The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman, Bruce McLean.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Joseph Barjis, Scott Beck, Cathy Beene, Kelly Berry, Joe Franklin, Chris Geyerman, Amy Green, Vickie Hawkins, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, John Nauright, Lacy Needham, Dan O’Dowd, Keith Roughton, Ashley Scruggs, Charles Skewis, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for November 30, 2005, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Lacy Needham:

• An overview of the December budget was presented. The student fee revenues came in above the projection for fall. All other revenue is unchanged. The revenue for men’s basketball has almost reached budget, women’s basketball is over. The expenses for football and Paulson are over budget. The training room is doing great and everyone else is within budget.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

• Revised 2006 softball schedule was presented. The schedule was solely for informational purposes since it was previously approved by the UAC. A revised schedule form was presented. Men’s and women’s soccer spring schedules were presented. Sam Baker presented the 2006 football schedule. The soccer and football schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

• Introduced Brant Berkstresser, Director of Sports Medicine for an update. Football had 135 players on the roster. There were 8 surgeries (6 shoulders, 2 knees). Not all surgeries were the result of injuries from this year. Some were high school injuries.
• Sam discussed attracting Coach Brian VanGorder for the head football coach position. Coaches are out recruiting. The signing date is February 1. The coaches are using the “big 4” as they call it (COBA, IT, Nursing, COBA) and the beauty of the campus for recruiting. He’s speaking at the Georgia Southern University Foundation Board of Directors and prior to the Wild Game Supper. Coach VanGorder is in tune with roster management. There may not be 130 football student-athletes on the roster in the future.

• Gene Bishop, good supporter and contributor of Georgia Southern has contributed the funding for the replacement of the Lupton Building. He is also helping with the new Alumni building. Renderings of the new building were presented. The new building will be double the size of the previous building.

• The golf practice facility is coming along. The framing on the clubhouse has been started, and the seeded areas are beginning to show growth.

• On January 28, Michael Curry’s number will be retired at halftime of the men’s basketball game.

• Head Volleyball coach, Kerry Messersmith resigned effective January 3, 2006. She accepted the head coaching position at UAB. Kerry did an outstanding job. The search for the new head coach has begun. The announcement was posted today.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Presented the fall 2005 GPA Summary. The GSR for student-athletes is 72% based on six years. The new grade form will be presented at the February meeting.

• Keith Roughton presented the APR report based on the 2004-2005 academic year. This is the second year of the NCAA collecting institutional data. NCAA will release the overall report to the public in March. Baseball and football were impacted with penalties that will entail losing scholarships in 2006-2007.

• Sam Baker commented that unfortunately the women’s basketball GPA is the lowest it’s been since 1991.

Southern Boosters Report

Dan O’Dowd in John Mulherin’s absence:

• From the end of March to the start of the football season is the time of year we are on the road.
New Business

- The UAC hearing date and time for the student-athlete’s appeal is set for February, 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hanner Conference Room.

- Bruce McLean asked if there were any desired changes to be made to the UAC paragraph in the Faculty Handbook. There were none presented for consideration.

- Keith Roughton stated that at the next meeting UAC will vote on the male and female scholar student-athlete of the year.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics