The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Jake Simons.

Members and Visitors Present


Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for August 26, 2004, were unanimously approved with two corrections (added Susan Williams as present and reworded the third bullet under NCAA Representative Update per Jake Simons’ suggestion).

Financial Update

Assistant Athletic Director for Business Lacy Needham handed out copies of the July and August Budget reports. She reported that student fees before the drop date were $50,000 over without East Georgia fees, ticket sales for the first two football games have been on budget, and in reviewing the numbers, remember that the fall equipment and salaries have been encumbered in the expenditures.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene handed out updated copies of the tennis and volleyball schedules. She mentioned that volleyball missed two matches in Florida due to the hurricanes and will add a match at Georgia on November 3.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- The hurricanes in Florida cost the department some playing dates.

- 34 inches of rain has been recorded at J.I. Clements Stadium which has caused the construction project to be about a week behind. The costs of steel and petroleum have gone up thus there has been an impact on the budget for the three projects. The target date for completion J.I. Clements Stadium is February 12.

- The target date for beginning the construction of the Track/Soccer Field is November 1. Todd Lane submitted his resignation as Head Women’s Track and Field Coach. The application deadline for the track search will be October 1. Mr. Baker reported he is very proud of the track team. They have done some amazing things in five years considering they do not have a track and have to practice at Statesboro High School.

- New Media Relations Director will be named soon.

- NCAA is reading certification documents. Peer Review Committee is coming November 15-17.
• The Hall of Fame Banquet is October 29. The six inductees are: Brenda Carter/ Administrator – Tennis, Gene Crawford/Supporter, Margaret Faughnan/Tennis, Todd Greene/Baseball, Jeff Sanders/Basketball, and Jack Stallings/Head Coach – Baseball.

• Sports got off to a good start. Volleyball won against Charleston. Ashley Hart, women’s soccer head coach is doing a good job. Men’s soccer won the University of Kentucky tournament and football has done well. Contrary to reports, UGA is willing to play football again. More tickets were sold by Georgia Southern for the UGA game than any of the other SEC opponents playing at Sanford Stadium this year. The team is very focused this year. At the Student-athletes Convocation academics were stressed. Tennis courts are being resurfaced the week of October 4. Basketball practice starts mid October.

NCAA Representative Update

Richard Rogers:

• Not much to report. Legislation sets rules once a year.

• Three students have received conference player of the week awards: Iulia Porumbescu/Volleyball, Jermaine Austin/Football, and Adam Webb/Men’s Soccer.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• Reported that everything is going well. Good season so far.

• Filled every parking spot for the Wofford game.

• The Capital Campaign kicks off with an event right after the Appalachian game.

New Business

Meeting dates for November and December were discussed. The decision was made to skip November and have a meeting on December 2.

Old Business

There was no old business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senior Administrative Secretary