The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chris Geyerman, FAR.

Members and Visitors Present

Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Henry, Eisenhart, Chris Geyerman, Garrett Green, John Scott Harrison, Tom Kleinlein, Chris MacDonald, Britton McKay, John Mulherin, Marco Osorio, Keith Roughton, Ali Ruff, Fred Smith, and Rob Whitaker.

The first order of business was to elect a new Chair

- The University Athletics Committee at its meeting on August 28, 2013 elected to recommend for appointment Henry Eisenhart as Chair. "The chair of the Athletics Committee will be recommended by the Athletics Committee to the President, and the President will appoint the chair." (Faculty Handbook 2010-2011, p. 43).
- Dr. Chris Geyerman will convey the decision of the UAC to Dr. Brooks Keel for his review and consideration.

Guest Speaker

Ali Ruff, Student-Athlete Services

- Distributed the Fall 2013 Engagement Opportunities Calendar (Career, Culture, Diversity, Leadership Events offered on campus). This is part of the Athletics Strategic Plan to develop leadership for student-athletes.
- This first year creates the opportunity and assessment for the development of the Leadership Academy.
- The second year the Academy will be created in a pilot program and then expanded if possible to help develop student leaders.
- Q-What is the expectation and is this quantity or participation based? A-Expectation is to have each student-athletes exposed to one event for each of the areas. It is participation based. Moving forward we hope to have objectives for the program.
- Distributed Tier Program and Tier Program Criteria. The Tier Program helps target student-athletes’ academic needs and narrows down the focus on which student-athletes help. This will be done every term. This effort is drafted from the NCAA's data showing specific risk factors for graduation.
- At GSU about 56% of student-athletes are at some kind of risk for not graduating. TK stated that Georgia Southern University is graduating approximately 70% of student-athletes.
- Q-Do you have any input on recruiting. A-Hope to have more input.
- Student-Athlete Services has been moved under the supervision of the Provost of Academic Services. This will help unify Student-Athlete Services advisors with University Advisors and help the overall relationship between Athletics and Academia.
- Comment–It would be good to see a pie chart for incoming student-athletes and current student-athletes. Maybe chart them by class (freshmen, sophomores, Juniors, Seniors) to see the retention rate. Would be good to document those that left as why they left (transferred, quit, etc.).

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update
Jeff Blythe:

- Summarized the August budget report and stated a copy will be emailed to the UAC.
- NCAA revenue is projected to be higher.
- The Athletics Marketing has been outsourced to Nelligan Sports Marketing. Anticipating a higher revenue from that partnership.
- Lauren Buck was hired as the new Business Manager and is handling the day-to-day operations. So far there are no red flags.
- Currently monitoring each sport’s budget.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed the following 2013-14 schedules for approval: women’s basketball, 2013 cross country, golf, rifle, softball, swimming and diving, women's and men’s tennis. The schedules are in compliance with NCAA Bylaws and institutional guidelines. All schedules were approved as a package with one exception for swimming and diving.
- Distributed the men’s basketball schedule with times for information purposes only. The men’s basketball 2013-14 schedule was sent for review and was approved via email. The schedule is in compliance with university and NCAA policies.

SAAB President’s Update

Marco Osorio:

- The first SAAB meeting is August 28, 2013 at 8:00 PM in the Parrish Football Team Meeting Room.
- Events for the fall semester will be discussed at the meeting and will be reported to the UAC at the next meeting in September.

Athletics Update

Tom Kleinlein:

- Athletics Mantra: Exceed Expectations
- Year in Review (hand out)
  Five NCAA post season appearances - Diving, FB, Women's Soccer, Softball, Golf
  SoCon Championships - FB, VB, Women's Soccer, Softball
  Three individual champions in Track
  Three Players of the Year
  Sarah Purvis- Softball
  Kate Van Dyke- VB
  Scott Wolfes -Golf
- Construction Update
  Men’s and Women's Basketball Locker Rooms
  Volleyball Locker Room
  FOC Center and Stadium Expansion
  Rifle Range
  Bishop Club Seats
  Press Box Upgrade and Branding
  Tennis Scoreboard
Facility/Staff Appreciation is September 7 for the GSU vs. Saint Francis football game. The Honor Roll Student-athletes will be recognized on the field and will be escorted by the Dean of the college for their major. They will be wearing patches representing their college major at all sporting event. (hand out)

