COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Minutes of the Meeting
February 8, 2001
12:15 p.m. 840 1PP

Members Present: Rankin Cooter Vijay Deshpande Emory Edwards
Dan Franklin Kurt Keppler Greg Manning
John Marshall Debra Snell Cherian Thachenkary
Walt Thompson Leslie Williams

Members Absent: Marjorie Girth Kristen Janowski Neesha Patel
Andrew Sumner Bill Thomas Gordon Vernick

Additional Attendees: Carol Cohen Cathy Jones John Hartwell Henry Taylor

Call To Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:15 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.

Academic Report
Carol Cohen gave an academic update. The Fall 2000 semester showed a decrease in the number of teams reaching their team GPA goal of 2.50 for the term. Seven of the eight women’s team and three of the six men’s team’s reached the goal. However, eight of eight women’s teams and four of six men’s teams reached the cum GPA goal of 2.5. There were seven athletes who received Faculty Scholar status and 2- who were Dean’s List recipients.

Development Report
Henry Taylor gave an update on development. He handed out a brochure that is going to perspective donors on different ways they can donate to the Athletics department. He indicated that people can now make donations directly on the website. The website is getting an incredible number of hits, nearly 22,000 per day! The department plans to start sending out more information via email, so they can save money on printing and mailing of information. Henry also showed the committee commemorative pictures of the men’s and women’s basketball teams, donors who contribute $1500 - 2999 can choose between one of the two portraits, those donating $2,500 or more get both.

Budget Update
John Hartwell handed out information on the Athletic budget. The budget looks to be in line or below budget expenditures, but have a shortfall in revenues. Revenues are down because the budget doesn’t include expected funds from Coca-Cola or the Southern Company, additionally fee fund and gifts contributions are down from expectations. John also explained how having the conference tournament could possibly cost $40,000, mostly because the school had to bid for it ($30,000). But the university bid for it in hopes that with home field advantage we could win it and then recoup some of the costs in the NCAA tourney. The first NCAA appearance is worth about $600,000; however that total is split equally between all TAAC schools. If we get to the second round, it is worth about $1M, and that amount is also split equally. The TAAC has discussed not having a tournament because it is a financial burden to the entire conference. Emory Edwards
asked if there was a way to offer student prices for the tournament tickets. John informed him that the TAAC sets the prices. They discussed and decided to find a way SGA could purchase tickets to sell to students at a discounted rate.

Also as a reminder, the NCAA Tennis Tournament is here May 17-25, 2001 at Stone Mountain. The department is still in need of volunteers.

Report by Athletic Director
Greg Manning gave an update on Athletics. Greg indicates the winter sports are in the process of wrapping up their seasons and the spring teams are getting going. The department is still working with corporate sponsors to make sponsoring Georgia State Athletics more attractive.

Facilities issues include the department will be moving to the sports arena once recreational services leaves. It is estimated to cost about 1.5M for everyone to move at the same time, so the department will probably move people in phases to spread out the financial burden.

The department is putting together a proposal for the Sports Life building. They are hoping the owners may “gift” the building to the university, would be a wonderful location to have.

Meeting Dates
Wednesday, April 25 at 112:15 a.m. in 840 One Park Place

New Business
None noted.

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

Recorder, Leslie Williams