The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Bev Graham, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Tom Buckley, Bob Cook, Ron Core, Cynthia Frost, Chris Geyerman, Bev Graham, Kymberly Harris, Bruce McLean, Bill Levernier, Michael Moore, John Mulherin, Keith Roughton, Samantha Young.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for November 20, 2008, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Spring enrollment was slightly ahead of projections which helps with the student fee revenue.
- Athletic Financial Report for December was distributed via email for review by the committee.
- Basketball ticket revenue has met projections. Great crowds for Davidson and “Pack the House in Pink” games helped.
- Baseball season tickets are going out this week.
- Expenses are being watched closely.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Sent the revised women’s tennis, softball, indoor and outdoor track schedules via email for the committee’s information. These schedules are still in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules and were previously approved. Also sent via email the spring 2009 woman’s soccer schedule for review and approval. The schedule is in compliance with institutional guidelines and NCAA rules. The schedule was approved.

Introductions

Sam Baker:

- Introduced Women’s Swimming and Diving Head Coach, Nate Kellogg. Coach Kellogg gave an update on the team’s athletic and academic performances. His academic philosophy for the team is, “We don’t stress academics, we demand it!” The swimming and diving team GPA for the 2008 fall semester was 3.42.
Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Athletics is very fortunate to have Coach Kellogg. He is a quality young man and does a great job of working with our swimming program.
- It’s an exciting time. The football and soccer coaches’ hard work comes to a close with national signing day on Wednesday, February 4. In particular, Football Head Coach Chris Hatcher is very pleased with the academic credentials of this year’s projected recruiting class.
- Thrilled with the announcement that Adrian Peterson will be inducted into the first SoCon Hall of Fame class on May 4.
- Southern Boosters has had some good organizational meetings recently. The Board asked John Mulherin and me to meet with each head coach to discuss long range planning. Each coach is asked to bring 3-5 items that would make a major impact on their program. Concentration on Rings and Diplomas.
- Basketball season is rapidly coming to a close. The SoCon Basketball Tournament starts March 5 in Chattanooga.
- Great crowds for the women’s and men’s basketball games for the ‘Pack the House in Pink’ event January 24.
- Softball is excited about their new facility which includes locker rooms for the Eagle softball team, visiting team and umpires.
- Distributed Fall 2008 fall GPA report.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Attended the recent NCAA convention in Washington, DC.
- The NCAA basketball academic working group has removed mandatory summer school from their list of possible new academic rules aimed at men's basketball.
- The Division I membership affirmed legislation restricting men’s basketball coaches from observing non-scholastic events during the academic year, defeating an override proposal by a 55-45 percent margin. With the defeat of the override, men’s basketball coaches are restricted during the academic year to attending regularly scheduled high school, prep school, and 2-year college contests/tournaments and practices and regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at the institution at which the regular scholastic activities occur.
- SoCon Student-Athlete Graduate Scholarship nominations are due February 9.
Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

- Southern Boosters Board of Directors met recently to discuss a long range vision and positioning of the organization. Southern Boosters is trying to reposition itself with a name change and is focused on being able to give more dollars to Athletics.
- Annual Campaign begins in March.

New Business

- Reviewed proposed revisions to the Georgia Southern Athletic Hall of Fame criteria. Amendment was made to add the FAR to the Selection Committee. The amended criteria was approved.
- Next meeting the Scholar Student-Athlete Award recipients will be selected.
- The UAC requested that at the next meeting athletics provide a breakdown of the academic majors of the current student-athletes.
- Held a discussion on how best to work with the academic system to accommodate the academic and athletic goals of today’s student-athletes.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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