Members and Visitors Present


Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 27, 2003, meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Connie Palfy reported that the 2003-2004 Paulson Stadium bond payment of $200,000 will be the final payment on the facility. On July 1, 2004, the stadium will transfer from Southern Boosters to the Board of Regents.

Ms. Palfy distributed the proposed 2004 athletics budget for review. After discussion, the budget was unanimously approved.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene distributed copies of the Fall 2003 volleyball and men’s soccer schedules explaining that although the schedules had been previously approved, there were revisions to them. The volleyball schedule was revised to drop a match with Savannah State match to add a match with Georgia. The change in the men’s soccer schedule was necessitated by The Citadel’s decision to discontinue their men’s soccer program. A game with Mercer will replace this lost contest. Both were in compliance with university policy and were unanimously approved.

Ms. Beene also distributed copies of the 2004 women’s tennis schedule which was unanimously approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

• Thanked Connie Palfy for assuming the duties, on an interim basis, as the department’s business manager.

• Announced the hiring of Lacy Needham, from Baylor University, as business manager/ assistant athletics director. Ms. Needham will begin her duties on June 2.
• In preparation for the impending NCAA Certification effort, the Chairs of the NCAA Certification subcommittees are to meet April 25 with Chairwoman Dr. Linda Bleicken. Cathy Beene, Hank Schomber, Dr. Rogers and Mr. Baker have already had several meetings regarding NCAA Certification.

• Reported that Jackie Allen, this year’s female scholar-athlete, applied to 15 law schools and was admitted to all 15. Travis Mobley, who was selected as the male scholar-athlete of the year is also planning to attend law school.

• Announced that the golf team won the Southern Conference Championship and the women’s track team placed second in the Southern Conference Championship.

Southern Boosters Update

In John Mulherin’s absence, Sam Baker reported the Southern Boosters Board of Directors met on April 19 and that Gene Bishop will assume the association’s Chair July 1.

NCAA Update

Dr. Rogers reported that the Senate Bylaws require all NCAA violations be appended to the University Athletics Committee minutes. Dr. Rogers distributed copies of NCAA Rules Infractions which were reported to the NCAA and/or the Southern Conference during the 2002-03 academic year explaining that all but one were deemed secondary by the NCAA and no further action was required. An NCAA response to the last one has not been received, but it was anticipated that it too will be a secondary infraction.

In order for a prospective student-athlete to be eligible for admittance in the year 2008, he/she will need to have completed 16 courses in the academic field. Shop, band, etc., are not included, they must be academic courses.

The Management Council submitted an amendment which would put constraints on preseason practices. The amendment would allow 29 preseason practices. Walk-throughs would not count as practice; however, Division I-AA did not approve unlimited walk-throughs.....only 29 scheduled practices.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35. The next meeting will be scheduled at the start of the Fall 2004 academic year.

Marilyn Kalb
Sr. Administrative Secretary