UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
April 26, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chairman, Bruce McLean.

Members and Visitors Present

   Sam Baker, Joseph Barjis, Scott Beck, Cathy Beene, Kelly Berry, Chris Geyerman, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, Lacy Needham, Dan O’Dowd, Keith Roughton, Ashley Scruggs, Charles Skewis, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

   The minutes of the meeting for March 29, 2006, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

   Lacy Needham:

   • There is not much of a change to report. We will be sending out advertising invoices throughout June. We also anticipate additional revenue from Licensing, Boosters and the NCAA. Expenses are lessening with travel with the spring sports being the major item remaining.

Schedule Approvals

   Cathy Beene:

   • The 2006 women’s basketball and men’s soccer schedules were presented. Both are in compliance. Updated schedules with times will be distributed when finalized. The schedules were approved. The Southern Conference Outdoor Track Championship schedule was presented. Hope you can attend some of the events at the new Track/Soccer Complex. Golf schedule includes a trip to Scotland. The student-athletes will miss an extra day (4 days in a row). The schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

   Sam Baker:

   • Golf won the Southern Conference Championship. This is the sixth year the Golf team made the NCAA Regionals
   • The Golf Facility is close to being finished and is a tribute to John Mulherin’s work on this project.
   • The end of the semester is here and there’s a lot going on. We met with all the coaches on APR. The President and FAR received a report. APR is a work in progress.
Candidates for the Marketing Director position are coming this week for their on-campus interviews. We want to fill this position quickly.

The Southern Conference Spring Meetings will be held in May.

Dr. Grube is attending the NCAA Meetings this week in Indianapolis. APR and a 12 game football season will be among the discussions.

The Football Banquet will be held at the First Baptist Church after the spring game.

Southern Boosters Board Meeting was held on April 22.

Sam announced that he has been appointed to the NCAA Division I Football Issues Committee.

Georgia Southern is hosting the Southern Conference Outdoor Track Championship on April 29 and 30.

A representative from the new College of Public Health will need to be appointed to the UAC.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Presented forms for missed class days and academic progress with a 3rd sentence added. The UAC recommends that all coaches use the forms.

Southern Boosters Report

Dan O’Dowd:

- The Southern Booster Board of Directors held their spring meeting on April 22 with Head Football Coach Brian VanGorder sharing his vision for the future for the football program to rave reviews.
- The deadline for Southern Booster membership is coming up soon but so far all signs are showing that we will come close to having a historic fund raising year.
- Mike Cummings of Dublin, Georgia is Chair of Southern Boosters and has one year remaining on his term.

New Business

Lacy Needham:

- The 2007 Budget has been approved. Overall there was a 7% increase to both revenue and expenses. For revenue, the increase can primarily be seen in student fees which will increase $1 and football which has 7 home games this year. The major increases to the expense budget were the tutoring account for the Student-Athlete Services department and also all sports budgets have increases to their Grant-in-Aid and team travel accounts to adjust for increases in the cost of attendance and the rebidding of our Bus contract.
Old Business

- A meeting was held for the Drug Policy Report. Two recommendations were made: 1) Advertise more heavily about over the counter drugs. 2) Give committee more notice prior to an Appeal Hearing and provide more information.
- For informational purposes, Keith Roughton distributed a couple of statements he’s adding to the Student-Athlete Handbook. Student-athletes signs a form to verify they have read the Drug Policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics