MINUTES

Senate Athletic Committee

February 7, 2006

Members Present:
Peggy Gallagher, Matt Gillett, Jennifer Santiago, Rob Slavis, Andy Sumner, Laurie Tis, Allison Copeland, Carol Cohen, Dan Franklin, John Marshall, Mary McElroy, Mike Metzler, San Miller, and Rebecca Stout

Not Present:
Russell Mildner, Perry Binder, Fred Brooks, Robert Thompson, Elizabeth West, Oscar Gomez, and Andrew Murphy

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to amend the attendees of the last meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Athletic Director’s Report

- Strategic planning is in progress.
- The football feasibility study has been started. Currently, we are searching for a vendor. Vendor will be allotted 5-6 months to develop proposed expenses.
- Interested vendors will conduct surveys of various constituent groups and conduct research to accurately examine the necessary means to start a IAA football team. A vendor will be awarded the contract on or near March 01, 2006.
- The decision as to whether or not to proceed with the initiation of a football team will be made in September 2006, based on the outcomes of the feasibility study.
- According to the CAA, schedule changes have been proposed for the year for the following sports:
  - Men’s Basketball – Wednesday & Saturday
  - Women’s Basketball – Thursday & Sunday
- The purpose of the schedule changes is to provide student-athletes with an extra day of rest between contests.
- Georgia State University Athletic Association is pursuing financing and fundraising in support of the Panthersville expansion in support of tennis, soccer, track, and golf. Current facilities will be retained.
- Georgia State University Athletic Association is pursuing agreements that will result in both video boards inside the Sports Arena and landmark signs at the Village and near the Sports Arena.
- Mary McElroy informed Senate of Keri Turkel’s departure and introduced Allison Copeland as her replacement.
- Kevin Olivett has been hired as the new Marketing Assistant AD.

Budget Report
• Matt reported that financial & procedural audits have been completed and disclosed no concerns.

Academic Report
• Compared to previous academic terms, student-athletes from the present term have the highest GPA in recent years.
• In order to correspond with the academic standards of NCAA, student-athletes are required to have a 3.2 GPA to make honor roll.
• A replacement academic advisor is expected to join the staff within the next few weeks.

Compliance Report
• Rob Slavis discussed the benefits of a new NCAA addition to graduation rates for student-athletes. The CAA will encourage use of the student-athlete graduation success rate for future publications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.
The next scheduled Faculty Senate Athletic Committee Meeting is April 26, 2006 at 12:30 p.m.