COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Minutes of the Meeting
November 18, 1999
12:15 p.m. 840 1PP

Members Present: Dan Franklin, Amy Lederberg, Marjorie Girth, David Martin, Debra Snell, Andrew Sumner, Bill Thomas, Leslie Williams, Jerry Edwards (for Emory Edwards).

Members Absent: Kimberly Bugg, Rankin Cooter, Richard Fendler Kurt Keppler, Howard Schneider.

Additional Attendees: Carol Cohen, John Hartwell.

Call To Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by chair Bill Thomas.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Report by Athletic Director
Greg Manning was introduced to the committee. Greg talked a little about the restructuring in the department. With Blaine Hughes' retirement, Carol Cohen became the Senior Women's Administrator, she will still handle academic affairs and have specific sport reporting responsibilities. John Hartwell is the Associate Director for Finance, his responsibilities will be ticketing, budgeting, sports marketing, and specific sport team reporting lines. Cathy Jones is the Assistant Director for Administration and Compliance, she will handle compliance with NCAA and have specific sport team reporting lines. Martin Harmon is in charge of Media Relations and the department is working to hire a development director. The department is going through a Performance Review Development process. This will help clarify job responsibilities, set unit goals, develop a strategic plan, expectations, forecasting, it will serve as a "game plan" for the units.

The department is looking to hire a consultant to work on the Strategic Business Plan. This will look at academic integrity, compliance, fiscal integrity, competitiveness, facilities, scholarships, fundraising, Title IX, quality in the workplace, and will set long and short term plans for the department.

The department is looking at facilities for tennis at Stone Mountain, it may be too far for practice, but would be a great place for games. The idea of possibly hosting the TAAC tournament there for golf and tennis has been suggested. The soccer team is looking at a location out at Camp Creek Parkway. They are still talking with the city about Bitsy Grant. The baseball field at Panthersville needs locker rooms, so we are currently looking into temporary locker room facilities. Other initiatives the department is looking into is an Athletic Hall of Fame, Team Panther where athletes go talk with kids, making the Plaza cafe the designated eating place for athletes and getting involved with more volunteer service projects.

Budget Update
John Hartwell gave a presentation on the department's request for a $3.00 student fee increase. The increase would be used to fund scholarships, softball increases, salary increases and academic support upgrades.

Attendance Policy
Carol Cohen alerted the committee that the changes made last year were put into the wrong section in the student handbook, and that they would try to get it put in the correct place this year. She also reported that the new 15% absence rule should work for all of the teams. There may only be minor exceptions, but those would be worked out individually.

New Business
None noted

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.