



**Samford University Athletics Committee  
March 10, 2009**

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

**Members Present:** Greg Kawell, Chair (Arts & Sciences), Chris Gillespie (Education), Gary Bumgarner (Pharmacy), Chris Metress (English & NCAA Rep), Bob Roller (Director of Athletics), Michelle Durban (Athletics), Paul Aucoin (Academic Services)

**Members Absent:**

Peter Neuberger (Associate Athletic Director), Harold Goss (Library), Bill Belski (Business), Mark Gignilliat (Divinity), Grant Dalton (Performing Arts), Julie Head (Nursing),

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

**Minutes:**

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

Bob mentioned that the men's basketball team did not miss either classes on Friday or Monday due to the tournament. The fact that the team attended class on Friday and played that evening and won was mentioned in a paper in Chattanooga.

Michelle mentioned that SACCs raised \$3,500 for the Shoe String Competition and that by far was the most of any athletic department in the SoCon.

**Old Business:**

Greg began the discussion on the issue of UCFH for athletes. Greg said that he had contacted Alan Jung about attending the meeting and that Alan said that a group from ESSM and Athletics had met with Dr. Bateman over the issue.

Chris M, Bob and Michelle all attended the meeting and updated the committee on the results. The meeting took place on February 24th and was a meeting between those in ESSM and the athletic department. The idea of having a separate lab was not embraced by the ESSM department. An idea of student athletes bringing to the UCFH instructor their workout plan was discussed as a better option. At the meeting Chuck Sands from ESSM said that they would like to see something in place by this fall.

Chris G said that he will be attending a meeting tomorrow, March 11, to discuss details over this very issue.

We will wait to hear a report back to the committee from those who are still in talks over the issue before the committee takes any further action.

We also discussed proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook. We particularly looked at charge number 4 & 7 dealing with surveying graduating athletes. As the handbook reads now the responsibility for conducting the surveys lies with the committee, it was discussed in November to move the responsibility to the Athletic department with oversight be with the committee. After further discussion it was decided to have the University NCAA representative, (Chris M), create and administer the survey with the Athletic department supplying the names of those athletes who will be coming to the end of their eligibility. The University NCAA representative will then report the findings back to the committee. Chris M will begin to work with the Athletic department to implement this and Greg will work to reword charge 4 & 7 to reflect this idea.

The committee also looked at adding as Ex-Officio members to the committee the NCAA Compliance Officer, The Academic Support Representative, the Provost Representative, and changing from listing just Student to say SACC Representative. We will discuss at our next meeting if we should extend an invitation to the SGA if they would like to have a representative.

**New Business:**

Bob mentioned that Samford's NCAA certification will be evaluated this year. The Athletic department will be putting together a self-study review team and most likely will be asking for someone from the committee to serve on this team. The process will begin this summer and will have an onsite visit in the fall of 2010 and a final report from the NCAA in early 2011.

Bob also mentioned that work will begin late spring or early summer on the new track & field with completion scheduled for January 2010.

**Meeting:** This was the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the year for this committee.