The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Jake Simons.

Members and Visitors Present


Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for December 2, 2004, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Assistant Athletic Director for Business Lacy Needham presented the December Budget report. She stated that summer and fall season student fees were up $50,000 over budget. Spring fees are projected to also increase but that number is changeable because of cancellations. Men’s basketball individual game sales and baseball season ticket sales are good. Georgia Southern should receive $3,000-$4,000 from the NCAA football playoff game hosted on November 27. On the expense side, weight room equipment to equip the renovated Iron Works totaled $35,000. The renovation along with the new equipment will help accommodate more student-athletes.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene presented the 2005 football schedule and stated that everything was in compliance. Sam stated that a proposed game for September 3 to be played in the Georgia Dome didn’t work out for this season, but he is still working on a date in 2006. The schedule was approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Expressed relief in finally having the football schedule completed.
- Stated that the baseball stadium will be ready for opening day on February 12. The chairback seats were shipped today. The Bulloch County Eagle Club will hold an Open House in the Wiggins Building on February 3.
- Iron Works was finished in time for recruits visiting on January 15. Expressed appreciation to members of the faculty that assisted in the recruiting process.
- Signing date for men’s and women’s soccer is February 2. The coaches are using the plans for the new track/soccer facility in their recruiting pitch.
• Shaun Meinecke, interim track head coach, is doing a good job.

• Nate Kellogg, interim swimming head coach, is also doing a good job, especially since he is down to 13 healthy swimmers. Next meets are here Friday night, January 28 and Saturday, January 29. The NEC Championship is in Landover, Maryland, February 17-19.

• Stated that Dr. Bleicken had said the NCAA Certification Peer Review Team found a couple of minor items that need to be revised in the response.

• Football seniors exit interviews are almost completed. NCAA mandates these interviews with senior student-athletes be conducted. The Exit Interview Form was revised by the UAC and it was helpful in the NCAA Certification Peer Review.

• Stated that Lacy is busy working on planning next year’s budget.

• Question was asked where the baseball game would be held if the stadium was not ready. Sam stated that the game would be held at J.I. Clements Stadium.

• Ribbon Cutting for J.I. Clements Stadium is February 12 at 12:15 p.m. and the dedication for the Champion’s Room and the Jack Stallings Field will be February 19.

NCAA Representative Update

Richard Rogers:

• NCAA Board of Directors has set a cut-point for the newly initiated APR scores of 925. Teams must meet this score next year in order to avoid being subject to contemporaneous penalties.

• Four student-athletes have been nominated for SoCon post-graduate scholarships: Clint Barbour (football), Charlotte Bruneteaux (tennis), Kristen Kasprak (volleyball), Brent Stephens (baseball).

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• Working hard to get ready for the ribbon cutting and dedication at J.I. Clements Stadium.

• Working on the proposed development of aGolf practice facility.

• Southern Boosters’ Annual Campaign will start in March.

• Reviewing football parking lot changes necessitated by development of track/soccer facility.
• Revenue is up and expenses are down.

New Business

Sam Baker:

• Institutional NCAA Director of Compliance position was advertised. Received only 10 applicants. In light of the scarcity of applicants, I have asked Keith Roughton to present a proposal of how Compliance and Student-Athlete Services could be integrated to ensure NCAA compliance and increase focus on academic support for the student-athletes. Question was asked if it’s typical at other universities to combine these areas and does NCAA allow it. Sam answered that each institution does it differently and NCAA allows universities to develop their own system.

• Men’s basketball game at the College of Charleston will be televised on Fox Sports South Saturday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Old Business

There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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