UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
April 26, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Tony Barilla, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

   Sam Baker, Tony Barilla, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Christine Draper, Kevin Elder, Chris Geyerman, Pat Humphrey, Ed Mills, John Mulherin, John Luque, Keith Roughton, and Fred Smith

Approval of Minutes

   • The minutes of the March 29, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

   Jeff Blythe:

   • Still awaiting Spring 2011 East Georgia College athletic student fees.
   • Track, men’s and women’s tennis and golf have ended their seasons. Golf won the SoCon Championship so they will travel to participate in the NCAA Regionals. The site will be announced on May 10. Baseball and softball are still in season. The football staff is on the road conducting the spring recruiting period so those expenses will still be outstanding.
   • Working on the FY12 budget.

Schedule Approvals

   Cathy Beene:

   • None.

Athletics Update

   Sam Baker:

   • This being the last UAC meeting for this academic year and we appreciate the committee member’s efforts this year.
   • The 2011-2012 SoCon men’s basketball schedule was recently approved by the AD’s. Now waiting for the SoCon office to present the women’s schedule for review.
   • Georgia Southern’s third cycle NCAA Certification was supposed to start next year but there has been a moratorium placed on the process. The NCAA is planning to re-work the entire certification process.
   • It was exciting to get the news of golf winning the SoCon Championship. The location for NCAA Regionals will be announced on May 10.
   • Baseball and softball are wrapping up their seasons. Baseball is currently in first place. Georgia Southern is hosting the SoCon Softball Championship Tournament on May 11-14.
   • The Spring Game was held on Friday, April 15 and went well. There is a great deal of excitement building for the 2011 season.
   • In FY2012 Athletics is projected to pay $3,256,391 million in scholarships. Contrary to some thought these are real dollars paid to the university. The recently announced 3% tuition and $100 per semester fee increase impacts the department’s budget.
Overall it’s been a good year for athletics. Volleyball and Golf won conference tournaments, football played in the FCS semi finals. Baseball is in first place and if softball sweeps UTC this weekend they will be in first place. Still room for improvement and that is tied to increasing the budget.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- NCAA Certification has been given a moratorium. The process is being studied. May change to an annual process by entering the data electronically. Emphasis to be focused on the student-athlete experience.
- Simplify the process by making it a self-study. “It is recommended that the NCAA Division I Board of Directors adopt emergency legislation that places an immediate moratorium on the Division I athletics certification program for active Division I members through August 1, 2013. This two-year moratorium provides the Committee on Athletics Certification and staff time to focus on development of a new program that meets the Board’s goals and objectives without the pressing, ongoing work involved in the current athletics certification program.”
- SoCon Spring Meeting is May 31-June 2 in Charleston, SC.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

- The Athletic Foundation is working hard on the kick off for the first phase of the Capital Campaign.
- Currently interviewing for the Atlanta position.

New Business

- The FY12 budget will be sent via email for UAC review and approval.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics