The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Bruce McLean, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Barry Balleck, Tony Barilla, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Tom Buckley, Ron Core, Cynthia Frost, Chris Geyerman, Vickie Hawkins, Bruce McLean, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, and Samantha Young.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for August 25, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Introductions

Sam Baker:

- Introduced the Director of Sports Medicine, Brandy Clouse. Brandy provided the committee with an overview of the Georgia Southern Athletics Sports Medicine program. Currently, there are 4 full-time athletics trainers, 8 certified graduate assistant trainers and 31 undergraduate student trainers. Each graduate student is assigned a sport. To date there have been 35 cases of student-athletes with flu-like symptoms. A report was distributed outlining the 2008-09 injuries for all sports.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Business Objects is still not up to date so there is no report. Revenues for the first two football game ticket sales met budget projections.
- 2009-10 Basketball season ticket sales will kick off soon.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene: None.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- It was important for Brandy Clouse to update the committee on the work of the sports medicine program. Brandy has done an outstanding job since assuming duties as Director of Sports Medicine in the summer of 2008.
- Four candidates were to campus for interviews for the Director of Athletics Academic Services position. After consideration and conversation, the decision was made to put the search on hold. The position will be advertised again after the first of the year. VP for Business & Finance, Dr. Ron Core will assume the role of Interim Director of Athletics.
Academic Services. This reflects the same strategy implemented during the search for a new Chief of University Police.

- Distributed the Activities and Major Accomplishments portion of the department’s 2008-09 annual report.
- A group of Georgia Southern Alumni from the 50’s have requested the UAC consider retiring Chester Webb’s basketball number. Chester was a basketball player in the 1950’s. Provided Chester Webb’s athletic bio, in order for discussion and consideration of issue at the next UAC meeting.
- The past couple of years, men’s basketball has participated in tournaments sponsored by The Gazelle Group. Georgia Southern will host such a tournament Thanksgiving weekend. As part of this tournament Georgia Southern was originally scheduled to play Florida on Thursday, November 19. Due to a conflict with Florida’s schedule, the game will now be played on Wednesday, November 18.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- The Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) recently discussed the possibility of giving credit for Physical Activity classes for student-athletes due to the amount of physical training they receive from Strength and Conditioning. Intercollegiate athletics conditioning program is quite rigorous and certainly surpasses a weight training class taught by a graduate student. After a brief discussion and no opposition, the UAC approved the suggestion that the SAAB begin gathering data and composing a recommendation for consideration and discussion at the appropriate academic levels.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

- The Georgia Southern Athletic Foundation Board held a meeting last Saturday, September 19. In 2008-09 the Foundation raised $1.83 million and of that total $1.72 million came back as direct Athletic Department support to fund scholarships, facility improvements or other projects of the athletics department.

New Business

- None.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Lanell VanLandingham
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