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, Chris Geyerman, Bev Graham, Alice Hall, Vickie Hawkins, Jerry Ledlow, Bill Levernier, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, Keith Roughton, Christine Whitlock.

Introductions

Sam Baker:

- Introduced Chris Hatcher, football head coach. Coach Hatcher discussed his academic expectations of the football student-athletes. Expressed how hard Academic Advisors Keith Roughton and Julie Strickland have been working with the student-athletes. Coach Hatcher stated he prefers tutors over study hall but does conduct study halls. Every Wednesday the assistant coaches meet with 4 or 5 their position players to go over class work for the week. Target student-athletes under a 2.5 GPA. As always, the goal is to have each football student-athlete graduate.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for March 26, 2008, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- The March budget was sent to the committee for review via email last week.
- The proposed FY09 budget was presented. After a brief discussion concerning travel expenses, the budget was approved.
- The Athletics Business Office Manager has now been added to the scheduling process. A budgetary review is conducted before a schedule is presented to the UAC for consideration.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed the 2008-09 women’s basketball and 2008 men’s soccer schedules for review. Both schedules are in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules. The schedules were approved.
Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- This is the last UAC meeting for the academic year. Thanked the committee for all they have done to assist in the work of the department in the 2007-08 academic year.
- The 2008-09 men’s basketball schedule will be emailed to the committee for approval once it is completed.
- Distributed the April 24 Georgia Southern APR media release.
- Football season is right around the corner. The first four games will be at night (two games will kickoff at 6:00 PM, and two at 7:00 PM will be televised). The night games should help attract better attendance.
- Updated the committee on the status of the Football Feasibility Study. It’s a long process with a time frame of six months once the consultants are selected. It will be a comprehensive study with three phases.
- A discussion ensued concerning how to get the faculty more informed on the daily challenges of a student-athlete. Suggestions were made to speak at the new faculty orientation or to hold a Faculty Day.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- NCAA post graduate scholarships have been awarded. Kimberly Morris (swimming) was a finalist, but unfortunately did not receive a scholarship.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

- It’s the middle of the Annual Campaign and it’s going well.
- There’s been a good response and to date the new game day parking plan has been met with positive reactions.

New Business

- None.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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