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

II. Attendees
Kris Varjas, Brad Horton, Charlie Cobb, Erik Paz, Nia Cole, Andrew Gewirtz, Kerry Heyward, Dr. John King, Booker Linkhorn, Jennifer Lopez, Unil Perera, Catherine Perkins, Chester Phillips, George Pierce, Michael Sanseviro, Deborah Shapiro, Kyle Townsend, Doug Justice, Sam Campanella

III. Standing Reports
   A. Chair Report/Introduction – Kris Varjas
      Varjas gave a quick introduction and welcome. She started by stating that one of our committee members will soon become a member of the Special Talents Committee, with a vote taking place later this afternoon with the larger Senate. The Committee Chair or a designee of the Committee will be the new member and with this addition, there will now be seven (7) voting members on the Special Talents Committee. Erik Paz suggested this committee examine the committee bylaws to determine who should be appointed to the Special Talents Committee. This suggestion was agreed upon by the group and will be addressed at an upcoming meeting. She also thanked everyone who attended the PAC event at the recent Men’s Basketball game and is hopeful to have another event at an upcoming Beach Volleyball Match, with more details to follow.

   B. Athletic Director’s Report – Charlie Cobb
      Cobb stated we are in an exciting period with Fall sports ending and Spring sports beginning. He is very pleased with our Fall 2019 grades and the efforts our coaches and SAs have put in. He went on to note that we had a very successful Football season, both on the field and on the recruiting trail. Cobb went on to mention his excitement for where Men’s Basketball is heading, as well as the recent success from Women’s Basketball. He then mentioned the seasons just beginning for Baseball, Softball, Men’s and Women’s Tennis and Golf, as well as Track and Field. Cobb also mentioned we are finishing up with the current year budget and beginning to plan for the 2020-21 year. Finally, he stated his excitement for the new Convocation Center, which should break ground in the Fall.

   C. Academics Report – Brad Horton
      
      i. Fall 2019 Course Absence Review
      Horton highlighted the projected and reported absences for each team. Many sports posted one of their highest GPAs in program history. He also
mentioned numerous student-athlete who incurred multiple absences due to competition and still were able to perform well academically. Please see the attached documents that were distributed in the meeting.

ii. Fall 2019 End of Term Grades Review
Horton noted the final Fall 2019 GPAs for each team. He highlighted the 4.0 GPA for the Beach Volleyball team. He then provided information on all of the student-athletes on the President’s List (4.0 GPA or higher), the Dean’s List (3.5 – 3.99 GPA), and the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll (3.0 - 3.49 GPA) for Fall 2019. Please see the attached documents that were distributed in the meeting.

iii. 2018-19 APR Review
Horton discussed APR (Academic Progess Rate) data and how it is calculated. He went on to mention APR data for each team for the 2018-19 year, as well as the multiyear (four-year) rate. He commended our new coaches for being able to retain their student-athletes, which has a positive effect on APR. He also went on to mention whether benchmarks have been met for APR, FGR (Federal Graduation Rate), and GSR (Graduation Success Rate), which effects eligibility for the Academic Unit. If eligible for the Academic Unit (if at least one of these three benchmarks is met) then additional funding can be received. Currently, the benchmark has been met for GSR. Please see the attached documents that were distributed in the meeting.

iv. Georgia’s 2020 Peach of an Athlete
Lastly, Horton discussed the 2020 Peach of an Athlete, which recognizes the outstanding achievements (both in and out of athletics) of student-athletes at Georgia colleges and universities. This year, both of the Georgia State students nominated, Alexus Shaw of Track and Field and Ed Curney of Football, will receive the award. They will be honored at a banquet at the College Football Hall of Fame in March.

IV. Upcoming Events:
Varjas will send out invites to the committee for the following events:
   i. Beach Volleyball: March 10th at 5:30pm
   ii. Spring Football Game: April 3rd at 7:30pm
   iii. Spring Tour Dates:
      a. April 16th @ SweetWater Brewery
      b. April 21st @ GSUS
   iv. Golden Panther Awards: April 27th @ Ballroom in Student Union

V. Future Meeting
   Wednesday, April 15, 2020 @ CEHD 1025

VI. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.