



**Samford University Athletics Committee
December 1, 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), Chris Metress (FAR), Paul Aucoin (Academic Services), Corky Strickland (Law), Megan Wilderotter (SAAC & Women's Basketball), Patrick Hatcher (SAAC & Football), Chris Gillespie (Education)

Agenda: Reviewed and approved October 20, 2009 meeting minutes, recapped old business, new business, adjourned.

Minutes: Peter and Paul agreed to update committee on proposed changes to the Physical Activity Participation Requirement at the Feb 2010 meeting.

Greg discussed the NCAA Recertification we are currently going through and raised issues the committee needs to be aware of. The main issue relates to the committee's oversight responsibility to ensure student athletes are getting the academic support they need while at Samford. The primary mechanism to assess that is the exit-interview.

Chris reported on the exit-interview process. The plan is to have an updated exit-survey in place for Spring 2010. He will also work with Michelle Durban to schedule in-person interviews with a sample of graduating student-athletes in the spring as well. He would like to shoot for 25 percent representation in the in-person interviews.

Annual surveys for all student-athletes was also discussed. Megan and Patrick voiced concerns. Their main concern was athletes not graduating might be put in situations where their comments could make it back to coaches.

Greg voiced questions from faculty regarding SA travel schedules. Peter recommended SAs continue to be provided with schedules, be responsible for presenting to faculty, and he will follow-up with report that can be sent to faculty through e-mail.

Greg reported on proposals to faculty senate which are available in those minutes.

Peter reviewed the travel schedule for fall.

Bob informed the committee that construction of a track is a top priority for the Trustees. Soccer may be incorporated into that project. Intramurals and band would also benefit.

Meeting: This was the 3rd meeting of the year for this committee.