MINUTES
Senate Athletic Committee
September 19, 2007

Members Present: Kerry Heyward, Rebecca Stout, Evan Eskridge, Mary McElroy, Matt Gillett, Carol Cohen, Dena Freeman-Patton, Laurie Tis, Beverly Caston, Robert Slavis, Peggy Gallagher

Not Present: Jeff Ashby, Fred Brooks, Geoffrey Haydon, Tia Huynh, Amina Kirk, Andrew Summers, Elizabeth West, Tim O’Keefe, Dan Franklin, San Miller, Corneill Stephen, William M. Kahweiler

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes, second, and passed unanimously.

Athletic Director’s Report
- Athletics is off to a good start.
- Men’s Golf Team is young and finish 16th.
- Men’s Soccer won invitational against Clemson and lost two games.
- Women’s Soccer off to good start, good academic report in the spring and summer.
- Men’s Tennis is the number four seed.
- Will met with Student Fee Committee to propose a student fee increase of $85.00 to support football at GSU although the consultant recommended $100.00 fee.
- Still looking at the various aspects of football. The choice to add football will not be an athletic decision; rather football’s goal is to enhance the University.
- Press Conference featuring Dan Reeves had great media coverage.
- GPA was 2.93 last year. Goal is to reach 2.94 next year.
- $1.1 Million toward football. May said we could still keep monies if football does not materialize.
- Dr. Patton will make the final decision whether we add football and there are still many things that will have to be addressed.
- Women’s Lacrosse would immediately go in effect if we have football as well as adding other women’s sports.
- Panthersville soccer field almost completed.
- Still having some tennis court issues with Deklab country
- Chaney’s is the first choice for Track.

Budget Report
- Matt Gillett informed everyone that the budget looks good
- $600,000 surplus will go toward the debt.

Academic Report
• Academic Highlights for Springs 2007 handouts
• Cumulative Team GPA is 2.93
• Spring Semester Team GPA is 2.87
• Goal is to be above 2.5 semester GPA
• All teams are above 2.0
• Women’s Sports combined for a Spring Semester 2007 GPA of 2.99 and a total cumulative GPA of 3.02 with 5 out of 8 women’s teams reaching a 3.10 or higher individual team GPA.
• Men’s sport combined total for Spring Semester 2007 was a 2.74 and a cumulative GPA of 2.82 with 6 of our 7 men’s teams reaching a 2.59 or higher for individual team GPA.
• CAA Blood Drive is Tuesday, September 25, 2007.
• 375 appointments are scheduled for the morning. Total of 400 appointments are scheduled.

Compliance
• Finishing up academic report for NCAA
• Graduate reports will be submitted by the end of the day.
• It will take about a month to finalize the report.
• We are concerned with only two teams, Men’s Basketball and Baseball
• Plans are in effect and we will need to make sure we are in compliance.

FAR Report
• Andrew Summers new Faculty Athletic Representative.
• Mike Metzler resigned this summer.
• FAR must Step-up involvement so that team members know the FAR.

Old Business Questions
N/A

New Business
N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• A motion was made to approved the winter and spring schedules, a second and was passed unanimously.
• NAA Certification Summary hand outs

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.