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

Members and Visitors Present

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

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting for February 21, 2010 were unanimously approved as amended.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- The February budget report was sent via email to the committee for review.
- Revenue goals have been met for every sport except baseball which is in season.
- the encumbered expenses are salaries and fringe benefits and currently they are budgeted at $750,000 but it's not going to be that high when everything is said and done
- Brandy Clouse and I are updating the Camps Section of the Athletics Policy Manual. The changes will be sent to the committee prior to the next meeting.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- The 2010 updated spring men’s soccer schedule was sent via email for the committee’s review. The schedule was previously approved. A match was added on April 20th. The volleyball spring 2010 schedule was sent and approved via email. The schedules are in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA Bylaws. The updated 2010 spring men’s soccer schedule was approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- The last UAC meeting in April is usually the time to present the Athletics budget for next year, but in light of the budget situation it will be difficult to have the budget ready. A meeting to present the budget may be called in the summer.
- Athletics is 41 short of its goal to fully fund all 199.6 scholarships.
- A question for Sam’s Journal was asking why Georgia Southern with the largest Athletics program in the Southern Conference why it’s the worst athletics program in the conference. Programs are judged by their football program. Volleyball, softball, women’s basketball, swimming and diving
- 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,
Lanell VanLandingham
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