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

Members and Visitors Present

Cheryl Aasheim, Carrie Bailey, Moriah Bellissimo, Sam Baker, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Ron Core, Chris Geyerman, Garrett Green, John Scott Harrison, Bill Levernier, Chris MacDonald, John Mulherin, Dominique Quarles, Michelle Reidel, Keith Roughton, Fred Smith, and Diana Sturges.

The first order of business was to elect a new Chair

- The University Athletics Committee at its meeting on August 29, 2012 elected to recommend for appointment Cheryl Aasheim 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.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- The August budget report was previously emailed to the UAC for review.
- Football season ticket sales have been good and the fall student athletic fees are meeting projections.
- Currently monitoring each sport’s budget.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Distributed the following schedules for approval: 2012 cross country, 2012-13 women’s basketball and men’s basketball, 2012-13 golf, 2012-13 swimming and diving, 2012-13 women’s tennis, 2012-13 men’s tennis, 2013 baseball and 2013 softball. The schedules are in compliance with NCAA Bylaws and institutional guidelines. All schedules were approved as a package.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Welcomed new and returning committee members. UAC members play a very valuable role as the liaisons between Athletics and the faculty in their respective colleges. Every 10 years the Athletics Department goes through a NCAA Recertification. UAC will play a role in the next recertification process. To date the NCAA is still developing the certification goals and data collection process, but is on the horizon.
- The fall sports have gotten off to a great start.
UAC members’ football and volleyball season tickets can be picked up at the Ticket Office.

The biennial Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled for September 28. Adrian Peterson/Football will be inducted this year along with Blake Adams/Golf, Julian Deal/Supporter, Ray Mims/Baseball, Sharon Mitchell/Women’s Basketball, Tracy Rivers/Baseball and Robin Thirsk/Women’s Soccer.

This fall there will be two issues to be presented for student consideration and vote. The students will vote on a $25 per semester fee to fund an increase to the current student seating at Paulson Stadium by 6,300. The fee would sunset once the bonds are paid. The other issue is a $75 student fee per semester to assist in funding a move if invited to a FBS Conference.

Fiscal year 2013 Athletic Department budget is $9.4 million.

Very proud of the overall student-athlete 2.96 GPA for academic year 2011-12. This is higher than the regular student body.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Will present the FAR job description with a slight modification at the next meeting.
- Distributed the 2011-12 Academic Year GPA Report.
- Distributed a Student Fees Question & Answer/Athletic Fees document that was submitted by the SGA Executive Council for the Athletic Department to provide pertinent information.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

- Football parking passes have been mailed out.
- The audit shows $5 million was raised last year which is the most ever raised by the organization.
- The staff is currently engaged in the annual campaign fund raising.
- Reminded the UAC that the Athletic Foundation’s vision is “Rings & Diplomas.”

New Business

- Distributed a revised Hall of Fame Committee criteria. Asked the UAC to vote on the following highlighted changes:

  Three individuals associated with or graduated from Georgia Southern prior to 1965 (appointed by Athletics Director);

  Three individuals associated with or graduated from Georgia Southern after 1965-85 (appointed by Athletics Director);

  Add: Three individuals associated with or graduated from Georgia Southern after 1985 (appointed by Athletics Director) and a maximum of six (6) student-athletes and/or no more than one (1) non-student-athlete (team, coach, administrator or supporter) will be inducted biennially.

  The committee voted and approved the proposed revisions.

- UAC meetings for Fall, 2012 are on the following Wednesdays: September 26, October 31 and November 28.
Dr. Core reminded the UAC of the meeting with the Parker Executive Search Firm on Tuesday, September 4 at 3:00 PM in the President’s Conference Room to discuss the Athletic Director’s search.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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