The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman, Bill Levernier.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Cathy Beene, Kelly Berry, Jeff Blythe, Kyla Clark, Iris Durden, Chris Geyerman, Alice Hall, Jerry Ledlow, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, John Mulherin, Keith Roughton, Jasmine Stinson, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for March 29, 2007, were unanimously approved.

Introductions

Sam Baker:

- Introduced Jeff Blythe, new Assistant Athletics Director/Business Manager; Coach Chris Hatcher, head football coach; and Natalie Smith, head track and field coach. Congratulated Coach Smith on the recent Southern Conference Championship and for being named the Coach of the Year. Coach Hatcher and Coach Smith spoke briefly to the committee and thanked them for their work on behalf of the athletic department.

Financial Update

Sam Baker:

- Since this in the final meeting of the academic year, the proposed 2008 budget will be forwarded for review via email. The Board of Regents will meeting on May 2 at which time they are expected to approve the system’s budget.
- Subsequent to the approval by the Board of Regents, the fiscal year 2008 athletic department budget was sent to the UAC members via email on May 29, 2007 and was approved.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed a revised 2007 men’s soccer for informational purposes. Distributed the 2007-2008 women’s tennis and women’s basketball schedules. Both schedules as presented were in compliance with institutional and NCAA rules. The schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:
• Stated how proud the department is of Natalie Smith and the track and field student-athletes for their Southern Conference Championship win.
• The Southern Conference spring meeting is May 28-31. Will nominate as Georgia Southern’s candidates for SoCon Athletes of the Year: Jayson Foster and Nicole Brown.
• A good crowd attended the April 21 football spring game.
• As the semester draws to a close everyone is focused on finishing the term strong.
• While it has been a good year, there were some disappointments on and off the venues of competition.
• The softball facility and Paulson Stadium concourse renovations will hopefully begin soon.
• This is the last UAC meeting until August. Expressed appreciation to the members that rotate off for their work.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Distributed the APR report for review and discussion. The report will be released by the NCAA on May 2.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• We are halfway through the Annual Campaign. Preliminary results are looking good ($40,000 over last year). The theme is ‘Give 110%’ and to date 60% of the contributors have responded by increasing their contributions. The Annual Campaign goal for this year is $900,000.

New Business

• There was no new business.

Old Business

• There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics