

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 29, 2012

I. Call to Order

Kris Varjas called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 11:45 a.m. in Room 1025, College of Education.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was presented to approve the minutes and was seconded. All were in favor and minutes were approved.

Attendees-

Jamie Boggs, Gabrielle Brooks, Fred Brooks, Dena Freeman-Patton, MaryAnne Gaunt, James Greenwell, Kerry Heyward, Cheryl Levick, Mike Metzler, Erik Paz, Chester Phillips, George Pierce, John Portland, Andy Sumner, Kris Varjas

III. Standing Reports

A. Athletic Director's Report

- i. Department Update –
- ii. Sports Update – James Greenwell gave an overview of how the Fall Sports teams were performing. A handout was available for all committee members detailing updates on all sports.

B. Academic Report

- i. APR – Dena Freeman-Patton explained the latest change in the Academic Progress Rate (APR) for the NCAA. All of our teams are over the threshold of 900 which will need to rise to 930 next year in order to participate in competition. A team will be placed on an Academic Improvement Program (AIP) if necessary to improve their APR.
- ii. Graduation Success Rate – The GSR is at 84% which is the highest percentage for the Athletics Department. The hand out shows percentage and demographics.

C. Compliance Report

- i. New Enforcement Structure – Erik Paz informed the SCA of new NCAA regulations regarding compliance. These include a four-tier violation structure, emphasis on shared responsibility and enhanced head coach responsibility and accountability. Please refer to Power Point hand out for details.

IV. Old Business

A. Drug Testing Policy – Bob Murphy reviewed the updated Drug Testing Policy. The biggest difference from the prior policy is immediate suspension and referral to counseling for a first positive test. Student-athletes are randomly selected to be tested and are notified one day prior to testing. The ability to help the student-athlete has been enhanced and that is the goal rather than the three strikes and you're out rule.

B. Gender Equity Review

- i. Swimming & Diving Interest Survey – In Spring 2012, Swimming & Diving was recommended as a sport to add to our Athletics program. In October of this year, a student interest survey went out to all undergraduate, full-time GSU students. We received a 7% response rate from the student body – 142 students said they would want to participate if we had the sport available. 90+ students stated they had the ability to participate in the sport. The Sun Belt Conference has Swimming and Diving as a sport.
- ii. Laundry List Review Update – The head coaches completed their questionnaires and the data has been reviewed.
- iii. Gender Equity Plan –

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V. New Business

A. 2012-13 Spring Sports Schedule Approval – All committee members were given schedules for review. A motion was presented to approve the schedules and was seconded. All were in favor and schedules were approved.

VI. Future Meetings – March 7, 2013 and May 2, 2013.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.