The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chris Geyerman, FAR.

Members and Visitors Present

Cheryl Aasheim, Sam Baker, Barry Balleck, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Ron Core, Chris Geyerman, Garrett Green, Bill Levernier, John Luque, Chris MacDonald, John Mulherin, Steve Rossi, Reed Smith and Christine Whitlock.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Introduction of Guest by Sam Baker:

- Nick Zieziula, Men’s Tennis Head Coach.
- Excited to have the opportunity to join the university in my first head coaching position. Fall season has been an exciting time for men’s tennis. Brought in five freshmen this fall. There are three seniors graduating this spring. Part of the five-year plan is to have the team at 50% U.S. and 50% International student-athletes. It is easier to build a relationship in the recruiting process with the U.S. student-athletes and their families. Of the four U.S. 2011-12 recruits; two are from Georgia and two from Florida. The recruiting class ranked in the Top 25 for mid major programs. The renovated tennis facility is near completion. This facility will greatly assist with recruiting. The team roster has a eleven members currently and will have a transfer coming in January which reaches the goal of 50/50.
- In the spring I received an invitation to attend a recruiting showcase in Argentina. It was great experience and will ultimately pay recruiting dividends.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- The October budget report was emailed to the UAC for review.
- Revenue is ahead of schedule compared to this time last year. Football ticket sales have exceeded the budget number. Basketball tickets are selling well and baseball tickets will go on sale soon. The Alabama football game guarantee has not arrived. Connie Palfy has done a good job with licensing and should exceed the budget.
- Travel budgets are doing well. Scholarship expenses are up as expected and as budgeted.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- None.
Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Fall seasons are completed with the exception of football.
- Football won the 2011 Southern Conference Championship. The team played well against Alabama. Because of the way the team played in Tuscaloosa, Georgia Southern received some exposure from the announcers during the Alabama/Auburn and Clemson/South Carolina telecasts.
- GSU will play Old Dominion in the second round of the NCAA Championship. Old Dominion is a very explosive offensive team. If we win we will host the winner of the Appalachian State/Maine game and if North Dakota State wins they will host in the semifinals.
- Both soccer teams made it to the Southern Conference tournament. Women’s soccer won their first game in the tournament. Coach Vanderspiegel and her staff did a great job. They have 16 new recruits coming in next fall. Coach Kennedy and Coach Freakley did an outstanding job this year with resurrecting the men’s program.
- Cross Country showed improvement this year under new head coach, Marlo Mincey. I am very impressed with Marlo’s coaching style and recruiting.
- Men’s basketball hosts Chattanooga Thursday night. The Saturday night game time with Appalachian State has been moved from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM due to the 1:00 PM football playoff game. A win will boost the confidence of this young, talented team.
- Women’s basketball has played some tough competition. They travel to Appalachian State Thursday. The game with Furman on Monday night will be televised on ESPN3.
- Softball and baseball start in February. Baseball should be fun this year with the return of Victor Roache and Chris Beck.
- Informed the coaches that the Chancellor has advised the BOR institutions that there will be great scrutiny of any student fee increases for FY2013. With no student fee increase budgets will be tight in FY2013.
- John Mulherin is knocking on doors and working hard to raise funds for the football building project.
- The SAAB along with the Athletic Foundation hosted a Holiday meal for all student-athletes Monday night. It’s a great way for student-athletes to socialize and get to know one another. Had a great turn out.
- Communication Arts’ students are doing a great job with producing the football coach’s show.
- Radio Network is doing as we projected.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- The motion to have a student-athlete receive KINS credit for their weight training program was voted down 27-0 by the faculty.
- At the recent Southern Conference Fall Meeting Appalachian State petitioned to reconsider the sportsmanship rule. The petition was rejected. Discussed conference realignments and what it could mean to the Socon.
• Received an email from NCAA concerning the new institutional certification program. The goal is to simplify the process and cut expenses connected to certification.
• Discussed NCAA Legislation #2011-78.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

• The Athletic Foundation continues to work on the football building fund.
• Year end fund raising is also a high priority.

New Business

• Cathy Beene distributed the 2010-2011 Gender Equity Report for the committee’s review. If there are any questions they will be answered at the next meeting.
• Sam Baker suggested that the concept be presented to the President to include the SAAB President to the UAC membership as an additional student representative. This would provide an opportunity for the student-athletes to have a representative on this governing board.
• Next meeting will be at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, January 31 and the remainder spring semester meetings will be held the last Wednesday of the month.

Old Business

• None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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