The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Bruce McLean, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Barry Balleck, Tony Barilla, Jeff Blythe, Tom Buckley, Kevin Elder, Cynthia Frost, Chris Geyerman, Kymberly Harris, David Lyons, Bruce McLean, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, Keith Roughton and Samantha Young.

Introductions

Sam Baker:
- Introduced head football coach, Jeff Monken. Coach Monken stated how thrilled he is to be here at Georgia Southern. It’s good to see familiar faces in the UAC membership. Coach Monken believes he has been able to attract a terrific staff. The staff will put the needs of the student-athlete first. He would encourage the faculty to call him direct anytime if there is a situation that requires attention.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting for January 21, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:
- Spring scholarship dollars have now been posted to the budget.
- Will meet with coaches soon to work on next year’s budget.

Schedule Approvals

Sam Baker:
- The 2010 fall women’s soccer schedule and the spring men’s soccer schedule was sent via email for the committee’s review. The schedules are in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA Bylaws. The schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:
- In the process of interviewing for the Athletic Academic Director position. The position when filled will be a great asset for the student-athletes and the department.
- The SoCon Basketball Championship Tournament begins March 4. Men’s basketball could finish 5th. Women’s basketball could finish in the top 5 and gain a bye which means they would not play until Saturday. Men’s basketball finishes the home season tonight with Senior Night. There are 6 seniors on this year’s team. Women’s basketball finishes Saturday night which is also Senior Night. There are 4 seniors.
- The 2010 baseball season has started. Played against Georgia Tech on Tuesday night which was the second largest crowd in J.I. Clements history.
- Excited to have Coach Monken back at Georgia Southern. He is speaking at the Savannah Eagle Club luncheon today.
• As always, this is the time of year to keep a close eye on the budget.
• Must start preparing for the upcoming NCAA Certification in 2013.
• FAR job description needs to be updated. As a result of this discussion, FAR, Chris Geyerman will contact colleagues, write a description and forward it to the UAC for review.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Nominated four Georgia Southern student-athletes for the Southern Conference Scholarship award. Eight $2,000 scholarships are awarded by the Southern Conference on an annual basis.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

• This is the beginning of the busy period.
• The Athletic Foundation annual campaign mailouts begin on Monday.
• March 17 is the ribbon cutting for the Bennett-Ramsey Golf Center.

New Business

• Voted on the men’s and women’s Scholar Athlete of the Year. The Male Scholar Athlete of the Year is Spence Fulford (Golf) and the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year is Caroline Bevillard (Swimming). They will be recognized at Honors Day on April 7 and the Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet on April 12 at Nessmith-Lane Performing Arts Ballroom.

Old Business

• No old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,
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