The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Jake Simons.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Tiffany Bachman, Cathy Beene, Gary Dartt, Joe Franklin, Chris Geyerman, John Mulherin, John Nauright, Lacy Needham, Jake Simons, Charles Skewis, Christine Whitlock, and Susan Williams

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for January 27, 2004, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Assistant Athletic Director for Business, Lacy Needham presented the January Budget report. She stated that at this point in time spring student fees are up over budget projections. The remaining large fiscal year budget expenses are winter and spring sports travel.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene presented the 2005 spring and fall men’s and women’s soccer schedules and reported them to be in compliance.

The schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- The Ribbon Cutting for the new J.I. Clements Stadium was held on February 12. To show how feverish the effort was to finish, pavers were still being laid at 3 minutes until noon. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was slated to start at 12:15 p.m.

- There were 2800 in attendance for the first baseball game and 1500 the next day. The second game was televised on CSS. It was probably the first college baseball game to be televised this season.

- The remaining work at the baseball stadium should be completed by the first week of March. Awnings were installed over the restrooms on Wednesday, February 23.

- The Jack Stallings Field Dedication on February 19 went well. The baseball facility is off to a good start.
• Iron Works is up and running after renovation.

• Track/Soccer Field is under way and the curb and drain areas are ready to be poured. Paving of the track should begin the end of March. Mondo was selected as the track surface. Most Olympic tracks have Mondo surfaces.

• Hank Schomber’s retirement as Compliance Director provided the opportunity to review the position. A search was opened and the position was advertised. In light of the fact that there was a small pool of applicants, the posting of the fall grades and a new NCAA policy (APR), all provided an opportunity to develop a new organizational system. Keith Roughton and Sam Baker brainstormed about the best way to reorganize Compliance and Student Services to better serve the student-athletes. Sam met with Joe Franklin to discuss the concept. Mr. Franklin then presented the proposal to President Grube for his consideration and review. The resulting reorganization is as follows:
  
  Keith Roughton – Assistant Athletics Director  
  NCAA Compliance and Student-Athlete Services  
  Steve Benton – Assistant Director  
  Tim Metcalf – Assistant Director  
  New position created – Academic Advisor

• Keith Roughton explained how the new to be hired position would work. The person hired for the Academic Advisor position would be a learning specialist, work on study skills, be over the tutoring program and have a teaching background.

• A head coaches meeting is scheduled for March 10 to discuss APR.

• Football spring practice starts March 7. The spring game is April 9.

**NCAA Representative Update**

• Chris Geyerman presented the Student-Athlete Academic Performance for fall semester 2004 and the four Southern Conference Post-Graduate Scholarship nominees in Richard Rogers’ absence.

**Southern Boosters Report**

John Mulherin:

• Working on raising money for baseball.

• Southern Boosters’ Annual Campaign will start in March.
New Business

Jake Simons:

- Minor changes to “Membership” in the “Faculty Handbook” were approved.

Keith Roughton:

- Male and female scholar athlete’s nominees were discussed and then votes were cast. The male scholar athlete is Brent Stephens (baseball) and the female scholar athlete is Carolyn Chin (softball).

- The Scholar Student-Athletes Banquet is April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Multi-purpose room.

Sam Baker:

- Lacy Needham is working the fiscal year 2006 budget and will present it at the next meeting on April 28 for UAC approval.

Old Business

There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics