The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chris Geyerman, FAR.

Members and Visitors Present

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

The first order of business was to elect a new Chair

- Dr. Bev Graham was elected as the Chair for 2008-2009.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for April 30, 2008, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:
- Future budget updates will be sent to the committee via email.
- Ticket office is selling football tickets fast and furious.
- The 2008 fiscal year, Athletics budget ended on a good note with a balanced budget.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:
- Distributed the previously approved 2008-09 women’s basketball and 2008 men’s soccer updated schedules for informational purposes. Distributed the cross country, softball, golf, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, men’s basketball, baseball, swimming and diving schedules. All schedules are in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules. The schedules were approved individually. Note: Men’s basketball will leave on the last day of finals on December 11 at 3:00 PM. The student-athletes schedules for finals were reviewed and there were no conflicts.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:
- Welcomed the UAC members and stated appreciation for their service. UAC members serve a valuable role as liaisons between their academic and institutional areas and the athletics department.
- The Athletics Policy Manual revision to be posted on line is almost complete.
- In a correspondence dated October 31, 2007, the UAC recommended to the President the possibility of a football feasibility study. After all the RFP procedures were completed, the Rosser Group of Atlanta was selected to conduct the study. The first on campus meeting took place in July. The group wants to experience Georgia Southern football and will attend the Appalachian State game. An open forum will be held that morning.
• Athletics is in the midst of addressing a Title IX issue by renovating the softball complex with the construction of a locker room facility. New head coach, Maggie Johnson is busy completing her staff.
• Jayson Foster is still with the Miami Dolphins and we hope he remains on the roster.
• Complimented the Athletics staff on selling GSU/UGA student tickets on Friday, August 22. Especially Brandy McNeal and Keith Roughton on the great job of making the change in the venue because of inclement weather to Hanner run so smoothly. Tickets went on sale ahead of schedule at 3:15 and sold out by 7:00.
• Student-Athlete Convocation went well on August 26. The focus was on academics.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Distributed the Academic Year 2007-08 GPA Report.
• Told the members he may be calling for help in certain student-athlete academic issues within their colleges.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• Fiscal Year ended on a good note.
• 72% of every $100 went back in support of Athletics.
• A Day for Southern community campaign starts on September 9th.
• Football game day parking has sold out.
• Great spring and summer and looking forward to an exciting fall.

New Business

• Set up the meeting dates for fall semester. Last Thursday of the month (due to conflicts the dates are: September 25, October 23, November 20, a December meeting date will be called if necessary) at 8:00 AM.
• Volleyball tournament starts Friday, August 29 through Saturday, August 30.

Old Business

• The revised Athletic Drug Testing Policy was approved via email in July.
• Granite monument facing the fence on Tillman Road is not visible. This should be addressed in order to adequately pay tribute to those that helped in creating the practice fields.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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