MINUTES

Senate Athletic Committee

April 23, 2008

Members Present: Kerry Heyward, Rebecca Stout, Evan Eskridge, Mary McElroy, Marvin Lewis, Monique Holland, Dena Freeman-Patton, Laurie Tis, Beverly Caston, Andrew Sumner, Robert Slavis, Bill Feldhaus, San Miller


Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.

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

Athletic Director’s Report

• Football will begin fall 2010.
• Eight game CAA conference schedule and three non-conference games.
• Conference schedule is the last week of August through December 13.
• Coastal Carolina, Jacksonville State, and South Alabama have contacted us to play.
• The football coach will be hired by July, 2008.
• The NCAA Certified the Athletics Department with no conditions.
• Special thanks to Carol Cohen, Laurie Tis, Mike Metzler and others for their efforts with the NCAA Certification.

• Spring Championships:
  o Men’s Golf won first place and the Women’s Golf team captured second place in the CAA.
  o Joel Stjoholm was named Golfer of the Year for the second straight year.
  o Women’s Golf finished second by 25 strokes, 33 strokes ahead of the third place team.
  o Cathy Mant was named CAA Coach of the Year.
  o Men’s Tennis won CAA championship last year and only had two returning student-athletes. However, Nejc Podrjasek was named CAA Player of the Year for the 2007 – 2008 season.
  o Track had several NCAA recognitions including Jacob English who was named the male Most Outstanding Field Performer at the CAA Championships.

• Panthersville is still on hold due to drought issues.
• Ten trees need to be planted to move forward on lights, a second practice field, and locker rooms for Soccer and Lacrosse.
• Tennis facilities will not happen at Panthersville. We will continue to contract with the Piedmont Tennis Center.
• Track will continue to practice at Quick Silver off of I-285Cambelton Road and Chaney Stadium near the Braves Stadium.
• Chaney is an option for a practice football facility. Potentially 1 ½ fields and a field house can be constructed there. A track is currently in place which may need a facelift.
• We plan to share the cost of redoing the track and work with them on scheduling. It is our hope that it become a reality.
• The fee increase was approved for the full amount which will cover the cost for additional football staff and a marching band.
• Marvin Lewis is the new Associate AD for Finance.
• Rob Slavis is a sport administrator and is responsible for Women’s Soccer and Softball.
• Monique Holland is the Senior Women Administrator, and will continue to oversee compliance, as well as, Title IX mission as it relates to our female student-athletes.
• Dena Freeman-Patton is still in her current role but now reports to Mary.
• Tiffany Lofton is the new Associated AD for Development.

Budget Report
• Marvin reports that we have $1.6 million deficit.
• With budget cuts we hope to be out of debt in one month.
• Working on the budget for the next fiscal year.
• Men’s basketball will eventually fund other sports with games guarantee. License fees will increase because of football apparels etc.

Academic Report
• Student-Athlete Development is preparing for finals with tutors as well as preparing for summer school.
• Student- Athletes attendance policy is still 15%; however final decision has not been confirmed. Attendance policy has been pushed forward for input by Faculty Affairs and will be sent to the full Senate for approval.
• Written letters from Student-Athlete Development will be provided if student-athletes will miss class.

Compliance
• APR waiver for Men’s basketball was successful. They will not be subject to any scholarship penalties.
• Two student-athletes had to go through special talents. Both were approved. Overall 31 prospective student-athletes have been accepted for fall 2008.
• Baseball is still subject to scholarship penalties.

FAR Report
• NCAA Survey regarding gender and gambling submitted to IRB.
New Business
Laurie Tis re-elected as Chairman of the Faculty Senate Committee.
The following schedules were approved with the understanding that minimal classes will be missed:
Men and Women’s Cross Country (0)
Men’s Soccer (3) CAA format is Wednesday/Saturday.
Women’s Soccer (4) CAA format is Friday/Sunday.
Volleyball (3).

Announcements
A motion was passed, second and approved for the fall schedule.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.