Athletic Committee Meeting

October 7, 2010

Present: Mrs. Christa Raney, Mr. David Shields, Mr. Robbie Burdine, Dr. Amanda Hofacker, Dr. Sue Wilson, Mrs. Cynthia Burkhead, Mr. Tyler Unsicker, Mr. Mark Linder, Mr. Ben Baker, Ms. Jana Morrison, Mr. Samuel Thigpen, Mr. Todd Vardaman

Absent: Dr. Steve Smith, Dr. Pat Roden, Ms. Natalie Robertson

Mrs. Raney asked for approval of the minutes for the February 18, 2010 meeting. There were no corrections or additions. Dr. Hofacker moved to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Burkhead seconded the motion. The minutes for the February 18 meeting were accepted as read.

Mrs. Raney asked for approval of the minutes for the April 8, 2010 meeting. There were no corrections or additions. Mrs. Burkhead moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Shields seconded the motion. The minutes for the April 18 meeting were accepted as read.

Mrs. Raney asked for introductions of each committee member. Mrs. Raney is the chair of the athletic committee for the 2010-2011 year, and Dr. Hofacker is the vice chair.

Mr. Linder stated that the pregnancy policy for the athletic department is being reviewed by Tammy Irons. Mr. Linder said that while waiting on the return of the policy, he had confidence in his staff regarding the welfare of student athletes.

Ms. Morrison stated that the application for the Athletic Interest Survey has been completed. The survey is a Title IX Federal Law in which the University of North Alabama must comply.

The athletic department and athletic committee attended the NCAA Diversity Training on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The training was a requirement by the NCAA.

Mr. Linder updated the committee on the following information:

* The scholarship plan has been delayed because of proration.
* The Exit Survey for student athletes who are graduating or have exhausted eligibility has not been implemented. The committee discussed that once a student athlete has taken the survey, the student athlete should have an opportunity to talk to a faculty member, if needed.
* The NCAA Self Study Guide is due May 2011. The report is a detailed report of how the athletic department operates with supporting documentation. Mr. Vardaman and Mr. Linder will meet on Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to work on the report. The report has fifteen different parts. The athletic committee will review the NCAA Self Study Guide before it is submitted to Dr. Cale.
* The NCAA visit for the blueprint review that was scheduled for the fall of 2010 has been rescheduled for fall of 2011.
* Mr. Linder stated that he has met with several different committees on and off the UNA campus to discuss the Division I information. Mr. Linder said that he had copies of the Division I report if athletic committee members would like one. He also said that the report was online.
* The committee discussed the employee discount for admission to UNA athletic events.

The committee discussed adding additional faculty members to the Athletic Committee. Adding more faculty members would create flexibility and give more input to the committee. The committee voted unanimously to add two additional members. The chair of the committee will send the recommendation to add two additional faculty members to the appropriate person for approval.

The Athletic Committee will meet again at 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 21, 2010. Mr. Linder will give a detailed report on the Division I information.

The meeting was adjourned.