

Thank you, President Morehead.

Good afternoon, fellow members of the University Council. The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met on October 2, 2024, led by Chair J. Derrick Lemons. In this meeting, a panel of senior athletic staff discussed the challenges related to new unlimited transfer policies, noting the impact on admissions and graduation rates, particularly when coaching changes cause large transfers from a class cohort. Beth Dziejcz (JEE Jick), Associate Athletic Director of Academics, reported progress on initiatives from the previous spring meeting, including the development of an Excel database for high-quality internships and experiential learning opportunities and AI use rules guidance and training for student-athletes. Beth, also, emphasized efforts to improve the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) such as front-loading courses and partnering with the Center for Counseling & Personal Evaluation to support academically at-risk athletes. Additionally, the committee celebrated a record-breaking all-sports GPA of 3.21 for the 2023-2024 academic year. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Derrick Lemons

Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics