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

Members and Visitors Present

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for August 28, 2008, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Athletic Financial Report through September 15 was presented for review.
- Fall enrollment is higher than anticipated thus increasing student fee revenues.
- After three home football games, the gate receipts have been lower than budgeted. However the next three are Family Weekend, Appalachian State, and Homecoming. We expect large crowds for the next three.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- The monument at the football practice field will be inscribed on the back side instead of having the monument moved. This was a more cost efficient solution.
- The Georgia Southern Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet is Friday, September 26. Six former student-athletes will be recognized. The inductees are: Richie Bryant (golf), Anita Buggins (tennis), Alexis Dankulic-Manhertz (volleyball), Tommy Peterman (baseball), Rob Stockton (football), and Charlton “CY” Young (basketball).
- To date, over 1,300 football tickets have been sold for Family Weekend, September 27.
- Fall sports are up and running. Men’s soccer won 2-0 yesterday, USC Upstate. Volleyball defeated Davidson last night 3-0. Men’s and women’s basketball begin practice on October 17.
- Football has been a wild ride so far. It’s a very young team. This weekend is an important conference game against Wofford.
- The big issue right now for the athletics department as well as the university and the community is the economy.
- Gave an update on the Football Feasibility study.
- Distributed an updated GPA Comparison Report for academic year 2007-08.
- Keith Roughton met with Don Heath of the Savannah Morning News to further explain APR. Keith is working on the 2007-08 report to be released in the spring.
- I had the pleasure of judging the ‘Yell Like Hell’ contest on September 17 along with Coach Chris Hatcher.
NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Requested at the first Faculty Senate Meeting assistance from the faculty in filling out the student-athlete progress form. The ensuing discussion at the Senate meeting centered on standardizing the process. Keith Roughton said that a program being purchased called Grades First will help accomplish this request.
- Fall SoCon meeting is October 28 and 29.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

- Southern Booster audit is back. What it shows is Boosters raised more money than ever before and gave more in support of athletics than ever before.
- New football game day parking system is working well.

New Business

- Committee recognizes Keith Roughton’s efforts to obtain the Grades First program.
- A motion was made to have Grades First program up and running by spring 2009 semester.

Old Business

- Committee welcomed the undergraduate and graduate student representatives.
- Requested a head coach speak at each meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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