The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Bev Graham, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Tom Buckley, Bob Cook, Ron Core, Cynthia Frost, Chris Geyerman, Bev Graham, Kymberly Harris, Bruce McLean, Bill Levernier, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, Tony Parrillo, Keith Roughton.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for March 26, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Introductions

Sam Baker:

- Introduced Football Head Coach, Chris Hatcher. Coach Hatcher last spoke with the UAC on April 30, 2008. After last month’s discussion about practice times, Coach Hatcher wanted to allay any misconceptions about his focus or commitment to academics. He implored the committee to call him if they hear things that are out of sorts.

A motion was made to change the agenda to discuss the departmental investigation. The motion was seconded. FAR, Chris Geyerman provided an update of the investigation. Sam Baker said he would ask Scott Pierce for an idea of when the internal investigation report will be finalized. When the report is available a special UAC session will be called to provide the committee an overview of the issues involved in this situation. The special session will be comprised of both the 2008-09 and 2009-2010 academic year members.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Athletic Financial Report for March was distributed via email for review by the committee.
- The fiscal year is coming to a close and at this point in time the bottom line budget looks good.
- Revenue for spring semester have met projections. Increased spring semester student enrollment helped.
- The proposed 2010 athletic department budget will be forwarded by email for review and approval.
Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed the 2010 football schedule. The fall 2009 men’s soccer and volleyball schedules were forwarded via email prior to the meeting for review. The schedules are in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules. The schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Since the last meeting Charlton Young has been hired as the new head coach for men’s basketball. Coach Young comes with a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement about returning to his alma mater.
- Adrian Peterson will be inducted as a member of the inaugural class of the Southern Conference Hall of Fame on May 4 in Spartanburg, SC.
- There was a full house for the Scholar Athlete Award Banquet on April 27 in the President’s Dining Room. The male scholar-athlete, Mark Beville (soccer) and the female scholar-athlete, Jessica Geiger (basketball) will each receive a $1,000 scholarship funded by a gift from Harry and Brenda Carter.
- A SoCon Graduate Scholarship of $2,000 was awarded to Holli Finneren/ women’s soccer.
- The end of the academic year is near and everyone is focused on finals.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Because of a trip to China, Dr. Geyerman reported he will be unable to attend the SoCon Spring meetings.
- Because of this trip, Sam Baker will be designated as the voting representative for Georgia Southern at the Conference business session at the upcoming Southern Conference spring meetings.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

- The annual renewal campaign was mailed out to previous donors on March 17.
- Very happy to report that renewals are coming in at a steady pace. As the slogan states, it’s all about “Rings and Diplomas”.
New Business

- Sam Baker stated that the 2007-2008 APR press release will be emailed to UAC members.
- The student-athlete exit interview questionnaire has been used for several years. In light of this it is prudent that the UAC review the document with an eye towards making any changes.

Old Business

- Bruce McLean reported that the Dean of the College of Science and Technology asked him to express the concerns presented by members of the science faculty about baseball student-athletes missing classes and labs because of travel.
- Kymberly Harris stated there’s a survey available on the web structure to ascertain how student-athletes select their major. She volunteered to conduct the survey with the student-athletes. Dr. Graham asked that she be able to review the document.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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