UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
March 28, 2012

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

Members and Visitors Present

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

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the February 29, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

Introduction of Guest by Sam Baker:

- Chris Vozab, Women’s Basketball Head Coach.
- The past few days have been a whirlwind. Awesome first day. The girls seem excited.
- My philosophy is to treat every day like game day.
- It is apparent that the student-athletes care about academics. Told them to work with the same focus in the classroom as they do on the court.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- The March budget report was emailed to the UAC for review.
- Revenue and expenses have not changed. Everything is holding steady.
- The FY13 budget will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Men’s Soccer fall 2012 schedule was presented for review. The schedule is in compliance with NCAA Bylaws and institutional guidelines. The schedule was approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- It was a big decision by Coach Rusty Cram to resign. Coach Cram did a good job. Anytime there’s a void of leadership there is uneasiness by all those involved. Coach Vozab is very focused and committed. Both of her parents were coaches.
- The Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet is April 3 at 7:00 PM in the Nessmith-Lane Ballroom. All student-athletes with a 3.0 GPA or higher are invited. Harry and Brenda Carter donated $1,000 for each of the scholar student-athletes to use for graduate school. Also invited endowment donors to attend and sit with recipients.
- The injury to Victor Roach was a blow to the baseball team. Victor has been a role model student-athlete.
- Baseball beat Georgia Tech last night. About halfway into the season. Still have a lot of baseball to play.
The football spring game is April 14.
Softball is 20-10. Coach Smith is doing a great job. This weekend is Alumni Weekend.
Both the men’s and women’s tennis teams love the new tennis courts.
A lot of good things are going on within the department. John Mulherin will give a report on the status of the fundraising for the new football building.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:
- Disappointed to report that applicants from Georgia Southern did not receive one of the eight SoCon academic scholarships this year.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:
- The vision of the Athletic Department is “Rings and Diplomas.“
- Two years ago we sat down with the coaches and asked what they needed to win SoCon Championships.
- The football operations facility fund drive is a priority. The new building will have everything needed to be successful. To date $5.1 million has been raised toward the $10 million total needed. The Board of Regents still has to approve the project.
- Foundation is funding a new program to assist with incentives and bonuses to help with coach continuity.
- Question: Are there plans to increase seating at Paulson Stadium? Sam: There are 16,000 fee paying students, we average 9,000 students attending the football games. We do not have enough seats for the students. We are working on a plan to increase seating designated for students. The first stage will add 2,500 seats to each end of the north sideline and 4,000 seats in a new upper deck. Beyond football, graduation has also outgrown the stadium.

New Business

- Christine Draper stated she is working with Kathy Albertson on information for new faculty members and would like to add athletic traditions to the program.
- Next meeting will be at 8:00 AM on April 25, 2012.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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