrative Secretary