

MINUTES

Faculty Athletic Council August 14, 2006

Members Present: Perry Jones, Kim Marie Tolson, Duke Marcus, Gordon Harvey, Ed Adams, Judy Williams, Mike Beutner, Judy Fellows, Skeet Creekmore, Bill McConkey, Harry Hale, Benny Blaylock, Rhonda Jones, Holly Casey, Peggy Meredith, Laurie Mondschein and Bobby Staub.

Members Absent: James Mock and Sean Chenoweth.

Announcements:

Bobby Staub reported on the state of the Athletic Department:

1. It was announced that the Department is hosting a hamburger cookout for faculty in front of the ULM Library at 11:30 on Wednesday, August 16.
2. The annual Warhawk Athletic Foundation kickoff will be held at 6:00 on Thursday, August 17 in the ULM Coliseum. More than 20 local restaurants are participating.
3. There will be a pep rally on August 30 for the first home game which is scheduled for August 31 against Alcorn State.
4. The process of selecting a new mascot has gone extremely well.
5. Currently the football stadium elevator shaft is being painted with "ULM Warhawks." There will be other cosmetics for football as we move forward. Other changes will be stair-stepped according to who is in their championship season.
6. Reported that installation of the new video board has not occurred yet. It is a two-fold issue. The co-sponsorship with Coca-Cola is being renewed so approval of the construction has to go through the State of Louisiana.
7. The new floor in the coliseum looks good. Positive comments were made from visiting AAU coaches.
8. The Athletic Department does not have enough "bodies" to do the work that needs to be done. A request was made to Provost Richters to consider increasing the number of graduate assistants to help with this situation. His response was positive and the number has almost doubled.
9. Strategic Plan: It was reported that there is a rough draft of a 5-year plan. Some things being included: (1) Need a major gift campaign; (2) Trying to wean themselves off the "guaranteed" games; (3) Defining responsibilities with staff.

10. The soccer field is ready to go. Some areas need to grow in, particularly in the seam areas. Plans are to eventually have lights, permanent rest rooms, a club house, etc.
11. The high school jamboree, a 3-year deal, will be held in Malone Stadium on August 26. The field will be painted.
12. The first Quarterback Club lunch will be held on August 23 at 11:30 in the Alumni Center.

Perry Jones asked about the possibility of showing the 4 away games in the Scoggin Room. Mr. Staub will look into this, but reported that all will be televised at home through either ESPN or ESPNU.

Lauri Mondschein recapped the mentorship program from the spring 2006 semester. In almost every category things are improving and encouraged the mentors to “keep up the good work.” Statistics provided are being made of part of these minutes. No one was taken out, but does not yet include freshmen.

***Note: Skeet Creekmore reminded the Council that this personal information is confidential.**

New Business:

1. Meeting days/times were discussed for September, October and November of 2006. It was decided that the second Monday in these months would work for all members. **The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 11 from 1:30 – 2:30.**
2. Skeet Creekmore reminded the Council that the NCAA self-study will be due in the fall of 2009.
3. Windbreakers: Skeet Creekmore will bring a catalog to the next meeting for members to look over what they might like to purchase, keeping in mind that all purchases will have to be paid up front.
4. An evaluation of each Council member will be completed by the Chair of the FAC at the end of each year and submitted to the Provost.

Respectfully submitted by:

Peggy Meredith