I. Welcome/Call To Order
Kris Varjas called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 11:46 am.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
There are no meeting minutes to approve, but there will need to be an email vote by Monday for the schedules in particular.

Attendees-
Kris Varjas, Brad Horton, Charlie Cobb, Erik Paz, Kelcey Roegiers, Robert Moore, George Pierce, Tamika Barnes, William Bogner, Catherine Perkins, Booker Linkhorn, Chester Phillips, Deborah Shapiro, Andy Sumner, and Amie Held.

III. Standing Reports
A. Chair Report – Varjas
There will be a big push this upcoming year to change bylaws to get a standing voting member that this group will appoint. The current notion is for our FAR, George Pierce, to become the standing member because they are more consistent than the chair. This process will take about a year to officially change the bylaws.

B. Athletic Director’s Report – Cobb
A 2018-2019 Athletics Success Expectations Report was handed out for members to review. Updates were given regarding recent revisions to policies and procedures in the student-athlete handbook such as freedom of speech and sexual misconduct. An operations manual for the stadium is officially in place. Athletics changed two media agreements and currently have contracts with the ESPN+ platform and a new radio agreement with 92.9FM and 1380AM is conflict with Falcons on 92.9.

Georgia Southern Rivalry Series Dates:
Sept. 14 Women’s Soccer
Nov. 7 Volleyball
Nov. 24 Football
Feb. 2 MBB
Mar. 9 WBB
May 3-4 Softball
May 16-18 Baseball
C. Title IX Report – Roegiers

Title IX handouts were reviewed. The goal is for GSU Athletics to meet all three prongs, but definitely prong one, which is ensuring athletic participation opportunities for male and female student-athletes are substantially proportionate. A survey that was conducted in the Fall of ’16 found that we met prong three, that there was no unmet interest. The athletics department looks at more than just equality in sports offered, but also the laundry list.

D. Academics Report – Horton

i. General Updates
   This year we have large freshmen and sophomore classes. The athletics department informed all faculty, staff, and student-athletes why they are receiving the study hall hours they are receiving. Two new, proactive measures being taken deal with books and transportation and safety. If the bookstore does not have a book then it can be ordered on Amazon with the PCard to be delivered within 3-5 days. Police escorts are available for students all hours of the day. Some current issues regarding transportation include students making fake parking permits and stolen bikes around campus. There are three GSU 1010 sections currently discussing regularly checking emails and being proactive in contacting professors. Schedule of classes for Spring 2019 are available on PAWS Oct. 8th.

ii. Cluster Report Update
   A lot of information has been pulled to compile the cluster report. There is clustering within MBB. However, there are no concerns as there are justifications to majors and colleges. Questions have been asked pertaining online classes, which are becoming more of a normalcy. The Group Me issues as well as ensuring academic integrity have been hot topics discussed in depth with the athletics department and student-athletes. Crystal Moody is the new full-time Director of Student-Athlete Development.

E. Compliance Report – Paz

An informative presentation was given to teach and reiterate important topics such as institution control, everyone must comply with the rules, and terms to know. Interactive questions were presented to the group to ensure everyone is on the same page and remaining compliant.

IV. Future Meetings
   Wednesday, November 14, 2018 (GSUS)
   Thursday, February 14, 2019
   Wednesday, April 17, 2019

V. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned 1:20 pm.