

**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

I. Call to Order

Kris Varjas called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 11:45 a.m. in Room 235, University Center.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was presented to approve the minutes from 11-29-12 and was seconded. All were in favor and minutes were approved.

Attendees-

Jamie Boggs, Gabrielle Brooks, Fred Brooks, Dena Freeman-Patton, MaryAnne Gaunt, Peggy Gallagher, Kerry Heyward, Cheryl Levick, Mike Metzler, Erik Paz, Chester Phillips, George Pierce, John Portland, Rebecca Stout, Andy Sumner, Kris Varjas

III. Standing Reports

A. Athletic Director's Report

- i. Department Update –
- ii. Sports Update – AD Cheryl Levick reported that Georgia State baseball defeated UGA. The last men's basketball game would be this week and RJ Hunter is in the lead for the CAA Rookie of the Year Award. The department has diligently worked on submitting all paperwork for the FBS transition. The most recent submittal was the attendance audit. Next year's goal for football attendance is to increase student participation. Athletics will work with campus organizations to assist in this endeavor.
 - a. Introduction of Head Coach Trent Miles – Coach Miles introduced himself to the Committee. The football team is currently undergoing winter conditioning. Spring football starts on March 27th. He is happy with the recruiting class although his recruiting period was limited. In the future, he will recruit in the state of Georgia first then work his way out. His mantra is that football players

are students first and players second. He continuously stresses academics with his players.

B. Academic Report

- i. Fall 2012 Grades – Dena Freeman-Patton stated that for the ninth consecutive semester, the student-athletes had a cumulative 3.0 GPA. The male and female teams with the highest GPA's were men's soccer and women's cross-country. Sand volleyball, our newest sport, was impressive with over a 3.0 GPA. We had 17 Presidential Honor Recipients and 157 student-athletes who made the AD Honor Roll.

- C. Budget Report - John Portland projected a budget deficit of \$300,000. We did not reach ticket sales and PAC giving goals. Sponsorship goals were reached and exceeded. Additional budget expenses included increased FBS scholarships and football contract costs. Sport budgets have been cut and coaches are cognizant that spending needs to be managed closely. The department has a reserve fund of \$1.4 million.

IV. Old Business

A. Gender Equity

- i. Laundry List Recommendations – The Gender Equity Subcommittee determined that, overall, male and female student-athletes are treated equitably and do not perceive any differences based on gender. The Subcommittee made the following recommendations: increase publicity and marketing of women's teams, provide all student-athletes with their own beds during away competition, and provide a women's team with the option of staying in hotel rooms prior to home competitions.
- ii. AD Levick will set aside a pool of money to be used by women's teams to stay in hotel rooms prior to home competitions. Teams will begin to have three people to a room with one roll-away bed so that each student-athlete will have his/her own bed. A motion was made to accept the Gender Equity Recommendations report. The recommendations were seconded and approved by the Committee.

- B. The Panther Creed – The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee created a creed that represents the values of Georgia State student-athletes. Beginning in the fall of 2013, student-athletes will sign and agree to abide by the creed. It was also recommended that the student-athletes have a copy available to send to their parents or guardians.

V. New Business

A. Compliance Update

- i. Compliance Group Meeting – Jamie Boggs discussed the re-establishment of the Compliance Group Committee. The Committee includes the Faculty Athletic Representative and members of the Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid, International Student and Scholar Services, Office of Legal Affairs, Office of the Registrar, Student Accounts, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and University Housing. The purpose of re-establishing the group was to provide ongoing compliance education to the members and to ensure institutional control.

Additional Note: Kris Varjas stated that it is time for the SACS fifth year review process. Initially, the Senate Committee on Athletics was not included in the process but Kris requested that we be included. As such, we need two members to volunteer for the Education Program and Student Affairs & Services Committee for the upcoming year. She will send an email to all members for volunteers or recommendations.

VI. Future Meeting – April 11th, 2013.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.