I. Call to Order

Kris Varjas called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 11:45 a.m. in the College of Education and Human Development.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was presented to approve the minutes from April 19, 2017. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Attendees - Charlie Cobb, Tamika Barnes, Bill Bognar, Nichole Broden, Jacob English, Constance Collier-Mercado, Robert Contreras-Murillo, Jacob English, Richard Fendler, Kerry Heyward, Dr. Jon King, Robert Moore, Joseph Peragine, George Pierce, Noah Samuelson, and Kris Varjas. Presenters: Brad Horton and Erik Paz were also in attendance.

III. Standing Reports

A. Chair Report

Kris Varjas believes in an athlete and student life balance. She has two goals for this committee: (1) understand the experience of our student athletes and well-being and (2) create more activities and opportunities that will allow us to spend time with our students. She encourages others to lead activities with these goals in mind.

B. Athletic Director’s Report

Director of Athletics Charlie Cobb opened by recognizing all the hard work done by his staff in the athletic department this summer and every day. This summer he had two goals for the stadium: (1) to make it look like a football stadium and (2) to have a “Georgia State” of mind when they were done. Goal accomplished! His focus for this year is having academic success throughout the program and taking advantage of the teachable moments with our students. He wants University – professors, students, community – to know that we have high standards for our students and that we support them but will make corrections and reprimands when needed.

C. Academics Report

i. APR (Academic Progress Rate)
   a. Spring semester GPAs were the highest recorded in Georgia State history
   b. We will be having a more detailed discussion on Special Talent policy and procedures at future meetings

ii. GSR (Graduation Success Rate) – 88% for athletics, 64% for University
iii. Attendance Breakdown Percentages – an overview handout was provided
iv. SBC GPA Awards – received 4 awards this year (5 the previous year)

D. Compliance Report

i. Rules – presented in PowerPoint form

ii. Review of Spring Schedule
   a. Schedule was approved by the committee: 11 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstained

IV. Future Meetings

    Wednesday, November 8th, 2017
    Thursday, February 22nd, 2018
    Wednesday, April 18th, 2018

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.