The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Chairman, Bill Levernier.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Cathy Beene, Kelly Berry, Kyla Clark, Dana Sparkman, Iris Durden, Joe Franklin, Chris Geyerman, Vickie Hawkins, Jerry Ledlow, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, John Mulherin, Lacy Needham, Keith Roughton, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for August 23, 2006, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Lacy Needham:

- The major activity in the revenue accounts has been student fees and football ticket sales. The student fees are consistent with last year and football season ticket sales still need to be moved over from the FY2006 budget. The major activity in the expense accounts has been scholarship charges. We were slightly over budget in our total summer school costs but under budget for fall charges.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- There were no schedules to be approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Keith Roughton is working on the 2005-2006 APR report. The athletic department staff is very focused on improving APR. To that end, Dr. Grube has asked Scott Pierce to meet with each head coach to discuss APR and their team academic policies.
- Nathan Kellogg, head coach for swimming was made aware of a team incident that potentially involved violation of athletics department policies. Coach Kellogg reported this to SWA, Cathy Beene. Cathy Beene discussed this issue with Sam Baker. Mr. Baker requested that interviews be conducted with each member of the team. Twenty four student-athletes were interviewed individually by the FAR, Chris Geyerman, SWA, Cathy Beene, Head Coach, Nate Kellogg and Diving Coach Mindy Czech. Using the information gained from these interviews it was determined that a violation did occur. Head Coach Kellogg used this information
to develop proposed penalties for the student-athletes. This penalty list was reviewed and approved by both the athletic and university administration.

The student-athletes and their parents requested an appeal of these penalties to a higher authority. To this point in time the athletic department has never provided an appeal of a coach’s decision on punishment. In light of the number of individuals involved, Mr. Baker felt it prudent to present their requests for appeal to the athletics departments governing body (UAC) for consideration.

Keith Roughton was designated as the depository for appeals and has received 17 letters of Appeals. The UAC heard all pertinent information and reviewed the final report. After a great deal of discussion a motion was made for the UAC to deny the request for appeal. Motion approved. In response, UAC Chair, Bill Levernier sent a memo to the athletic department stating the following: “The University Athletics Committee (UAC) recently received a complaint regarding your department’s handling of an investigation. In response, the UAC stated its support for the Athletic Department’s handling of such discretionary matters. In addition, the committee expressed its unanimous belief that the matter in question had been handled appropriately, and thus there was no reason to recommend that the Athletic Department revisit its actions.”

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• There was no update.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• The Southern Boosters FY'06 audit has been completed and will be approved in October at the Board of Directors Meeting.
• The draft audit reflects that the organization has surpassed the $2 million in contributions mark for the first time in history. Membership levels, unrestricted cash and direct support for athletics also reached historical highs. It has been a good year.
• A Junior Golf Clinic and demonstration by Champions Tour Professional Bruce Fleisher was held on September 24 at the new Ramsey-Bennett Golf Facility. The event was successful and Mr. Fleisher marveled at the scope of the facility and has asked to return with other professionals in April.

New Business

• There was no new business.

Old Business
• There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics