
Members Absent: Rankin Cooter, Emory Edwards, Dan Franklin, Marjorie Girth, Neesha Patel, Cherian Thachenkary, Andrew Sumner, Bill Thomas, Walt Thompson, Paige Yergens.

Additional Attendees: Carol Cohen

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

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 gave an update on Athletics. Men & Women won the TAAC All Points Championships. Men’s Golf and Men’s Tennis got in the NCAA Tournaments. The department is hoping for the same success this year. Men’s and Women’s basketball had really good years — it will be a great year when they make it to the NCAA Tournament.

Facilities Update
The department is still working with City Parks to obtain Bitsy Grant. Georgia State would maintain and run the courts, as well as possibly add courts with roofs to be able to play in the rain. The department will be spending approximately $30,000 to improve the softball fields to include a new scoreboard and a new outfield fence. They are still looking for a permanent golf facility. They are in discussions with Eagle’s Landing to create a practice field so they can use that as their site and always have a place to practice.

The TAAC Tournament for men’s basketball will be hosted here the first week in March. It is at Central Florida next year. The finals and semifinals will be televised. Georgia State will host the 2001 NCAA Women’s Tennis Championship at Stone Mountain (May 18-26, 2001). The department is also hoping to get the conference championship there as well. The department will be working closely with ALTA to help get people out at the event.

Report by Assistant Athletic Director
Carol Cohen handed out copies of the team schedules. Women’s tennis is the only one not finished. These have already been approved by the committee. Carol handed out copies of the Student Athlete Handbook given out at new athlete orientation. Carol also handed out the department’s new policy on piercings and tattoos.

Carol handed out and reviewed the policy on the NCAA’s special assistance fund. The fund comes from the NCAA and is given to those athletes who are Pell eligible. It may be used to help athletes who may have a death in the family and need an airline ticket, clothing, etc. The department is getting stricter on how the money can actually be spent and they require athletes to show receipts for how the funds are spent.

Academic Report
Carol Cohen reported that only one athlete was lost because of grades and he will be reshirted. All teams had a very good spring. Every team was at a 2.6 or better, with the exception of basketball. However, basketball did increase to a 2.33. The 5th Year program has been revised slightly to help athletes graduate and to help lower the cost of the program. Athletes who fail or drop a class will have to pay for retaking the class themselves. The department is also trying to pay closer attention to who and when students can withdraw from classes. The graduation rate for those who have exhausted eligibility is 92%.

Development Report
Greg reported that the department is working vigorously to find more corporate sponsors. They are currently working
on possible deals with Promina HealthCare, Coca Cola, Southern Company and Princeline.com. The department is trying to find ways to lessen the burden on the student fee.

**Budget Update**
The department will be going before the Student Fee Committee to request fee increases and then they will go before FAC-P. They will send this committee a copy of the budget for our review.

**Meeting Dates**
Wednesday, November 8 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 One Park Place
Thursday, February 8 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 One Park Place
Wednesday, April 25 at 11:15 a.m. in 840 One Park Place

**New Business**
None noted

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Recorder, Leslie Williams