



Samford University Athletics Committee
April 14, 2009

Time and Place of Meeting: Russell Hall 325 at 3:30 pm

Members Present: Greg Kawell, Chair (Arts & Sciences), Peter Neuberger (Associate Athletic Director), Harold Goss (Library), Bill Belski (Business), Gary Bumgarner (Pharmacy), Chris Metress (English & NCAA Rep), Michelle Durban (Athletics), Julie Head (Nursing), Kelly O'Connell (Women's Golf)

Members Absent: Chris Gillespie (Education), Mark Gignilliat (Divinity), Bob Roller (Director of Athletics), Grant Dalton (Performing Arts), Paul Aucoin (Academic Services),

Agenda: Reviewed and approved March 10, 2009 meeting minutes, recapped old business, new business, adjourned.

Minutes: Greg gave out minutes from previous meeting and asked for comments and questions.

Greg opened discussion of UCFH for athletes. Peter informed the committee that a new policy/agreement is in progress that will allow for faculty to work with coaches to incorporate workouts into the course activity requirement. The policy will be fair, clear, and in compliance with NCAA rules. As details unfold Peter will forward details to the committee.

Greg reviewed changes to the Faculty Handbook. Specifically, items 4 and 7 will be reworded to more clearly indicate committee oversight rather than responsibility of end of semester surveys and exit interviews. Committee members agreed on new wording. Greg will look into the issue of including an SGA Rep on the committee (ex-officio).

Peter is also working on a proposed change to the Physical Activity Course Requirements. The current policy is complicated and can be unfair. The basic idea is to allow for only 1 "participation activity" credit and that credit be a P/F with no impact on GPA. Greg will follow-up with Curriculum Committee.

Kelly O'Connell was a special guest at the meeting. She is the recipient of a Post-Graduate Scholarship awarded by the Conference. Samford athletes received 3 of the 6 awards given. Kelly plans to enter Med School in the fall of 2010.

Peter and Michelle indicated no concerns with the number of values violations. Peter also reported that graduation and retention numbers look good. He also gave out fall schedules.

Chris mentioned that exit interviews are loaded on Blackboard and ready to go. He will report in the Fall.

Michelle informed the committee that the SAMSPYS are expected to have over 400 people in attendance.

Meeting: This was the 6th meeting of the year for this committee.