The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Christine Draper, Chair.

Members and Visitors Present

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

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the August 24, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Introduction of Guest by Sam Baker:

- Annie Smith, Softball Head Coach: I appreciate the opportunity to be here at Georgia Southern. I have a higher education background. Both my father and mother are professors.
- Softball student-athletes who have a 3.0 GPA or higher do not have to attend study hall. All those below a 3.0 GPA must go to study hall.
- In the fall scrimmage this past weekend we won 15-0, 8-1, 8-0 and it was 6-0 when the game was called due to lightning. I am excited about the team and want to instill confidence in them.

Financial Update

Jeff Blythe:

- No official report at this time due to the turnover in Accounting. The report will be sent to the committee via email next week.
- We’ve had two home football games and have made budget on each occasion.
- In October there are three straight home football games which should give us a good read on the budget status.

Schedule Approvals

Cathy Beene:

- None. The Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field schedule will be presented next month.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- As mentioned at the last meeting, we were shocked when Head Softball Coach, Maggie Johnson resigned in mid-July. We were very pleased to find someone of Coach Smith’s experience at such a late date.
- The start of football season has our fans excited. Being #1 in the country puts a target on your back. Football travels to Elon this weekend.
- Men’s Soccer won their first SoCon match in two seasons. They beat Davidson 3-2. They play again today at 4:00 PM against Jacksonville.
- One of the Capital Campaign goals is to raise money to install lights at the Track/Soccer Stadium. Sitting on those metal bleachers this time of year can be very hot.
Volleyball is 2-0 in the Conference. They travel to Charleston this weekend to play The Citadel and College of Charleston.

Women’s soccer is showing improvement. Coach Vanderspiegel is working to install her style of play and that takes time.

Cross Country has come in third at the first two meets. Coach Mincey is doing a good job.

Golf placed third in the Rudolph Mason Tournament this past weekend. They travel to Duke this coming weekend.

Women’s basketball starts practice on Sunday. The men’s basketball team will start practice on October 15.

The Hanner gym floor is almost completed.

CommArts is working with the Sports Marketing Department to produce the Football Coach’s Show. It is a great learning experience for the students.

Keith Roughton and the Student-Athlete Services staff continue to work on academics. Progress reports are coming in.

The campaign for the new football building is progressing. The team’s success certainly helps. Some people making a donation that have never given before.

Enrollment this fall is approximately 20,195. The North Stands of Paulson Stadium seats 8,000 with 4,000 dedicated to student seating. If student attendance continues at the current pace there is a real need to plan for increasing student seating.

The concern for the amount of trash created by tailgaters at the RAC has us looking into ways to reach the public about keeping their areas clean.

Question: Could a sponsor be asked to provide free Wi-Fi for the spectators to use at the football stadium during the game? Sam-Verizon is a sponsor. We can check with Ann Hill in Telecommunications about the possibility of free Wi-Fi.

Question: SoCon TV? The SoCon has contracted with Public Television in Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina to televise football and basketball this year.

Cathy – Men’s tennis played in a tournament in Athens last weekend. Oliver Webb and Andrew Dromsky beat Georgia in doubles.

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- New policies were presented by the NCAA at the recent Collegiate Commissioners Association meeting. The following three proposals are likely to be passed: 1) Multi-year GIA instead of one year, 2) Teams must have a 930 APR to compete in post season competition, 3) Increase GIA to cover the cost of attendance.
- Spoke with Matt Lombardi in Student-Athlete Services about a Progress Report concern from a professor. The following statement will be added to the report: “the information provided by the instructor in this student-athlete’s academic progress report is no way construed to be an indicator or prediction of the final grade.” The addition was approved.
- SAAB made a motion to have a student-athlete receive KINS credit for their weight training program. UAC recommended that a subcommittee consisting of Chris Geyerman, Steve Rossi, a SAAB representative and Reed Smith study the issue and create a proposal to present to the proper institutional body for review.

Athletic Foundation Report

John Mulherin:

- There’s a lot of excitement and winning helps. The Athletic Foundation will try to capitalize on the excitement.
- $3.1 million has been raised toward the $10 million needed for the new football building.
- The Alzheimer’s Walk was last weekend. Dr. Keel was honorary Chairman. One hundred sixty-three student-athletes participated in the walk.

New Business

- Sam Baker distributed the revised Athletics Organizational Chart. Revised the chart to show Student-Athlete Services reports to the Vice President for Business and Finance and added New Media and Broadcasting. The revised chart was approved.
- For clarification Sam Baker added that the GIA covers room, board, tuition and books. It is often overlooked that there are monies available for student-athletes such as NCAA Special Needs Fund and the Pell Grant, to access for additional funds. Athletics currently spends $3.4 million in scholarships.
- Next UAC meeting is October 19 due to SoCon Fall Meetings.

Old Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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