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. Georgia State will be hosting the Men’s TAAC Basketball Tournament, Feb 28 - March 3. The games on Saturday will be live on ESPN. The university bid for the tournament, but the conference office usually runs the tournament. Coke sponsorship of the event is also in the works.

Georgia State will also host the 2001 NCAA Women’s Tennis Championship at Stone Mountain (May 18-26, 2001). Carol Cohen is in charge of volunteers and is still needing many. Stone Mountain and Marriott have taken financial responsibility to underwrite the tournament, so Georgia State is in a win-win situation.

Men’s soccer won the TAAC regular season and will play an NCAA tournament game on November 17. On another positive note, the team was on their way to play a game against Campbell when they saw a wreck. The team stopped and the athletic trainer helped save a man’s life.

All of the other fall sports are also doing very well, and are in the process of wrapping up their seasons. There will be a Pep Rally at the University Village tonight to introduce student athletes and to try to get some excitement about sports going on campus.

Academic Report
Carol Cohen indicated there were currently no grade reports to give out. The term is just past midpoint and the teams are looking very good. Everyone is working really hard and there are ten tutors putting in 60 hours in the tutoring lab.

**Budget Update**
John Hartwell handed out information on the Student Fee Increase Request. The department is requesting $5.43. However, all requests were denied by the Student Fee Committee except the Recreation Fee. The request goes before FAC-P next. Greg reiterated how important this request is to help maintain current levels of service, and that the department is working very hard at developing outside funding opportunities, but it is hard to shake hands and ask for money at the same time. Discussed followed regarding funding requests and how the student fees are allocated and also ways the department is looking to save money, i.e. providing in-state fee waivers could save more than $300,000 for the budget.

**Development Report**
Greg Manning gave the development report for Henry Taylor. He indicated that the foundation has received $104,000 in individual gifts and a total of $641,000 in total gives for the department. The athletic budget is currently about $5 million; however, in order to dominate the TAAC we need to increase the budget to $7 million. Bob Heck has returned as a volunteer assistant coach, he has also provided $25,000 in funds for renovations to the softball field. The department is very pleased to have Bob Heck back supporting the softball efforts.

There has been a committee assigned to look at the space issues with the sports arena and how to move the entire department to the sports arena. Greg indicated that there has been talk about switching conferences to the Atlantic 10, however this will take a lot of work and money. The conference is good because it is not a football conference, but travel expenses would be much higher. It would take significant help to find the funds to support the switch. It is a given that football will not happen at Georgia State. It costs approximately $4.5 million to start a program and then there are the issues of where to play and gender equity. The department will continue to focus on the things we do well, and this is a reflection of our good coaches.

On November 16, the department will be taking a bus to Athens for the game against Georgia. The Village is also taking a bus for students.

**Meeting Dates**
Thursday, February 8 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 One Park Place
Wednesday, April 25 at 112:15 a.m. in 840 One Park Place

**New Business**
None noted.

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

Recorder, Leslie Williams