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, Bob Cook, Iris Durden, Joe Franklin, Chris Geyerman, Bev Graham, Alice Hall, Jerry Ledlow, Bill Levernier, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, Keith Roughton, Dana Sparkman, Christine Whitlock.

Introductions

Sam Baker:

- Introduced Nate Kellogg, swimming and diving head coach. He shared information on the team and outlined his academic expectations of his student-athletes.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for February 27, 2008, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Currently working on the March budget to distribute to each head coach.
- Preparing for year-end and next year.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed revised volleyball schedule (previously approved). A couple of times were changed.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- The Atlanta Tipoff Club honored men’s basketball head coach Jeff Price and senior forward Louis Graham the state’s top coach and player awards for 2008 at the Naismith Awards Banquet on March 25.
- Head swimming diving coach, Nate Kellogg has done a great job. He became the head coach when the head coach resigned in August of 2004. The new facility at the RAC is helping with recruiting. Asst. Coach, Florrie Cunningham is finishing her masters degree and will be leaving. Mindy Czech stepped back into the head diving coach position when the Graduate Assistant resigned just before the beginning of the academic year and she did a great job.
- The Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet will be held on April 21 at RJ’s. The male scholar-athlete of the year is David Richardson (baseball) and the female scholar-athlete of the
year is Kimberly Morris (swimming). Each will receive a $1,000 scholarship provided by Harry and Brenda Carter.

- At the baseball game over the weekend the Western Carolina coach protested that Georgia Southern was using illegal bats. The umpires examined the bats and said they were legal. SoCon Coordinator of Baseball Officials, Tony Thompson had a conversation with the Western Carolina head coach and the coach said he would not play on Sunday. Thompson told him Western Carolina would forfeit the game if they did not play. On Sunday both teams’ bats were inspected prior to the game. Written report from umpires on bats is on file.
- The last UAC meeting for this academic year will be April 30.
- The 2008-09 Athletic Budget will be emailed for approval if it is not available for the next meeting.
- Southern Boosters next Board of Directors Meeting is April 12 before the Blue-White Game.
- March 18 is the deadline for submitting proposals for the Football Feasibility Study bids.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- The SoCon Graduate Scholarship Committee met at the recent SoCon basketball tournament. Dr. Geyerman was disappointed that David Richardson didn’t receive scholarship.
- Chris stated that he voiced his concerns to the scholarship committee about the process of choosing the recipients and the lack of specific criteria. The item has been placed on the agenda for the SoCon spring meeting.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

- The renewal campaign has started. Brochures featuring the theme of “Rings and Diplomas” were distributed.
- The goal is to raise an extra $800,000 by May.

New Business

- None.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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