I. Call to Order

Peggy Gallagher called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 11:57 a.m. in Room 235, University Center.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was suggested that those in attendance review the minutes for additions or corrections before a motion to approve the 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, Dena Freeman-Patton, Peggy Gallagher, James Greenwell, Kerry Heyward, Cheryl Levick, Marvin Lewis, Mike Metzler, George Pierce, Andy Sumner (attended via phone), Kris Varjas

IV. Standing Reports

A. Athletic Director’s Report

Ms. Levick reported that the Men’s Basketball team has enjoyed a successful season with 20 wins to date. The next game will be the Sears Bracketbuster presented by ESPN. We will play a team outside our conference at home and will then play that same team on their home court within the next two years. It is very important that we win against Old Dominion University (ODU) and have planned Operation Sellout on February 22nd. Please plan to attend this game to support the men’s basketball team. April 16th is the date for the Athletic Awards Banquet to be held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza. More details to follow. Another important date is April 23rd which is when the PAC Golf Tournament will take place.

James Greenwell shared the Athletic Master Plan video with everyone and welcomed feedback. Within the video, it showed plans for a new basketball arena, volleyball complex, baseball stadium and soccer facility to name a few. A comment was made to make sure there is diversity with the student athletes and fans at the different facilities
shown in the video. The question was asked as to how many seats the new arena would hold. The plans call for the ability to hold 5,000 patrons.

V. Old Business

A. Men’s Basketball Game vs. Northeastern/PAC Event

Kris Varjas attended the PAC Event along with 6 others and although the game was very stressful until the very end, the Panthers won and everyone enjoyed all the events.

B. Drug Testing Policy: Bylaw Revision

A motion was made to add the Drug Policy review language to the Bylaws. All in attendance approved.

VI. Executive Session

Dan Cohen, Title IX Attorney was guest speaker and the session was closed.

Following the closed session, a motion was made to support the Athletics Department to move forward in maintaining compliance with Title IX and in maintaining the budget; and to provide periodic reports to the Senate Committee on Athletics for final approval. All in attendance approved.

VII. Future Meetings

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VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.