COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Minutes of the Meeting
April 27, 2000
12:15 p.m. 840 1PP

Members Present: Dan Franklin, Marjorie Girth, Debra Snell, Andrew Sumner, Bill Thomas, Walt Thompson, Gordon Vernick, Leslie Williams.


Additional Attendees: John Hartwell, Cathy Jones, Henry Taylor.

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

Introductions
Members introduced themselves since this was the first organizational meeting of the Committee.

Selection of New Chair
Debra Snell served as Vice Chair the previous year with the hope that she would become chair the following year. Debra agreed to be chair. The motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to have Debra Snell serve as the chair of the Committee. Debra presided over the remainder of the meeting.

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. He handed out information on the All Sports Standings, Georgia State was ranked second in the women's standing, with the possibility of moving into first after softball season and the men were in first place. Greg informed the committee that several teams had won their conference championship, including men's cross country, women and men's basketball, men's golf and men's tennis. The teams were congratulated for their efforts.

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.

Greg updated the committee on several personnel changes and searches going on in the department. The Assistant Director for Media Relations search is down to three candidates. They are also currently searching for a head women's soccer coach and for a second full-time trainer. Jason Lerner has been named the Director of Sports Marketing, Mike Zieminick has been named the new Ticket Manager/Assistant Business Manager and Henry Taylor has been named the new Director of Development. The department is looking forward to getting all staff positions filled.

Academic Report
Cathy Jones handed out information on the academic highlights for the year. Every team reached the goal of 2.5 team GPA. Eleven of the 13 teams had a 2.55 GPA or higher. The women's sports Fall semester combined GPA was an impressive 2.76. The men's and women's tennis teams had the highest team GPA's with them earning 3.28 and 3.19 respectively. The Fall semester there were 10 student-athletes receiving
Development Report
Henry Taylor handed out information on the new marketing plan for the department. Some highlights are that they are working on creating a new image for the department, and have created/updated the departmental logo. They are working on new promotional ideas to include Panther mailboxes for Panther Club sponsors. The baseball team was preparing for the first ever Sponsor's Day. And nearly 3,000 letters from Bill Reeves, Chair of the Board of Trustees, went out to individuals for their support of Georgia State Athletics. There are lots of ideas in the works, and plans should be rolling out in the Fall.

Budget Update
John Hartwell gave a budget update. The fee request increase of $3.00 was denied by the Board of Regents. The department will have to continue to find other sources of revenue. The expenditures for FY00 are projected to be on budget and they are in the process of creating the FY01 budget.

Meeting Dates
Thursday, September 21 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 One Park Place
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 1:00 p.m.

Recorder, Leslie Williams