



**Samford University Athletics Committee
Oct 14, 2008**

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), Chris Gillespie (Education), Bill Belski (Business), Gary Bumgarner (Pharmacy), Mark Gignilliat (Divinity), Val Kikkert (SAAC), Chris Metress (English & NCAA Rep), Bob Roller (Director of Athletics), Michelle Durban (Athletics), Grant Dalton (Performing Arts), Julie Head (Nursing), Paul Aucoin (Academic Services)

Members Absent:

Agenda: Reviewed and approved Sept 9, 2008 meeting minutes, recaped old business, new business, adjourned.

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

Greg welcomed Paul Aucoin to the committee.

Val indicated feedback from SA Convocation was positive. Event was well attended and the speaker was a hit.

Chris G was very upset over being referred to as “old business”. He recovered and was able to report on discussions with Alan Jung regarding Concepts options for SAs. One option might be a “test in/permit” course athletes and other students could take that would have a heavier emphasis on the academic portion of health and wellness. Chris G will continue to discuss with Alan.

Billboard marketing campaign using scripture along with athletics is the responsibility of University Relations and has been cleared by the Board.

Greg discussed facility issues. Football teams will continue to use two handball courts until the football building is available. Campus Rec will seek to better communicate hours during times when students are gone. Bob indicated tennis courts have evening hours M-W, 6-9 pm.

Val indicated the Penny Drop is ongoing (goal \$600). SACC is also sponsoring kids through Angel Tree (\$800 raised so far). Fall Break Bowling cancelled, event changed to dinner event on Nov 1. April 27 is the date for the annual awards extravaganza (SAMSPYS).

Bob indicated ticket policy for employees will likely stay the same. Committee will recommend President approve additional opportunities for employees to purchase discounted merchandise.

Peter reported on graduation rates. We are doing well and report will be made public in January. Our numbers are particularly high for students who exhaust eligibility. Will bring Spring schedule to next meeting.

Peter also indicated mid-term grades were good. There are a few students in Foundations who aren't doing well due to absences.

Meeting: This was the 2nd meeting of the year for this committee.