Members and Visitors Present


Approval of Minutes

The revised minutes of the December 4, 2002, meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Sam Baker introduced Connie Palfy, Interim Business Manager, and explained that Ms. Palfy will be working in that capacity until a Business Manager is hired.

Schedule Approvals

Sam Baker distributed the 2003 football schedule for approval and explained that GSU will play either McNeese State or LSU on September 13. The football schedule was unanimously approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

• Reported that the athletics department had made contact with Todd Greene to notify him that the University Athletics Committee had approved the department’s request to retire his number 20 baseball jersey. Unfortunately, Mr. Greene has to report to the Texas Rangers’ camp the weekend the ceremony was planned. So, when it is convenient for Todd to return in order to participate in a ceremony, the event will be scheduled.

• Mike Sewak has gained verbal commitments from an excellent group of prospective football student-athletes.

• Softball season opens next weekend versus Florida State and FAMU.

• Baseball plays Morris Brown College in the season-opener on February 8.
Mr. Baker explained that Morris Brown’s baseball team is down to 12 players due to the accreditation crisis the institution is facing.

- Distributed copies of the 2003 fall semester student-athlete GPAs. The student-athletes did well; their overall GPAs are above those of the general student body. The combined GPA for all sports is 2.61, and the combined GPA for the general student body is 2.51.

**NCAA Update**

Richard Rogers reported the NCAA Management Council met at the annual convention and discussed the development of an annual academic progress rate for a better “real time” evaluation of a team’s academic success. This concept will require a pilot study of all Division I institutions on eligibility retention and graduation rates of scholarship student-athletes. Georgia Southern will report on its men’s and women’s basketball as a part of the survey.

**Southern Boosters Update**

John Mulherin announced that Southern Boosters is continuing to work on the Capital Campaign. The Renewal Campaign begins in March with a goal of raising $600,000.

**New Business**

Several ideas for getting the graduating student-athletes scheduled for exit interviews were discussed. It was decided that the written portion of the survey would be sent to the student-athletes’ post office boxes along with a letter asking them to contact Marilyn Kalb to schedule the in-person interview. At that time, they will be asked to bring the completed survey with them.

There being no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for February 27 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kalb
Sr. Administrative Secretary