UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
August 25, 2005

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

Members and Visitors Present

Sam Baker, Joseph Barjis, Cathy Beene, Scott Beck, Gary Dartt, Joe Franklin, Chris Geyerman, Amy Green, Vickie Hawkins, Bruce McLean, John Mulherin, Lacy Needham, Ashley Scruggs, Charles Skewis, and Christine Whitlock

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for April 28, 2005, were unanimously approved.

Election of new Chair

Bruce McLean was elected as the new Chair for 2005-2006.

Financial Update

- Assistant Athletic Director for Business, Lacy Needham presented an overview of the 2004-2005 budget report. She stated that revenues met or exceeded the budget in most line items; in particular ticket sales and corporate sponsorships increased substantially. The Boosters revenue line indicates a shortage. In reality Boosters purchased video equipment in the fall of 2004 and in return was not asked to reimburse that portion of their expenses.

- With regard to expenditures, increases were seen in the weight room, equipment room, Paulson, baseball, soccer, and track budgets due to the new facilities. Increases in the football budget were due to the purchase of conference championship rings. Medical training increases were as a result of NCAA legislation that allows athletic departments to cover any injury (athletically related or not) that prevents a student-athlete from participating in the playing or practice season.

Schedule Approvals

- Cathy Beene presented 2006 baseball, 2005 cross country, 2006 softball, 2005-06 swimming and diving, 2005-06 golf, 2005-06 men's basketball, 2006 indoor and outdoor track schedules for consideration. She also presented a revised men's tennis schedule which had added a tournament. She reported that all schedules are in compliance.

- The schedules were approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker:

- Welcomed back the members from last year and welcomed the new members for the 2005-2006 academic year. Mr. Baker stated that the UAC serves as liaison between each of the academic areas and the athletics department.

- Keith Roughton passed out the new drug testing policy previously approved by the UAC. Mr. Baker stated the policy was revised to take a tougher stand against drug use.

- As part of the mission to upgrade athletic facilities the J.I. Clements Stadium was completed last year, the track/soccer stadium opens August 27 with a men's soccer exhibition game and a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, August 28 with the first women's soccer game, and the Iron Works renovation has been completed. Construction of a golf practice facility on 25 acres off of Pulaski Highway has begun. Also the front of the football stadium seating area was bricked along with the base of the scoreboard.

- Volleyball opens August 26.

- The Athletic Convocation on August 24 went well.

- Julie Strickland was hired in Student-Athlete Services as the new Learning Specialist.

- Rising fuel costs will definitely impact the budget. This year football is playing Northeastern and South Dakota State which we will have to fly to these locations. We would rather play teams within bus travel distance but it is difficult to often get games in our immediate area

- The average SAT scores for entering freshmen student-athletes are 1,005/males and 1,004/females.

- Seven football games will be televised this season. (3 of the games Georgia Southern Communications Arts students will provide the staffing. Kent Murray is working on this project).

NCAA Representative Update

Chris Geyerman:

- Southern Conference introduced 3 pieces of legislation

    1. To limit the one-time transfer exception to:

a) A student-athlete who transfers from a Division III institution to a Division I institution; or

b) A graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree.
Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.2.10 , page 171

2. In men's basketball, to permit the permissible eight hours of out-of-season practice to include conditioning, weight training or skill instruction of which not more than four hours per week may be spent on individual skill instruction.
Bylaws**:** Amend 17.1.5.2 , page 236

3. To allow institutions that have been granted a Nontraditional Academic Calendar Waiver pursuant to Bylaw 14.1.8.2.2.1.1 to award summer financial aid to an incoming student-athlete who is enrolled in a minimum number of credit hours that are the equivalent of one-half of a regular full-time course load at the awarding institution.
Bylaws: Amend 15.2.8.1.4, page 200

- Southern Conference released the annual honor roll. Georgia Southern had **81** student-athletes on the honor roll.

Southern Boosters Report

John Mulherin:

- This year is the eighth consecutive year that Southern Boosters has reached historic highs in unrestricted giving
- This year, Southern Boosters will once again contribute over 1 million in direct support to the Athletics Department
- Day for Southern community campaign will be held September 13, 2005
- Projects - Golf Practice Facility, football locker room, and men's basketball lockerroom are projects Southern Boosters will work to complete this year
- New overall web design to be launched soon
- Hope to coordinate live video streaming of the McNeese State and South Dakota State football games

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Athletics