UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
February 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Tony Barilla, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Barry Balleck, Tony Barilla, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Dr. Ron Core, Christine Draper, Kevin Elder, Chris Geyerman, Pat Humphrey, Ed Mills, John Luque, Steve Rossi, Keith Roughton, Lucus Stuckey, Demetrius Smith and Fred Smith.

Introduction of Guest by Sam Baker:

Caroline Bevillard, Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB), President:
• The SAAB is composed of student-athletes from each sport. The main focus of the SAAB is to serve as a liaison between the student-athletes and the athletic department administration. Each team has a community service project for the year. Meetings are held monthly. The group also has been involved in community service efforts such as Relay for Life, Haiti Relief, Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity. The group is involved with NCAA Certification pre-planning.

Approval of Minutes

• The minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

• Revenue is looking good. East Georgia College athletic student fees have been received. Football gate receipts exceeded budget. Eagle Sports Marketing Director, Brent Jones has done an outstanding job and has created $400,000 in Marketing revenue.

• Meeting with the head coaches this week and going over each sport’s budget.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

• Cathy Beene: Men’s Soccer spring schedule was approved via email. Volleyball spring and fall schedules, Men’s soccer fall schedule, and Women’s soccer spring and fall schedules were distributed. All schedules are in compliance with NCAA and university policies. All schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

• Football had a good signing period. Adding another layer of talented student-athletes.
• Glad Caroline Bevillard had the opportunity to update the UAC on the work of the SAAB.
• Currently serving as an interim member of the SoCon Scholar Athlete Committee.
• Baseball vs. Georgia Tech today at 6:00 PM and tomorrow at 4:00 PM.
• Excited for Coach Young and the team on their win against The Citadel last Saturday.
• Women’s basketball has had a lot of injuries this year but was able to beat Appalachian State last night in Boone, NC.
• Men’s and women’s basketball play their last home games on Saturday. It will be Senior Day for each team.
• SoCon Indoor Track Championship is this weekend.
• SoCon Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament is next weekend.
• Baseball got off to a great start. The beautiful weather has helped bring in large crowds.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Ali Beavers (women’s tennis), Jake Ware (golf), and Chris Rogers (football) have been nominated for the Southern Conference Scholarship awards. Eight $2,000 scholarships are awarded by the Southern Conference on an annual basis.
• SoCon FAR Executive Committee met and approved the athletic directors’ recommendations for cost containment efforts in the next fiscal year.

Athletic Foundation Report

Lucas Stuckey:

• Starting on the 2011 Annual Campaign.
• Recently announced football parking changes to take effect in 2011.

New Business

• Voted on the men’s and women’s Scholar Athlete of the Year. The Female Scholar Athlete of the Year is Caroline Bevillard (Swimming) and the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year is Chris Rogers (Football). They will be recognized at Honors Day on April 6 and the Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet on April 11 at Nessmith-Lane Performing Arts Ballroom.

• Next UAC meeting is scheduled for March 29 at 4:00 PM.

Old Business

• None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics