The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chris Geyerman, FAR.

Members and Visitors Present

Cheryl Aasheim, Sam Baker, David Beaubien, Cathy Beene, Jeff Blythe, Ron Core, Christine Draper, Chris Geyerman, Garrett Green, Bill Levernier, John Luque, Chris MacDonald, Steve Rossi, Keith Roughton, Fred Smith, Reed Smith and Christine Whitlock.

The first order of business was to elect a new Chair

- The University Athletics Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2011 elected to recommend for appointment Dr. Christine Draper (COE) 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).

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the April 26, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Introduction of Guest by Sam Baker:

- Marlo Mincey, Track and Field/Cross Country Head Coach:
  As alum from the second track and field recruiting class, I am passionate about the program and want to bring back the pride in the program. I want to recruit student-athletes that know when they put on a uniform you do whatever it takes for the team.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- The FY12 budget was approved by the previous UAC via email.
- Gave a brief budget summary. Revenue is generated from student fees, ticket sales, sponsorships, guarantees and the Athletic Foundation. Expenses are generated among other things through travel, salaries operational costs and scholarships.
- Total FY12 Athletics’ budget is $10M.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- Reviewed policies in the Athletics Policy Manual. Distributed revised 2011 volleyball schedule previously approved. Outlined that the Southern Conference sets the composite schedule for conference games. In 2011 Georgia Southern changed the dates for final exams so the following schedules have scheduling exceptions: baseball, men’s basketball and softball. The schedules are in compliance with NCAA Bylaws and institutional guidelines with exceptions. Baseball, men’s basketball and softball schedules were approved. Distributed women’s basketball, cross country, golf, swimming and diving, women’s tennis and men’s tennis schedules. The schedules are in compliance with NCAA Bylaws and institutional guidelines. All schedules were approved.
Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Welcomed the committee members to the 2011-12 UAC. This group serves as liaisons between the athletic department and their colleagues in each of the colleges.
- The annual Student-Athlete Convocation was held on Tuesday, August 23 at the Nessmith-Lane Ballroom. We have the largest group ever of student-athletes this year. Shows that students want to come and participate in athletics at Georgia Southern. Two hundred three student-athletes are from Georgia representing 55 counties.
- It’s been a busy summer. For years we’ve hoped for new air conditioning for Hanner and now we finally have it. It’s wonderful. Unfortunately, a coupling broke and leaked water on the gym floor damaging it. A new floor is being installed now. It should be completed by the end of September.
- Because of the damage, the staff has done a tremendous job setting up the volleyball tournament in the old Hanner Gym. We leased a sport court and borrowed bleachers. Physical Plant is helping in the preparation.
- Head Softball Coach, Maggie Johnson resigned. We’ve hired Annie Smith previously from Mississippi State to replace her.
- As you could tell from her remarks, new Track and Field Head Coach, Marlo Mincey is excited to be here. I think she’ll do great things.
- New Women’s Soccer Head Coach Lindsey Vanderspiegel is doing a good job, but it will take time.
- At the Student-Athlete Convocation we showed the teams’ 2010-11 records on a PowerPoint Presentation. Highlighted by 3 SoCon Championships and football’s trip to the NCAA FCS semifinals.
- Coach Charlton Young has the basketball team poised to get better. He’s moved away from the previous practice of recruiting Juco. He is now recruiting high school student-athletes.
- Distributed the GPA Comparison Report for Fall & Spring. One hundred thirty-five student-athletes made the SoCon Honor Roll.
- Question was asked about Student-Athlete Services Director position since Jaccie Irwin left. Dr. Ron Core explained that Keith Roughton has assumed additional duties associated with Student-Athlete Academic Services.
- Question was asked if Student-Athlete Services is still using Grades First. The answer to the question was yes.
- The department purchased Jump Forward, a new tracking system that records phone calls to assist coaches with their phone logs.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Distributed the 2010-11 SoCon Honor Roll.
- NCAA has put a moratorium on the certification process. It is estimated that certification has cost institutions approximately $400,000 to conduct the study. An annual report of data entry is now being discussed to replace the previous system.
- Jake Ware won a $2,000 scholarship to Texas A&M where he is working on his masters.
Athletic Foundation Report

David Beaubien:

- The audit report presented to the Athletic Foundation Executive Committee showed the organization was in good financial shape.
- Preparing for the upcoming Capital Campaign.
- The new Atlanta office is up and running and should be a great asset to the work of the Athletic Foundation.

New Business

- The remainder of the UAC meetings this semester will be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:00 AM in the Cone Hall Conference Room #1004.
- September 28
- October 19 (due to SoCon Fall Meetings)
- November 30
- No December meeting

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics