Call To Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by chair Andrew Sumner.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Future Meetings
Future meeting times and dates are as follows:
  - Tuesday, August 20 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 IPP
  - Tuesday, November 5 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 IPP
  - Tuesday, February 11 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 IPP
  - Tuesday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. in 840 IPP
Meeting location may change, but members will be notified.

Athletic Director Report
Greg Manning gave an athletics update and informed the committee of the types of information that will be discussed at this committee meeting. Georgia State has 14 intercollegiate teams, which is the minimum number required to be a Division I school. Men’s & Women’s basketball had good seasons. The Women won the conference championship and played Tennessee in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The women played them very tough for such a good team. Tennessee went on to the final four. The men lost the tournament championship by one point and went to the NIT tournament where they also lost their first round game by one point. Golf is currently participating in the conference tournament. If they win they will go to the NCAA tourney. Men’s tennis just won their conference tournament and are headed to the NCAA tournament. The softball team is about to play in their conference tournament and the men are hoping to make the top six in the conference so they will make it to the conference tournament also.

The department continues to work on their strategic plan. This committee will review it once they get it in draft form. The Panthersville projects are about to get started, they resolved the flood plain issues and plan to break ground soon. Additionally, Kurt Keppler mentioned that the Student Activity Fee Committee just
approved 130,000 to help improve the grounds at Panthersville. The renovations will include paving the lot, getting new signage, putting up a new rod iron fence, and improving the fields for intramurals. All of these improvements will help the athletics department and our sports teams.

**Grade Report**
Carol Cohen reviewed the fall semester grade report. This was the same as the one given at the last meeting, but she wanted to give new members and idea of what was involved with academics. The department maintained the goal of a 2.5 overall GPA. Men’s basketball has improved and is still working very hard. There were no athletes lost to academics, and there are only about 12 they are keeping a close eye on. The academic department continues to work very hard. The department is showing it’s dedication to academics by putting more than $260,000 into the 5th year program to make sure student athletes graduate. Their 5th year graduation rate is 92%! Athletes continue to do well individually with 12 making the Faculty Scholar List (4.0) and 24 making the Dean’s List (3.5) and 75 making the A.D. Honor Roll (3.0). The spring semester is looking good. There are only six athletes that have to attend summer school for eligibility requirements.

Greg was commended for being an academic all-American at Maryland and his commitment to academics is apparent. He was also just selected to be the captain of the All-time Maryland Basketball Team.

**Development Report**
Michelle Olmsted also reviewed the same report that was given in February on the annual giving to the University Foundation for Athletics. The department has seen a steady increase from 2000 to 2001 to 2002. The department is still doing lots of work to get more outside funding, but the improvement is evident. Currently, the department has nearly $150,000 in contributions for FY02 compared to $144,964 for the entire FY01. They are still planning a big push between now and June to increase the totals. The faculty and staff campaign is currently at 76%, up from 67% last year for giving by staff members in the department. The department’s goal is 100%.

**Financial Report**
John Hartwell handed out the internal financial statement for March. He only briefly reviewed the handout. The budget looks better than expected because of the increased headcount. The department plans to have about $95,000 surplus in the budget that they will put toward the deficit. The ticket revenues are not what the department had hoped for and they are recalculating their budget to better reflect more accurate numbers.

A representative asked if it was common that an athletic department budget be based on student fees. John indicated at Division I AAA schools where there is no football played, it is very common.

**Facilities Update**
Besides the Panthersville renovations, the department is still trying to work with city government to put additional courts at Bitsy Grant and make that the official home of Georgia State tennis. The architectural drawings for the Sports arena renovations are complete, the department is now waiting on the funding to come available so construction can begin. The entire department will move to the sports arena once it is completely renovated. Kurt Keppler asked about the status of the natatorium. Greg indicated that the University was looking at other uses for the building and it would not likely be for athletics.

**New Business**
A representative asked what it was that the Athletics Department wants out of this committee. Greg indicated that the committee could be as involved as they want to be. What he would like it that we are active, help review and advise then on the strategic plan, more involved with how the department operates financially, and
to give any ideas on way we can help their department be successful.

Chip Gallagher asked Greg what it was that they wanted out of faculty who were on the front lines teaching their athletes. Carol helped respond by indicating that they need faculty support for athletes absences for games, help with any policy changes that affect athletes, communication with the office, holding the athlete accountable and not letting athlete take advantage of status, and if there ever is any issue with an athlete, they talk to the department.

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

Recorder, Leslie Williams