Committee on Athletics
Minutes of the Meeting
April 15, 1999
12:15 p.m. 840 1PP

Members Present: Rankin Cooter, Dan Franklin, David Martin, Debra Snell, Andrew Sumner, Bill Thomas, Leslie Williams.

Members Absent: Kenny Anderson, Richard Fendler, Kurt Keppler, Orby Moss, Howard Schneider, Montrine Thomas, Lindsey Weiner

Additional Attendees: Carol Cohen.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by chair Rankin Cooter.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Debra Snell to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Bill Thomas and the motion passed unanimously.

Selection of New Chair

Rankin Cooter informed the Committee that he would be taking over James Maxey’s role as the appointed University voting representative, so he did not feel he should continue as chair next year. The floor was opened for nominations. Dan Franklin nominated Bill Thomas as Chair. Bill Thomas said he would be interested, but could only commit to the role for one year. Leslie Williams nominated Debra Snell. She said she would consider the position. A short discussion ensued about appointing a Vice Chair and the two nominated members interest in serving as chair. Dan Franklin made a motion to appoint Bill Thomas Chair of the Committee and Debra Snell as Vice Chair by acclamation, with the understanding Debra Snell would become the Chair the following year. The motion was seconded by David Martin. The motion passed unanimously. Congratulations went out to our new leaders.

Athletic Schedules

Since the remaining sports schedules were not available at the meeting, Carol Cohen agreed to get the Volleyball Schedule to Leslie Williams to send out by e-mail for approval this summer since it is a Fall sport. All other remaining schedules will be approved at the Fall meeting.

New Business

Carol Cohen expressed her desire to have the Faculty Athletics Committee be more involved with the Athletics Department. The Committee discussed ways in which they could serve as a better resource for the Department. The following ideas were suggested:

1. Have meetings more often, perhaps 2 per semester.
2. Invite all senior level Athletics Department staff to each meeting and allow each to report on issues/updates in his/her area.
3. Get more information from the Athletics Department (i.e. budget reports; eligibility and participation lists; grade reports; schedule changes) to keep the Committee updated and able to offer more suggestions.
4. Increase committee members involvement at meetings and stress that it is essential either Orby Moss or Blaine Hughes be in attendance at every meeting.

Carol Cohen, Bill Thomas, Debra Snell and Rankin Cooter plan to meet once over the summer to brainstorm additional ideas and finalize future actions.

It was announced that Trish Darlington would be leaving the University to be the head of the new aquatics center in Augusta. She will definitely be missed.

The end of the year Athletics Banquet will be April 26th at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate/Salon Rooms of the Student Center. Invitations will be mailed out shortly.

1999-2000 Meetings
Thursday, September 9, 1999 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 1PP.

Thursday, November 18, 1999 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 1PP.

TBA date in February

TBA date in April

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Recorder, Leslie Williams