The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Chairman, Bill Levernier.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Joseph Barjis, Cathy Beene, Kelly Berry, Kyla Clark, Iris Durden, Chris Geyerman, Alice Hall, Vickie Hawkins, Jerry Ledlow, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, John Mulherin, Lacy Needham, Keith Roughton, Dana Sparkman, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for September 25, 2006, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Lacy Needham:

- Presented October financials, student fee revenue is showing an increase on par with last year. We will use this increase to assist with the shortage in football ticket sales revenue and the facilities expense budget. All other revenue and expense budgets are projected to come in at or near budget. The fall sports were able to meet their travel budgets.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- There were no schedules to be approved.
- Updated men’s and women’s basketball schedules were sent out via email.
- Softball, indoor and outdoor track schedules were sent out through campus mail for approval via email and all were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Reminded the committee of the justifications placed on the men’s basketball trip to the Drake Tournament. From the 10/26/05 UAC minutes: “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”.
- Next semester swimming and diving will hopefully move into their new office and locker room at the RAC and start using the new pool. It is a beautiful addition to the RAC and will help with recruiting.
- Dean Whitt has scheduled a meeting to discuss the fate of the old pool in Hanner.
- Football season was rough.
• Football’s GPA increased from a 2.0 for fall 2005 to 2.68 for spring 2006.
• Dr. Geyerman is writing a synopsis on how we’re improving APR scores.
• Commend Keith Roughton on his work with APR. Julie Strickland does a great job. Eileen Griffis is doing a good job in advising.
• Men’s basketball looked good in the first half against Duke. They are off to a good start this season.
• Women’s basketball played hard against UGA. Thrilled with the young team.
• Men’s soccer had a great season. Interim coach, Kevin Kennedy did a great job.
• Women’s soccer also had a good season. Ashley Hart did a great job with no seniors.
• The new track/soccer facility has helped with recruiting.
• Distributed the following handouts: New format to calculate GPA and APR Audit Report by Scott Pierce, Director of Audit and Advisory Services and the Gender Equity Report.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• The Southern Conference Fall meeting was held November 13 and 14 in Spartanburg.
• Will have override votes at the NCAA Convention in January. One is a move to go to 12 football games a season and the other issue relates to student-athletes that have graduated with eligibility to be able to transfer to another university and play immediately.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• Currently conducting the pre-planning for Annual Campaign in March. Busy but fun during the Dec.-Jan. period.

New Business

• After a brief discussion the meeting dates for next semester are set for the last Thursday of the month at 8:00 am.

Old Business

• There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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