The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman, Bruce McLean.

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Scott Beck, Cathy Beene, Joe Franklin, Chris Geyerman, Amy Green, Vickie Hawkins, Bill Levernier, Bruce McLean, John Mulherin, John Nauright, Lacy Needham, Keith Roughton, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for August 25, 2005, were unanimously approved.

Financial Update

Lacy Needham:

An overview of the September budget was presented.

- Revenue - Students fees are showing an increase against budget. After two home games football ticket sales have not met budget projections but can be recouped over the next 3 home games. Advertising contracts meet budget, so now it is a matter of invoicing and collecting the revenue.

- Expenses - The scholarship costs for summer school were under budget and fall semester scholarship projections appear to be under budget as well. We are preparing for the increase of travel costs due to the dramatic rise in gas prices. Unfortunately, as with many others in our situation, we will have to allocate any increased revenues and savings in the expenses to these potential increases.

Schedule Approvals

There were no new team schedules presented for approval.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- The academic year has gotten off to a good start. The addition of Julie Strickland as Learning Specialist in Student-Athlete Services came at a good time since, Steve Benton resigned. Athletics is sad to lose Steve, who was over game management of all sports other than football and assisted Keith in student-athletes’ academic services.
• Athletics also lost Teresa Mock in the Business Office, which has opened up the possibility of combining game management and assistant business manager positions to create a new job description. This would remove game management from the Student-Athlete Services and NCAA Compliance office. An Advisor position will be advertised on campus. These changes will help enhance student-athletes academic support.

• Men’s soccer is off to a great start (5-2-1). Women’s soccer (1-6-1) has one senior playing, a few sophomores, and several freshmen. It will take some time to build this program.

• Director of Athletic Sports Medicine, Brant Berkstresser will present his update to the UAC in January. Since the meeting times were changed to 4:00 p.m., he is unable to attend due to football practice.

• In answer to a question concerning the lack of air conditioning in the track/soccer field locker rooms: Track/soccer construction cost rose above the budget and decisions had to be made on how to address this shortfall. The AC along with several other items was deemed expendable. The building is designed so that it can easily be retro-fitted for AC.

• Keith Roughton is working on the 2004-2005 NCAA APR report. APR is a sport specific piece of NCAA legislation. A student-athlete receives two points, each semester, one point for eligibility and one point for retention. Then a formula is used to calculate an individual team’s score. For a sport to successfully meet the NCAA guidelines the cut score is 925. However, there are in some cases adjustments made because of squad sizes.

• Cathy is working on the departmental Gender Equity Report. It will be completed and presented to the UAC in November.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

There was no new NCAA updates.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

• Day for Southern campaign has been completed. The campus campaign exceeded last year’s contributions. The community campaign conducted on September 13 was also successful.

• This time of year the fund raising slows down. Securing new memberships typically ends after the beginning of the football season.
• Construction of the golf practice facility is moving along. Robert Baker has contributed approximately $200,000 of work to the site, thus far. This will be one of the finest collegiate golf practice facilities in the country when it is completed.

New Business

• Sam Baker stated that Athletics has received a Capital Campaign gift to construct a new fieldhouse at Paulson Stadium. The desire is to have the new facility open for the 2006 season.

Old Business

• Chris Geyerman asked everyone to bring their spring class schedule to the November 30 meeting so the spring UAC meeting dates can be set at that time. Also, the necessity of the December meeting was discussed and the decision was made to not hold a meeting in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics