MINUTES
Senate Athletic Committee

September 3, 2008

Members Present: Kris Varjas, Mike Metzler, Evan Eskridge, Kerry Heyward, Marvin Lewis, Gail Barksdale, Dena Freeman-Patton, Teryl Frey, Andrew Jordan, Robert Slavis, William Feldhaus, San Miller, Alexandra Small, Paul Alberto, Beverly Caston


Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Paul Alberto at 3:05 PM.

Nomination and Election of the new Faculty Senate Chairman
A motion was made and seconded to elect Teryl Frey as Faculty Senate Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Compliance
Rob Slavis reported the current Graduation Success Rate (GSR) report was made available for all present. The GSR includes all student-athletes who entered Georgia State as freshmen on athletics aid. The GSR factors in student-athletes who transfer to or from Georgia State who are on athletics aid. The GSR report additionally compares student-athlete graduation with that of the regular student body. In response to a request by Chair Dr. Frey, a conference comparison GSR report will be presented at the next meeting.

Student Athlete Development
Dena Freeman-Patton provided hand-outs of the academic highlights for spring 2008 and summer 2008. She reported the athletics department GPA for the spring was 2.94 Cum and 2.93 for the semester with 10 Faculty Scholars and 46 Dean's List recipients. The summer was also impressive with 3.02 semester departmental GPA. Fifty-five of the 69 student-athletes achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher. Also, for the first time in Georgia State Athletics history, all teams are above a 2.5 Cum GPA or higher.

Budget Report
Marvin Lewis reports that we will see the impact of the $85 Student Fee Increase this fiscal year. The additional revenue is earmarked for expenditures related to football, the women’s sports needed for Title IX purposes, and additional staffing.

The financial statements for FY08 are not yet complete. Marvin will report on our current financial situation at the next meeting.

Operations
Gail Barksdale reported a location for the football practice facility had been identified and the university hoped to close on the land by the end of October.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.