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

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Iris Durden, Chris Geyerman, Bev Graham, Alice Hall, Vickie Hawkins, Jerry Ledlow, Bill Levernier, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, Keith Roughton, Christine Whitlock.

Introductions

Sam Baker:

• Introduced Natalie Poole, softball head coach. She shared with the committee the Academic Improvement Plan for softball and provided an update on her 2008 team.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for January 30, 2008, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

• Discussed the January budget report.
• Stated that each head coach received a copy of their budget report.
• Monitoring the fall budget (recruiting).
• Basketball is wrapping up.
• Income from marketing and licensing is coming in.
• Baseball tickets are on sale.
• Received the football game guarantee check from Colorado State.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

• Distributed revised outdoor track schedule (previously approved). The proposed home track tournament was cancelled.
• Distributed the fall volleyball schedules. The schedule is in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules. The schedule was approved.
• An email with the memo and class absence document was sent on January 31 to clarify the confusion discussed at the January 30 UAC meeting relating to the number of softball missed class days.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:
• The 2008 football season is right around the corner. There are four games in September which will most likely be night games to beat the heat. The other two games will be at 2:00 PM. Times are subject to change due to television commitments.
• Athletics and Communication Arts work together on the CSS televised home football games. This is a great experience for the students.
• This year the Southern Conference changed the basketball championship tournament format so that now the championship game is on Monday night for ESPN. The revised tournament schedule results in less missed class time.
• Men’s basketball team won 20 games this season for the third time in five years.
• Baseball and softball are under way.
• Women’s swimming finished fourth at the inaugural CCSA Championship in Huntersville, NC.
• Bid proposals for the Football Feasibility Study are due March 18. Interested parties are invited to attend a Offerors Conference on March 5.
• The budget will always be one of the biggest concerns for the department.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• No update.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• The Annual Campaign mail out is slated for March 17.
• The Eagle Club tour begins March 6 with 28 scheduled events throughout the spring.

New Business

• Voted on the men’s and women’s Scholar Athlete of the Year. The male scholar-athlete of the year is David Richardson (baseball) and the female scholar-athlete of the year is Kimberly Morris (swimming). They will be recognized at the Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet on April 21 at RJ’s.
• Kimberly Morris was nominated for a NCAA post-graduate scholarship.

Old Business

• Jerry Ledlow reported that he met as requested with Sam Baker to discuss the Fall 2007 football GPA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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