GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

I. Welcome/Call To Order
Kris Varjas called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 11:42 am.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
A motion was presented to approve the minutes from September 13, 2018. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Attendees-
Kris Varjas, Brad Horton, Charlie Cobb, Erik Paz, Kelcey Roegiers, Robert Moore, George Pierce, Tamika Barnes, William Bogner, Catherine Perkins, Booker T. Linkhorn, Chester Phillips …, Kerry Heyward, Aarjavi Patel, Shaquille Johnson, Cyntoria Johnson, Deb Shapiro (WebEx)

III. Standing Reports
A. Chair Report

Thank you to Kelcey and the ticket office for the hospitality shown to the Senate Committee at the football game, and thank you to Charlie for sharing his suite. The next Senate event will be at the Men’s Basketball on January 24th against Texas State.

B. Athletic Director’s Report

There are a lot of reasons to be excited about the fall sports seasons. A special congratulations to Brett and the men’s soccer team for regular season and conference tournament champions.
Our APR numbers are something to be proud of as well. There are three mechanisms to making money in college athletics and one of them is aggregate APR score, which is huge for mid-majors. With good APR scores, it is possible to make more money in 5 years than earning NCAA bids.
The facility projects on the football operations center in the stadium are in full swing and progress is being made. All of football will be moved to the stadium by the end of March, first of April. Soccer will then move to MLK.
There are three academic weeks remaining in this semester and Brad has his eye on a few of our student-athletes. Most of our teams have done a really nice job. Thanks to Chester for having the band at the volleyball game vs Georgia Southern. It made a huge difference.

C. Academics Report
i.  *Update Fall class schedules/absences*

GSU has won the Sun Belt Academic Award two years in a row now. The spring 2019 schedules for competition/academic calendars for each team with absences will be emailed to the Senate for a chance to look over them and vote. Updated absence proposals will be provided once official travel records have been identified for the fall.

ii.  *Cluster Report Update*

Brad went through the cluster report and highlighted important findings. Athletics is looking at student-athletes grades vs general student population, professors, courses, and majors to see if there are any red flags regarding academic clustering that need to be addressed. It is not a study mandated by the NCAA, but a proactive measure GSU is taking to be ahead of the curve. Suggestions were made for minor changes, edits will be made, the report will go back to the subcommittee, and then will be presented to the Senate.

IV.  Future Meetings

   Thursday, February 21, 2019
   Wednesday, April 17, 2019

V.  Adjournment

   The meeting was adjourned 1:08 pm.