Members and Visitors Present

Ming Li, Elisha Parkhill, Fred Smith, Ron Core, John Mulherin, Creighton Alexander, Richard Rogers, Sam Baker, Danny Gleason, Chris Geyerman (Chair), Hank Schomber, Cathy Beene, and Keith Roughton

The minutes of the February 25, 2002, meeting were amended to read that Jeff McLellan, not Marcia Jones, asked that Action Item #10 be eliminated from the Gender Equity Report. The amended minutes were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

In Tom Norton’s absence, Sam Baker reported that he met with Kim Thompson, Ron Core and Harry Starling regarding the inability to calculate revenue reports from the new PeopleSoft software. Mr. Baker stated that Ms. Thompson was working on it and that, hopefully, the athletics department would have a budget report for the April meeting.

Schedule Approvals

Schedules for the 2002 volleyball and women’s soccer teams were approved as presented.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker reported:

- The hiring of a head women’s swimming coach. Her name is Nicole Jones. Ms. Jones is a graduate of The College of Charleston and received her graduate degree from Florida State.
- With Tom Norton’s resignation as Business Manager as of June 30, the athletics department must move to hire a new director. The desire is to name someone with a strong accounting and computer background to fill that position. Coach Norton will continue as women’s soccer coach until the end of soccer season.
- The department is focused on getting a major gift to construct a track.
- The faculty/staff picnic and Blue-White game are scheduled for April 20 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. respectively.
- The golf team just completed the Schenkel E-Z-GO Tournament and finished tenth. The good news is that E-Z-GO renewed its sponsorship for next year.
NCAA Update

The Southern Conference is still looking for a replacement for VMI, and next month a committee will be making an evaluation visit to a prospective institution’s campus.

Southern Boosters

The Renewal Campaign has kicked-off and the goal is to raise $800,000 in the next two and one-half months.

The Capital Campaign is focused on raising money to build and renovate facilities.

The golf team is going to St. Andrews in Scotland, and Southern Boosters is trying to raise the money to get them there. The golf team was invited to St. Andrews due to being one of the top twenty-four teams in the country last year.

Old Business

Revisions to the Athletics Policy Manual were discussed and approved as presented.

The committee discussed Action Items of the Gender Equity Plan. The Plan was approved after revisions to several action items.

New Business

There was a discussion on how members are voted to the University Athletics Committee. Dr. Geyerman related that he believed Marilyn Bruce, Executive Assistant to the President, coordinated that.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Kalb, Sr. Administrative Secretary