



Samford University Athletics Committee

September 22, 2009

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 (Senior Associate Director of Athletics), Harold Goss (Library), Bill Belski (Business), Chris Metress (English & NCAA Rep), Michelle Durban (Associate Director of Athletics), Chris Gillespie (Education), Henry Strickland (Law)

Members Absent:

Agenda: Reviewed and approved April 14, 2009 meeting minutes, recapped old business, discussed new business, and adjourned.

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

Greg reviewed the committees charge as stated in the Faculty Handbook (section A 1.5.9.5). He mentioned we should be open to changes especially as we go through the NCAA Recertification process during the next year and a half. Committee members did agree to make the following changes to the “Ex-Officio” section as follows: **remove** - “Representative from the Faculty Senate”; **add** - “SAAC Rep”, “NCAA Compliance Officer”, and “Academic Services Representative”; **change** – “University NCAA Representative” to “Faculty Athletic Representative”.

Proposal to Amend the Physical Activity Participation Requirement was tabled.

Peter provided and reported on fall schedules. The number of missed days will be reduced from last fall. Some concern was voiced over the number of misses the golf teams will have but their schedule reflects the absolute minimum required by the NCAA. Peter indicated the student athletes are asked to give their schedules to professors. The schedules are also available online.

Chris M discussed exit interviews. They were done through Blackboard in May. He was not pleased with the return rate (13/30) and is working with other schools from the conference to collect ideas to improve. He provided copies of the results and indicated the feedback was mostly positive. He is working with Michelle to develop an interview that will allow for easier identification of athletes and sports in the future. He and Michelle would also like the committee to pilot in-person exit interviews this semester and continue in the Spring and going forward.

Michelle is already preparing for the 2010 SAMSPYs. The 2009 event was a big success with approximately 400 in attendance. She also mentioned that the SAAC is actively collaborating and partnering with on campus Greek organizations in various ways.

Bob discussed the urgent need for a track. Our students are currently practicing at locations off campus at their own expense.

Meeting: This was the 1st meeting of the year for this committee.