UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
August 28, 2003

Members and Visitors Present


Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 24, 2003, meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Lacy Needham presented a year-end wrap up of the 2003 athletics budget and explained that grants-in-aid were responsible for the budget expense increase. Fortunately, revenues were available to cover this increase in costs.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene distributed copies of the 2003 volleyball and 2003-04 women’s tennis schedules explaining that although the schedules had been previously approved, there were revisions to both. The volleyball schedule was revised to add a game with Savannah State, and the women's tennis schedule was revised to add the Bulldog Invitational in Athens.


Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

• Announced that three candidates for the position of head athletic trainer had been interviewed.

• Reported that the final payment on the Paulson Stadium revenue bonds will be made in January 2004.

• The athletics department is exploring methods to fund improvements to the Iron Works and to build a new track facility. It is anticipated that, if everything proceeds to plan, construction will begin in either May or June 2004 on both projects.

• Much-needed improvements are being made to the baseball field.

• At a 3:00 p.m. August 28 meeting, Dr. Grube will charge the Steering Committee for the upcoming NCAA Second Cycle Certification. Representatives from the NCAA will be on campus September 11 to meet with the Steering Committee to outline the
certification process.

NCAA Update

Dr. Richard Rogers reported that a decision is pending by the Southern Conference as to whether East Tennessee State University will be granted a waiver to stay in the conference for all sports other than football.

Southern Boosters Update

John Mulherin reported that the fiscal year ended with the Boosters making its $475,000 scholarship payment. Mr. Mulherin explained that donations not received by June 30 have come in throughout the summer. This is good news for the organization.

Mr. Mulherin stated that all Paulson Stadium sky suites have been leased for the 2003 season.

New Business

Hank Schomber announced that the advisement session for new students is in need of advisors. Mr. Schomber will forward the dates to the committee for their information.

Old Business

Dr. Chris Geyerman reported that in October the EADA Report will be submitted by the institution. Dr. Geyerman suggested a review of the structure of the Gender Equity report, and the Minority Plan could be fashioned from the information contained in the EADA Report.

Dr. Geyerman also updated the committee on the Faculty Handbook description of the University Athletics Committee noting that the committee will not report as a standing committee to the Faculty Senate. The operative description of the University Athletics Committee will appear shortly on the web version of the Faculty Handbook.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Marilyn Kalb
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