



Samford University Athletics Committee
October 20, 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 (Associate Director of Athletics), Harold Goss, Secretary (Library), Bill Belski (Business), Gary Bumgarner (Pharmacy), Chris Metress (English & NCAA Rep), Michelle Durban (Associate Director of Athletics), Julie Head (Nursing), Paul Aucoin (Academic Services), Corky Strickland (Law), Megan Wilderotter (SAAC & Women's Basketball), Mark Gignilliat (Divinity)

Agenda: Reviewed and approved September 22, 2009 meeting minutes, recapped old business, new business, adjourned.

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

Greg opened discussion by going over changes to the "ex-officio" section in the Faculty Handbook. All agreed the current ex-officio members of the committee are important and should remain so going forward. The committee would like to add "Academic Affairs" bring the total to six.

The next topic was the proposal to amend the Physical Activity participation requirement. Peter and Paul will work together before the next meeting and report to the committee in November. Current procedure can be complex and confusing.

Chris and Michelle are working on the Spring Exit Interview. They are considering ways to improve the instrument itself. They would also like to see higher participation which will likely require collaborating with coaches to get athletes into a lab and administering the test that way. In addition plans are being made to conduct face-to-face interviews with student-athletes this Fall.

Greg highlighted the Provost's support of the Athletic Department at a recent Faculty Senate meeting.

Greg mentioned there still appears to be a breakdown in faculty members being made aware of travel schedules. One potential solution discussed was to have SA's give professors their travel schedule at the beginning of the semester and require them to get signatures to indicate that happened. Peter will follow-up.

Greg raised the issue about faculty involvement with prospects/recruits. He and Chris will discuss ways to educate faculty on what the rules are.

Peter went over the O9 SA Freshmen Profile and SA mid-term reports. Both looked good. He did point out some concerns in Accounting, Pre-Calculus, and Human Physiology.

Mark asked about the well-being of the SA's in the wake of Jim Griffin's death. Greg asked a link to the Andy Katz piece be included: http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/blog/index?entryID=4539316&name=katz_andy

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