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

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Bob Cook, Iris Durden, Jocelyn Fisher, Chris Geyerman, Bev Graham, Alice Hall, Jerry Ledlow, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, Keith Roughton, Dana Sparkman, Jasmine Stinson, and Christine Whitlock

Elect new Chair

Jerry Ledlow was elected as the Chair for 2007-2008.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for April 26, 2007, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Ticket sales and sponsorships are up. A new cell phone policy has been implemented which will save money. The new XOS web site will allow fans to purchase tickets online and should increase ticket sales. A new bus contract was negotiated for team travel in 2007-2008.
- The approved fiscal year 2008 athletic department budget will be sent to the UAC members via email.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed previously approved schedules including game times for women’s basketball, volleyball, women’s and men’s soccer for informational purposes. Distributed the 2007-2008 cross country, softball, golf, men’s tennis, women’s tennis fall schedules, swimming and diving schedules for review. The baseball schedule was also distributed but contained a request for an exception for the home game on May 5 (day before finals). All schedules as presented were in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules. The schedules were approved and the committee asked that the May 5 baseball game begin as early in the day as possible. The 2007-08 men’s basketball schedule was approved in July via email.
Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Welcomed back the returning UAC members and welcomed the new members. Stated that this is his 12th year at GSU and that the athletics department and the UAC members have had a good working relationship. Sam relayed that the UAC serves as liaisons between each of their academic areas and the athletics department.
- APR is on everyone’s radar. NCAA changed the rule a couple of years ago and now allow freshmen to attend summer school on an athletic scholarship. Our student-athletes have benefited from this rule.
- Student-athlete Convocation went well. It was stressed to the student-athletes to ask for tutorial assistance if needed and not to wait until it is too late.
- The Athletic Department is very proud of Tracy Ham’s induction into the College Hall of Fame. The ceremony in South Bend was a fun event.
- Teams have recruited well. Volleyball is doing well with a young team. Women’s soccer is now playing with some seniors. Men’s soccer had a great season last year and Coach Kevin Kennedy did a great job. Coach Chris Hatcher is doing a great job as head football coach.
- Distributed the 2006-07 GPA Report.
- There was a brief discussion concerning the academic report the professors sign, the coaches’ Academic Plans, and the possibility of live classrooms helping student-athletes with missed classes.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- At the Southern Conference Spring Meeting Heather Reynolds received the prestigious SoCon Dorothy Hicks Scholarship Award and Laura-Ashley Harris and Robert Roulhac both won leadership awards.
- Also at the SoCon Spring Meeting the topic of creating a policy for Facebook and My Space was introduced.
- At the first GSU SAAB Meeting a subcommittee was formed to address the Facebook and My Space concerns expressed by SoCon.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

- We are really excited about this season. A lot of work has been completed at the Paulson Stadium and it is beautiful.
- All of the Southern Booster packets have been mailed out.
- Southern Boosters has had two good years. Both historic years.
- Audit will be completed soon.
New Business

- The schedule was set for the fall semester meeting dates for the last Wednesday of the month at 8:00 AM.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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