The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Tony Barilla, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Tony Barilla, Cathy Beene, Christine Draper, Kevin Elder, Chris Geyerman, Pat Humphrey, John Luque, John Mulherin, Steve Rossi, Keith Roughton, and Fred Smith.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the November 19, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Sam Baker:

- Very fortunate that 2010 home football gate receipts exceeded budget.
- East Georgia College revenue is not in at the current time. Hopeful their enrollment numbers have grown this year as in previous years.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- None.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- At the close of the 2010 season a decision was made to make a change in the head coach of women’s soccer program. Lindsey Vanderspiegel was hired as the new women’s soccer head coach. She comes from a very successful Hofstra program.
- Football made it to the FCS playoffs. Certainly the App State victory was the turning point in the season. Coaches are heavy into the recruiting process now. Making it to the playoffs will help with recruiting. Signing day is February 2. Football is probably signing in the neighborhood of 20-25 recruits.
- Athletics administrative staff conducted a football retreat on January 21 to discuss ticket pricing, game management, etc. for the 2011 season.
- Six home football games this year. Samford is the season opener. Coastal Carolina is the first home game.
- Updated the UAC on the much publicized NCAA playoff third round bid situation.
- Volleyball won the SoCon Championship Tournament and gained the Conference automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Coach Callihan has done a great job. Excited about next year.

Introduction of Guest by Sam Baker:

Lindsey Vanderspiegel, Women’s Soccer Head Coach:
• Excited to be here. The team started their strength and conditioning program today. Focused on increasing success on the field to match the team’s academic success.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Distributed the 2009-10 fall athletic GPA Comparison Report.
• The Volleyball team was not only the 2010 SoCon Champions but also currently tied for the department’s highest GPA.
• Nominations for the Southern Conference Scholarship award are coming up. Eight $2,000 scholarships are awarded by the Southern Conference on an annual basis.
• The next SoCon Executive Committee conference call is in February.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulhern:

• Gearing up for the upcoming Annual Campaign.
• Development of Capital Campaign strategy and planning is underway.

New Business

• Keith Roughton stated that the UAC will vote for Scholar Athlete of the Year at the February meeting. This year Dr. Irwin is spearheading collection of the nominations from coaches.
• Next UAC meeting is scheduled for February 22 at 4:00 PM.

Old Business

• None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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