

# **Silver Jackets Meeting**

Tuesday May 8, 2018

Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 343

## **Minutes**

**Members and 3 Visitors Attending** (14 total): Kathy Tomajko (Library), Ron Bohlander (GTRI), John Balsam (GTRI), Janis Goddard (OSP), Earl Cagle (Purchasing), Nannette Dooley (Library), Charles Parsons (Business), Sheila Parsons (Visitor), Walter Allen (Purchasing), Len Parsons (Business), Julie Parsons (Visitor), Steve Dickerson (ME), Pat Davis (COS), Ron Tomajko (Visitor).

### **Business Meeting**

**Kathy Tomajko, President**, called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.

She reported on the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) Conference to be held at the Emory Hotel & Conference Center From Oct. 7-9, 2018. The Conference planners are soliciting presentations and also encouraging attendance. Early registration deadline is July 31 and registration is \$275 for AROHE members. The Silver Jackets are AROHE members. For more information, go to [www.arohe2018.org](http://www.arohe2018.org).

### **Program**

John Balsam introduced our speaker Doug Alvine, GT Assistant Athletic Director, Innovation, who spoke on GT Athletics Innovation and Academic Achievement. When Doug Alvine took this position, his vision was to establish Atlanta as leader in sports technology innovation. The Center for Sports Innovation would involve the big three: Atlanta sports teams, plus Georgia Tech, and Atlanta corporations. The GT participation would include research and development at GT and GT entrepreneurship programs.

Student Athlete Academic Performance: in Fall 2017, with 17 sports teams, there were 417 student athletes—271 males, 146 females, a graduation

success rate of 88%. There were 46% in the College of Business, 31% in the College of Engineering, and 23% in remaining programs. Fifty percent earned a 3.0 GPA—the top teams were men’s tennis and women’s track.

Also, 87 student athletes obtained internships in the summer of 2017.

The GT Degree Completion Program, which helps student athletes who are recruited into professional sports before completing their degree program, has been very successful. To participate the athlete must be within the last 36 credit hours of degree completion. Doug told us some inspiring stories about athletes who have completed their degrees.

### **Announcements**

John Balsam announced that the next Silver Jackets meeting would be on Tuesday, September 11 at 11:00 am in 343 Student Center.

John is happy to hear from SJ members with speaker and program ideas.

Our Holiday Luncheon is Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at Petite Violette at 2948 Clairmont Rd. We will likely start gathering at 11:30 am with lunch beginning at about 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Goddard  
Secretary