Members and Visitors Present

Creighton Alexander, Cathy Swift, Vickie Hawkins, Sam Baker, Ron Core, Danny Gleason, Richard Rogers, Fred Smith, Alice Hall, Ming Li, Chris Geyerman, Keith Roughton, Hank Schomber, Dennis Gruber, Unchon Kim, and Matthew Black.

Election of Chair

Chris Geyerman was nominated by Richard Rogers to Chair the University Athletics Committee and was unanimously elected.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 30, 2001 meeting were approved as presented. The minutes of the June 8, 2001 meeting were amended to correct the word “loan” to “lone” in the context of: “Chairman Geyerman opened the meeting at 9 a.m. announcing the lone agenda item. . . “

Sports Medicine Update

Dennis Gruber, Head Athletics Trainer, explained Georgia Southern’s healthcare procedures for providing care to student-athletes. There was a question and answer period with many questions pertaining to how Georgia Southern can prevent the type of health and safety issues which occurred in professional and college football.

Financial Update

There were no financial reports as of this date. However, Sam Baker reported that summer student’s athletic fees came in above budget.

Schedule Approvals

In Cathy Beene’s absence, Sam Baker distributed the 2001-2002 men’s basketball, 2002 baseball, and 2001-2002 golf schedules. All were unanimously approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker reported:

• All the new coaches are getting acclimated and doing well.
• Sports are in the process of starting up.

NCAA Update

Richard Rogers distributed the NCAA 2001 Graduation Rates Report. The percentage of
student-athletes graduating is 53%, which is up 9 percentage points from the previous report. Discussion followed.

Dr. Rogers also reported a violation of a grant-in-aid. An inexperienced financial aid staff member mistakenly processed an incomplete and invalid summer grant-in-aid form resulting in the disbursing of aid to a student-athlete ineligible for such aid in the summer of 2000. Athletics has reviewed and modified its procedures for monitoring summer aid awards.

Dr. Rogers stated that the Southern Conference has begun its search for a new commissioner.

New Business

Sam Baker explained that, in light of the recent changes in the reporting lines of the University Athletics Committee, there was a need to review all athletics-related committees. One such group is the Drug Testing Committee. Currently, Dr. Ron Core serves as Chair of the Drug Testing Committee. The committee, if approved, would be reconstituted with members of the UAC.

Keith Roughton briefed the committee on the methods of drug testing and held a question and answer period. After further discussion, Creighton Alexander, Alice Hall, and Chris Geyeran were identified as members to comprise the Drug Testing Committee.

Old Business

Hank Schomber explained that the committee needs to start work on the gender and minority reports for the Policy Manual.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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