COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Minutes of the Meeting
March 18, 1999
10:00 a.m. 840 1PP

Members Present: Rankin Cooter, Kenny Anderson, Kurt Keppler, Orby Moss, Debra Snell, Leslie Williams.

Members Absent: Norman Crandell, Richard Fendler, Dan Franklin, David Martin, James Maxey, Howard Schneider, Andrew Sumner, Bill Thomas.

Additional Attendees: Carol Cohen, Blaine Hughes, John Hartwell.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by chair Rankin Cooter.

Organizational Meeting

The Committee needs to have an organizational meeting in April. The date has been set for April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 1PP. We will be electing a new chair at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes with the addition of Lindsey Weiner as present at the last meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Absence Policy

Kurt Keppler informed the Committee that the attendance policy has been changed slightly from what we approved at our last meeting. Instead of having the policy read "no more than four absences," it was changed by Student Life and Development to read "no more than 15% absences." The policy has been sent to Carol Winkler for approval at the March 25 Senate meeting.

Athletic Fee Increase

Orby Moss discussed with the Committee the requested fee increase. He said the Athletics Department is taking full responsibility for not getting the information out to students on the increase, but has assured the President the information will be made available to students before all fee increase requests in the future. John Hartwell from the Athletics Department gave a brief overview of the fee increase. The department requested $6.91, but it looks like they will only be receiving $2.69 increase. This increase will be to cover: 1) softball increase due to reduction in Bob Heck's subsidizing of the program; 2) salary increases of 4%; and 3) scholarship increase of 5%, which basically keeps pace with tuition costs.

It looks like the differential fee structure will pass. The structure is not supposed to affect the bottom line of budgets, but it will make it much harder to predict budgets. The structure is based on a $120 fee for every student, plus a $12 per credit hour. For example, if a student is full-time and takes 12 hours, the fee would be $120 + ($12 times the 12 hours = 144) = $264 total.

Grade Reports

Carol Cohen handed out reports on fall semester grades. The fall quarter cumulative GPA was a 2.83, with the women's combined team being one of the highest ever at 3.06, and the men's at 2.70. The Tennis teams had the highest Fall averages with a 3.40 for men and 3.46 for women. Seven students were on the faculty
scholar's list and 25 were on the Dean's list. Forty-nine athletes made the All Academic TAAC Team. National Student Athlete Day is April 6th, these students will be recognized for their accomplishments at the baseball game that evening. Congratulations went out to all the teams' efforts.

New Business

The Lefty Driesell Golf Classic and Booster Banquet will be May 16 & 17 at Eagle's Landing. More information will be coming out soon.

The Atlanta Tip-Off Club voted Lefty Driesell as the Division I Basketball Coach of the Year. There will be a reception Saturday, April 3 at the Cobb Galleria Center.

Spring Sports Brochures and Schedules were handed out.

An update was given on the NCAA Initial Eligibility Court Care. Blaine Hughes explained that the NCAA was sued based on the test score requirements being discriminatory. The Court agreed with this and said it was discrimination. The NCAA appealed for a stay, but the Judge denied the request. Technically no eligibility rules are in effect. The Management Council will meet on March 28 to discuss what to do in the mean time. For now, they are going to go with the old policy, but if it were challenged, the standards would not hold up. Basically, if a student can get into the University, they can play. Which means some schools with little or no entrance requirements can have anyone play sports.

Athletic Schedules

Schedules for nine of the sports were handed out for approval. The remaining will be ready at the April meeting. There were only two sports with any conflicts with Final exams. Women's basketball will be hosting a game here on December 17 and Men's Golf will be hosting an event on May 7-8. As standard policy, if a student has a final and cannot work it out, they will not play. Debra Snell made a motion to approve the athletic schedules. Kurt Keppler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

April 15, 1999 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 1PP.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Recorder, Leslie Williams