UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
March 29, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman, Bruce McLean.

Members and Visitors Present

   Sam Baker, Joseph Barjis, Cathy Beene, Amy Green, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, John Mulherin, John Nauright, Lacy Needham, Keith Roughton, Ashley Scruggs, and Charles Skewis

Approval of Minutes

    The minutes of the meeting for February 15, 2006, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

  Lacy Needham:

    • The Revenue is meeting projections. Must focus on baseball ticket sales. The Expense overages should be offset with accounts that will be under, however, will need to use revenue overages to cover football staff expenses.

Schedule Approvals

  Cathy Beene:

    • Revised 2006 men’s soccer schedule distributed for informational purposes. The fall schedules for women’s soccer and volleyball were presented. The schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

  Sam Baker:

    • The new Southern Conference Commissioner, John Iamarino’s visit went well. Thanked the committee members for meeting with the Commissioner. He was impressed by the campus, facilities, and student-athletes he met with.
    • Nicole McCray was hired as the new volleyball head coach. She’s doing well and was encouraged by the team’s performance at the tournament last weekend.
    • Statesboro Relays were held at the new Georgia Southern Track/Soccer Field. This was a good recruiting opportunity.
    • Georgia Southern will be hosting the Southern Conference Outdoor Track Championships April 29-30.
    • Football is into spring practice. The practices are very organized.
    • Attendance at the Eagle Club spring meetings is up. The assistant coaches have done well speaking. It’s good to get out and meet the alumni and fans.
    • Sam and Keith have met with each head coach to discuss APR.
    • The Scholar Athlete Academic Banquet will be held on April 17 at R.J.’s Steakery.
• An ad hoc Committee on Drug Testing was created. The members are Sam Baker, Kelly Berry, Vicki Hawkins, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, and Christine Whitlock.
• 2007 Budget will be presented at the next meeting on April 26.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

• Presented revised forms for missed class days and academic progress to make forms uniform for all sports. Will leave the decision to the coaches on when and how to send the forms.
• Need to add that student-athlete waive their rights to privacy to get grade information (Buckley Amendment). Revised form with this addition will be presented at the next meeting.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• The Booster renewal campaign is under way and will last through the summer. The initial response has been good and can see the excitement in the responses.
• The Golf Pro-Am will be held on April 10 and will use this as a chance to showcase the new golf practice facility.

New Business

Cathy Beene:

• SAAB will be at the Relay for Life on April 21. Come out and join them.

Old Business

• There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics