The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Christine Draper, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

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

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the January 30, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

Introduction of Guest by Sam Baker:

- Brandavious Mann, President of the Student Athlete Advisory Board.
- Mr. Mann is majoring in Justice Studies with a minor in Psychology and will graduate in May 2012.
- Mr. Mann explained the composition and the function of the SAAB.
- SAAB has actively promoted involvement in community service projects. Eg. Holiday Helper, Relay For Life

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- The February budget report was emailed to the UAC for review.
- Revenue has not changed significantly since the last report. Now focused on collecting sponsorship money and guarantees. Baseball ticket revenue sales are off to a great start.
- Expenses are holding steady and are on budget. Met with the coaches concerning their budget. At the current time Sports Medicine budget is over because to date we have experienced more injuries than in previous years. Spring scholarships hit the budget this month.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Volleyball and Women's Soccer fall 2012 schedules were presented for review. The schedules are in compliance with NCAA Bylaws and institutional guidelines. The schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Caroline Bevillard of the Athletic Foundation is a guest today as part of a graduate class she is taking.
- A great start for the Baseball program this season. Record crowd at the February 22 Georgia Tech game.
- The Socon Basketball Tournament will start on Friday in Asheville, NC. The tournament was last held in Asheville in 1995.
- The scholar athlete banquet will be on April 3 in the Nessmith-Lane Ballroom.
- We are always watching the budget and appreciate the coaches efforts to effectively manage their budgets.
- Of worth noting is the possible budget impact the price of diesel fuel may have on travel costs this spring.
- In the process of filling an open position in Student-Athlete Services for an academic advisor.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyeraman: No report

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

- March 1st kick off the annual campaign with the goal of raising an additional $500,000 to assist with the athletic department budget.
- Working hard on the fund raising for the football operations center.

New Business

- Keith Roughton presented to UAC in their role as the Drug Testing Committee, a notice of a pending appeal of a drug test by a student-athlete.
- Waiting on the official written appeal from the student-athlete and the documentation will be turned over to the Committee for consideration.
- Voted on the scholar athletes of the year. The committee selected Alain Garrido – MTN and Moriah Bellissimo – VB as this year’s recipients.
- Next meeting will be at 8:00 AM on March 28, 2012.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shayne Brinson
Senior Secretary
Department of Athletics