The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair, Jerry Ledlow.

Members and Visitors Present


Introductions

Sam Baker:

- Introduced women’s basketball head coach, Rusty Cram. Coach Cram shared with the committee the Academic Improvement Plan for women’s basketball.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for September 26, 2007, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Reviewed the year to date revenue and expense budget with the committee. Nothing out of the ordinary to report at this time.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed the 2007-2008 indoor track schedule. The schedule is in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules. The schedule was approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Football season is the main focus at this time. Coach Hatcher has taken what he inherited and has done an outstanding job.
- Commented on an Atlanta Journal Constitution article regarding a report issued by the Black Coaches Association. The institution did not choose to participate in the survey. Thus non-participation resulted in an “F” grade.
- APR is on the radar all the time. All sports are focused on academics of the student-athletes.
- Distributed the 2006-2007 departmental Gender Equity Report as prepared by Cathy Beene.
- The Athletics Policy Manual is in the process of revision and conversion to pdf.
• Distributed an updated Athletics Organizational Chart for review and approval. The UAC unanimously approved the revised Athletics Organizational Chart.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Stated that a report on the Southern Conference Fall Meetings will be made at the next meeting.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• Focusing full force on customer service.
• Benefits Review Committee Meeting on November 10 will meet to discuss game day parking and pregame socials for 2008.

New Business

• Discussion on a university wide Excused Absences Policy to be presented at Faculty Senate. Bob Cook made a motion to review the current university policy for excused absences. Second by Michael Moore. The motion was approved. Jerry Ledlow will draft the request and send it to UAC members for review within the week.
• Sam Baker stated that since he became athletic director in January 1996, the most asked question is, “when are we going I-A?” Some people continue to voice a desire to move the football program to IA. In light of the recently imposed NCAA classification moratorium the time may be right to conduct a feasibility study of what it would take to move to IA (FCS). Chris Geyerman made the motion for the UAC to recommend that the university hire an outside group to conduct a feasibility study to move to IA. Bob Cook seconds the motion. UAC approved the motion unanimously.

Old Business

• Discussion concerning order of the links on the Athletics web site (men’s then women’s sports).
• Suggestion was made for there to be a female GUS mascot.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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