Committee on Athletics
Minutes of the Meeting
February 10, 2004
12:15 p.m. Sports Arena Conference Room

Members Present: Dan Franklin, Peggy Gallagher, LaLoria Konata, Greg Manning, Rebecca Stout, Andrew Sumner, Laurie Tis

Members Absent: Dan Benardot, Jim Boles, Paula Eubanks, John Marshall, Mike Metzler, Jean Miller, Marti Singer, Corneill Stephens, Jim Wolk, Rashida Davis, Tiffany Ross, Andrea Hill

Additional Attendees: Matt Gillett, Michelle Olmstead, Kara Ansotegui, Carol Cohen, Sherré Davis

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:17 p.m.

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

Report by Athletic Director
Greg Manning reported that in a meeting with Dr. Carl Patton there was a discussion to change conferences to either the Colonial Athletic Association or the Atlantic 10 Conference. Before this, Athletics needs to speak with our current conference. The Georgia State University President needs to draft a letter concerning changing conferences. That letter will officially go out in the next ten days.

Greg also stated that Georgia State University would probably be in the bottom half of the conference, budget-wise and that the most work to be done would be in men and women’s basketball.

Academic Report
Jennifer Sanitago passed out the Academic Highlights for Fall 2003. Fall Semester showed continued excellence on every team’s part in working toward our departmental goal of a 2.50 GPA for each team. In reaching this goal, 13 of our 15 teams had a 2.53 or higher Fall Semester GPA.

The Georgia State team totals are 2.83 for Cumulative GPA and the Fall Semester team GPA is 2.76. The Women’s Sports combined total for Fall Semester 2003 was an impressive at 3.00 with 7 of our 8 women’s teams reaching a 2.72 or higher for individual team GPA. The Men’s Sports combined total for Fall Semester 2003 was a 2.53 with 5 of 7 men’s teams reaching a 2.53 or higher for individual team GPA. Women’s Sports combined cumulative GPA was an excellent 3.01 with Women’s Cross Country leading the way with a 3.52 combined GPA.

The academic status is as follows: this was an exceptional Semester in this area with 13 student-athletes receiving Faculty Scholar status and 22 Dean’s List recipients! In addition, there are 91 A.D.’s Honor Roll recipients for those who achieved a 3.0 or higher for the Fall Semester.

Marketing Report
Kara Ansotegui announced the Homecoming Game will be Saturday, February 21, 2004 at 2:00PM at the Georgia State University Sports Arena.
Rebecca Stout raised the question as to how the Homecoming Royal Court for future homecoming games can be announced at halftime.

Greg Manning stated that in the past the Homecoming Court would not be presentable and that standards on how to dress and/or act needed to be established for Homecoming Royal Court to be present during halftime for future Homecoming games.

Kara also informed us that this year’s Homecoming Royal Court will have a special section where they will be seated.

**Budgeting Report**
Matt Gillett stated that the head count for Georgia State Spring enrollment was down, which does affect athletics. The budget projections are very conservative on original numbers for FY ’05.

The international student athletes have submitted proper documentation.

**Facilities Update**
Greg Manning announced the Panthersville Softball Facility has a new sound system.

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

Recorder, Sherré Davis