The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Henry Eisenhart, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present


Guest Speaker

Dustin Wood, Volleyball Head Coach

- Thank you for the opportunity to be here at Georgia Southern University. We have 15 great young women on the team. The team has a 3.4 GPA. They know what they need to do so that makes my job much easier.
- Played volleyball at East Stroudsburg and then overseas. Began coaching in 2003 at East Stroudsburg as an assistant for the women’s team and as an associate head coach for the men’s team. Became the head coach for the men’s team in 2005. Proud of the accomplishments especially of bringing the team from the bottom up to fourth in the NCAA tournament in the four years as head coach.
- Moved here from George Mason where he was an assistant coach of the women’s team for two years and men’s team for one.
- The goal is to win the SoCon Championship, make the second round in the NCAA tournament and be in the top 25 nationally.
- The last two home matches are November 15 and 16 playing Appalachian State and Western Carolina.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- Two home football games remain in this season. Football budget has exceeded expectations so far. Volleyball has two home matches left and the budget has exceeded expectations also.
- On the expense side we will have a better idea of actual expenses once the spring scholarships hit.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed the Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field schedule. The schedule is in compliance with university and NCAA policies. The schedule was approved with an exception.
SAAC President’s Update

Marco Osorio:

- Athletics Director, Tom Kleinlein spoke about commitment and the importance of giving back to the community at the last SAAC meeting.
- Members of the SAAC will be at William James Middle School on October 30 for Red Ribbon Week (red ribbons symbolize the commitment to a drug-free nation).

Athletics Update

Tom Kleinlein:

- Football has some challenges. Had a disappointing loss last week to Appalachian State. Football has some serious adversities to overcome in terms of injuries and motivation. It is a challenge and at the same time it represents opportunities.
- Women’s soccer is also facing some challenges. Important game on October 30 which will determine the SoCon ranking for the championship tournament starting November 3.
- Men’s soccer SoCon Championship tournament starts November 9.
- Rifle had its first win last weekend against Wofford.
- Swimming and Diving started their season this past weekend with two wins.
- Volleyball is number one in the SoCon. Head Coach, Dustin Wood and his assistants. Scott Smith and Dawn Peipher have done a tremendous job.
- Men’s Basketball’s first home game is Friday night, November 1 at 7 PM. Encourage everyone to attend.
- Women’s basketball is continuing to build.
- Volleyball, women’s and men’s basketball locker room renovations have been completed.
- The Football Operations Center is starting to look like a building now that the walls are going up.
- Attended the Sun Belt meetings in New Orleans on October 15 and 16. A major point in the meetings was a discussion about a 3 Bowl game arrangement and an opportunity for 2 or 3 more bowl games. Once Georgia Southern is fully in the league the university will have more exposure on the National scene. Georgia Southern will put in a bid to host the 2016 Sun Belt championship tournament. A vote was taken on adding men’s soccer to the Sun Belt Conference and it passed 7-3-1. Should know by the end of the week if it is passed at the next level.
- Georgia Southern Athletics Hall of Fame member, Chester Webb (men’s basketball) has been nominated for induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. Chester averaged 30 points a game without the 3-point line. Chester will be honored at the homecoming game.
- The GATA Club has been established to unite and bring back former student-athletes to campus. The Athletic Foundation has done a great job have gotten 150 members so far (most are not football student-athletes). The GATA Club members will be honored at the homecoming game, also.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Distributed the 2003-2006 GSR summary and “Division I student-athletes make the grade” article.
- FAR senate reports have included this information, and in the future each FAR senate report will include a link to the GSR, FGR and APR summary.
Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

- The GATA Club will offer three opportunities for student-athletes to come to campus.
- Football is winding down and now turning the attention to basketball. Offering a Bronze level Sixth-man Club (formerly the Tip-Off Club). There will be refreshments in Hanner 2201, courtside seats among other experiences that normally are not available to fans. One hour before tip-off the coaches will speak to the club. This will be extended to baseball as well.

New Business

- Student-Athlete Services Director, Ali Ruff distributed a copy of a memorandum sent to all student-athletes stating an addition to the student-athlete handbook concerning reporting academic dishonesty.
- The next UAC meeting November 20 due to Thanksgiving being on the last week of the month.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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