COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Blackmon, Chair, Dean Priddy, Ward Russell, Susan Safran

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS/GUESTS PRESENT: Craig Fink, Tim George, David Wyrick, Bryan Terry, Shannon Bennett, Kim Record, Director of Athletics, Liaison

PROCEEDINGS: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Charles Blackmon, Committee Chair. Minutes of the September 10, 2015 Meeting were approved.

Information Items

The members of the SAAC Executive Board spent some time talking with the committee members in regards to their experiences at UNCG. The student-athletes discussed topics ranging from leadership opportunities, involvement with other SAAC on the national level, academic experiences, importance of community service to the student-athletes, and SAAC becoming a recognized student-organization at UNCG.

Kim discussed the importance of the student-athlete voice at the national level of college athletics. She provided a copy of the survey which was sent to all Division I student-athletes. She spoke about how time demands can differ from football/men’s basketball as opposed to other sports. Results are not currently available for that survey.

Kim discussed that the GSR is a 6 year rolling average (2005-2008) data. Charles requested how UNCG compared to other UNC system schools. Kim spoke to the fact the UNCG is comparable to other SoCon schools, but that private schools are typically higher.

Kim introduced David Wyrick, FAR. He spoke about the Photovoice Project and the student-athletes that attended the APPLE Conference. Our student-athletes will be taking those photos and narratives to the next APPLE conference.

David spoke about the post graduate scholarships that we have nominated 6 student-athletes from our Fall sports. We have nominated 4 of our student athletes for the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship.

Finally, David discussed his role as the FAR (Faculty Athletic Representative). He talked in more detail about the background for Division I SAAC Time Demands Survey. He also discussed that the number one concern for the NCAA currently is mental health. He feels that UNCG does a great job managing the student-athlete experience to ensure that athletes are able to participate in community service, academics, athletics and the campus community as a whole as opposed to a win at all cost attitude.
Kim discussed the tremendous success of the Fall sports including 4 student-athletes receiving freshman of the year accolades in women’s soccer, men’s soccer, women’s cross country and volleyball with a number of programs losing in the semifinal rounds of their conference tournaments. She talked about the state of men’s & women’s basketball. Provided an update on the Compliance Review that has been completed with a first draft of the findings. A final copy of the review will be done by the December 31st deadline and shared with the Committee members.

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy M. Kosciak