

Samford University Athletics Committee
September 27, 2006

Time and Place of Meeting: Ingalls Hall 119 at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bruce Waldrop, Chair (Pharmacy), Howard Walthall (Law), Peter Neuberger (Associate Athletics Director), Lori Northrup (Library)

Members Absent: Greg Kawell (Arts and Sciences), Bill Service (Business), Mark Gignilliat (Divinity), Ralph Gold (Education), Audrey Oyama (Nursing), Grant Dalton (Performing Arts), Chris Metress (NCAA Representative), Bob Roller (Director of Athletics), and Bo Brawner (Student Representative)

Agenda:

Nominate recording secretary: Lori Northrup agreed to continue serving at recording secretary.

Select meeting dates and times for October and November: Due to the small number of attendees, Bruce will handle setting these dates using email. There was some discussion of which days might work best.

Review charges of committee as described in the Faculty Handbook: The Faculty Handbook as issued at the beginning of the academic year does not reflect the completed and revised mission statement that last year's committee worked on. Bruce will discuss with Ralph, last year's chair, the progress that was made in the Senate concerning that updated material.

Review summary report for 2005-2006: Members reviewed the accomplishments of the committee last year especially with respect to upcoming events as directed by the Athletics Dept.

Admissions standards for athletes and impact on discipline/departmental/school entrance criteria: Bruce introduced a topic which Ralph had previously brought to his attention regarding the creation of higher entrance standards of various disciplines across campus as a possible response to the generally below-average academic abilities of student-athletes. Peter said that indeed he thought academic proficiencies for admission of freshmen student athletes were lower than non-student athletes. Howard asked who on campus would be able to confirm this. Phil Kimrey's office and Institutional Research were given as possible sources of freshman information; Peter said the Athletic Dept. can provide statistics on retention and eligibility for older students. Peter will supply some of this data at the next meeting. Further discussion was tabled until that time.

Strategic planning for data accumulation/oversight: Peter reminded the committee that monitoring reports at the 5-week point had already gone out and that the athletic dept. would be collecting that information next week. At the next meeting the committee will be able to review some of this data as well as get a preview of the spring sports picture. The exit survey for graduating seniors will be administered this fall to all graduating seniors, a new practice this year. In the past this survey was given randomly only to some of the graduating seniors.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The next meeting will be announced via e-mail.