

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 26, 2012**

I. Call to Order

Kris Varjas called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 12:00 p.m. in Room 1025, College of Education.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was presented to approve the minutes and was seconded. All were in favor and minutes were approved.

III. Attendees

Jamie Boggs, Fred Brooks, Richard Fendler, Dena Freeman-Patton, MaryAnne Gaunt, James Greenwell, Kerry Heyward, Cheryl Levick, Marvin Lewis, Mike Metzler, Erik Paz, Chester Phillips, George Pierce, Andy Sumner, Kris Varjas

IV. Standing Reports

A. Athletic Director's Report

- i. Sports Update - Ms. Levick gave an update on all spring sports. Men's Tennis tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Women's Tennis, after a 5.5 hour match, were runners-up in the CAA. Softball plays JMU this weekend in an important conference matchup. Baseball will play the #1 team in the conference, UNCW. Women's Golf was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CAA Championship and Men's Golf will begin competition April 27<sup>th</sup>. Men's and Women's Track and Field begin competition on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ii. Academics Update – Dena Freeman-Patton commented that the Honors College extended an invitation to 82 of our student-athletes to participate. In the athletic department, we are striving for academic honesty. Student-athletes should be proactive to avoid harming their academic and/or athletic career. The football team participated in a mock trial for academic dishonesty. All team members were served papers and had to go before the disciplinary board for the University. The coaches were involved as well. It was a good learning tool for all involved. We will graduate 42 students, of those, 13 are football players.

## V. Old Business

### A. Gender Equity Report

#### i. Title IX Recommendations Feedback

Jamie Boggs stated that Dan Cohen, Title IX Attorney, did thorough research and recommended that Prong I should be our ultimate goal as a department. We may already be compliant in Prong III, but an undergraduate student population survey would be the only way to verify that. His final recommendation is a Prong II approach. A board member asked if we should specify and vote on the specific sport we want to add. Kerry Heyward suggested that we not vote on a specific sport, only vote to add a sport. Timing is key and an announcement should be made by 2013. Research is being done and a report will be presented to Dr. Becker.

\*A motion was made for the University to consider bringing us into compliance with gender equity by adding another sport. Updates will be brought in front of the Senate Committee for Athletics and a decision will be made by the next academic year. It was seconded and approved.

## VI. New Business

A. Fall Sports Schedule – All Fall sports schedules were reviewed by the committee. A suggestion was made to make a column for the day of the week that competition will be held on the left side of the form.

\*A motion was made to add the day of the week to the Sport Scheduling Form. Motion was seconded and approved.

\*A motion was made to approve the Fall Sports Schedules. Motion was seconded and approved.

B. CAA Compliance Recommendations – see power point

C. New Legislation – see power point

CAA Championship (post season play) participation was also discussed. Due to a 12 year rule, if a university plans to exit the CAA, their sports teams cannot participate in post season play. We challenged the rule and our spring sports were able to participate in post season play, but there is no guarantee for the upcoming sports. We will petition for the by-law to be

changed, but we are receiving feedback that this is not likely to happen. Another option is to have the rule suspended for 1 year. Finally, we could possibly enter the Sun Belt Conference (with exception of Football) and begin participation. All options are being explored.

VII. Election of Chair – only voting members could attend this portion of the meeting.

VIII. Future Meetings

A. TBD

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.