



Samford University Athletics Committee
February 16, 2010

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

Members Present: Greg Kawell, Chair (Arts & Sciences), Bob Roller (Director of Athletics), Peter Neuberger (Associate Director of Athletics), Harold Goss, Secretary (Library), Bill Belski (Business), Chris Metress (FAR), Paul Aucoin (Academic Services), Chris Gillespie (Education), Gary Bumgarner (Pharmacy), Julie Head (Nursing), Michelle Durban (Associate Director of Athletics/SWA), Mark Gignilliat (Divinity)

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

Minutes: Greg discussed the ongoing Academic Support Services Evaluation. To date there have been 55 responses from coaches and student athletes. He will compile the results in an easy to use format and submit to the committee. This work may require an additional meeting in March as time constraints are tight.

Language for proposal to amend the Physical Activity Participation Requirement is as follows:

The sub-committee recommends that the Faculty Committee on Athletics move to send the following request to be considered by the Faculty Committee on Academic Affairs:

“That all ‘participation only’ Physical Education Activity credit courses be graded on a Pass/Fail basis. These courses would include varsity sports, cheerleading and marching band.”

Greg planned to take the proposal to the Faculty Senate.

Chris M. reported that all available student athletes who were asked to take the exit interview did so. He and Michelle will go through the results and present to the committee. In person interviews with select athletes are being scheduled with members of the committee.

He also mentioned Samford had 29 student athletes earn Academic All-Conference honors (3rd in the SoCon).

Greg went over information in the Faculty Handbook pertaining to travel schedules. Peter indicated he has met with coaches and reviewed/reemphasized the policy. Greg mentioned there has been a noticeable difference this semester with athletes informing him of the schedules. A suggestion was made to maybe add the policy information to the online schedule grid.

Chris mentioned we four student athletes nominated for SoCon minority and women’s scholarships. He also mentioned we will be participating in the NCAA GOALS survey this semester.

Michelle announced the SAMSPYs will be on April 29, 7 pm at the Sheraton. She also mentioned \$3000 has been raised for Pink Zone. That effort involved SAAC, members of the women’s basketball team, and Samford cheerleaders.

Bob discussed plans for men’s basketball senior night, plans to honor Jim Griffin, and updated the status of coach Tillette’s health (doing well).

Meeting: This was the 4th meeting of the year for this committee.