UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
January 25, 2002

MINUTES

Members and Visitors Present

Alice Hall, Chris Geyerman (Chair), Danny Gleason, Richard Rogers, Vickie Hawkins, Katie Mullis, Ron Core, Fred Smith, Sam Baker, Creighton Alexander, Dan O'Dowd, Tom Norton and Keith Roughton.

The minutes of the December 7, 2001, meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Update

Because of the change to People Soft, the controller's office was still developing reporting forms, therefore, no updated financial report was available. However, Mr. Norton reported that 2001 football ticket revenue was $100,000 over budget projections.

Schedule Approvals

In Cathy Beene's absence Tom Norton distributed the 2002 women's spring soccer and 2002 indoor track schedules. Both were unanimously approved.

Athletics Update

Sam Baker reported:

- The department is in the process of searching for a head women's swimming coach and would like to hire someone as quickly as possible.
- Since the last meeting, Mike Sewak was appointed head football coach. Greg Hill and Mark Williams have returned to their alma mater as assistant coaches.
- VMI is leaving the Southern Conference at the conclusion of the 2002-2003 academic year. The Southern Conference must now decide whether to become an 11 institution conference or find a replacement for VMI.
- Student-athletes had a good academic fall semester. The combined women's GPAs was 2.91, and the combined men's GPAs was 2.53.

NCAA Update

Richard Rogers reported that the NCAA is in the process of studying academic eligibility. It is possible that a prospective student-athlete would have to complete 20% of

his/her degree requirements after the first year to be eligible.

_____Dr. Rogers related that, since Georgia Southern has entered the Southern Conference, thirty-one post-graduate scholarships have been awarded. Of these, six have been awarded to Georgia Southern student-athletes, more than any other institution.

Southern Boosters

In John Mulherin's absence, Dan O'Dowd related that the annual campaign will kick-off in March.

New Business

Chris Geyerman led the committee in a discussion of action items of a draft of the Gender Equity Plan. The committee will vote on the amended draft at the February 22 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Kalb
Sr. Administrative Secretary