Honor Roll
175 SA on SoCon Honor roll
Highest single term GPA this Spring 3.0
Highest Female GPA 3.26 ever recorded
Male GPA 2.76 tied highest ever
NCAA Women of the Year Nominee Moriah Bellisimo
394 SA on Academic Honor roll this past year

New Student Seating (map hand out)

New Student Ticket Policy
2013 Student Football Ticket Distribution Policy
Student will be allowed one free ticket by presenting a valid student I.D. Student I.D.’s must be presented at one of the three available ticket distribution locations to pick up the general admission ticket. The same student I.D. must be presented with the student’s ticket at Gate 1 or Gate 7 on game day to enter Paulson Stadium.
- For the Savannah State game on August 31st, DAY SIX will be the first opportunity for students to pick up tickets. From 4 pm – 10 pm, students with a valid I.D. will be able to pick up one student ticket at the Gate 4 ticket booth at Paulson Stadium.
- Prior to DAY SIX, the Gate 4 ticket booth will be open from 9:00am until 12:00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Students may also pick up tickets in the Russell Union on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am – 9 pm.
- Athletic staff will set up in the lobby area of the RAC from 3 pm - 9 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday for distribution of the student ticket allotment.
- At the Eagle Pep Rally on Friday nights at Paulson, the ticket booth by Gate 4 will open from 5 pm -9 pm. This is the last chance for students to pick up tickets before game day.
- If the fire marshal capacity is not met during the week, students who have not yet picked up their ticket will have a chance to do so on August 31st. The Cowart Building ticket window will open for students starting at 2 pm, four hours before kickoff at 6 pm. Tickets will be distributed until the fire marshal capacity is reached. When the capacity is reach, we will send out information to all parties at that time.

Women’s Rifle was added. Tim Parks was hired as the head coach. There are 7 student-athletes. Their first competition is September 14 in Charleston.

Approval was given by the President to add Women’s Golf in 2015. Larry Mays will become the Director of Golf, Carter Collins will become the Head Coach and a women’s golf head coach will be hired in 2014.

Discussed leaving the SoCon, moving forward, logo, branding, Sun Belt Commissioner’s Role – he give suspension and they can not be overturned

Travel Policies will need to be updated with the move up

Distributed the revised Athletics Organizational Chart showing the new External Relations position and the areas that report to this director. The revised organizational chart was approved. The addition of women’s golf in 2015

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

Distributed the revised Long-Range Athletic Planning Committee description for the Athletics Policy Manual. The revised description was approved.
• Read some of the 2012-13 Academic Year GPA Report. Total GPA 2.97, men’s basketball improved from 1.8 to 2.75, the men’s highest GPA award went to men’s tennis with a 3.17 and the women’s highest GPA award went to women’s tennis with a 3.79.
• With the move to FBS and a new athletic administration the Athletics Policy Manual and Student-Athlete Handbook are in need of revision.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

• All systems are go at the Foundation and we are ready for the football season to start this week.
• Donor benefit packets have been mailed out and we are accepting last minute donations all this week.
• Premium seating for football has sold out and we have maximized auxiliary income from those opportunities.
• Fiscal year-end audit has been completed. It has been a record breaking year both in terms of annual unrestricted and capital donations.
• Finished the 3rd year of the 8 year Capital Campaign. 17M has been raised thus far and we have addressed approximately 65% of the projects identified in the campaign case for support.
• One of our programming initiatives this year is to provide greater value for stake holders. We are moving towards offering more experience driven interactions. We will begin with offering pre-game sideline access to donors at the Bronze Eagle level and above this week.

New Business

• UAC meetings for Fall, 2013 are on the following Wednesdays at 8:00 AM: September 25, October 30 and November 20.

Old Business

• None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics