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Thank you, President Morehead.

Good afternoon, fellow members of the University Council. The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met on October 22, 2025 led by Chair J. Derrick Lemons.

Josh Brooks reported two notable NCAA changes: elimination of the second transfer-portal window and removal of the exemption that had allowed immediate transfers when a head coach departs. Also, he shared that Fall sports are trending toward one of our strongest season to date, with Soccer, Football, and Volleyball all on pace for outstanding results.

Athletics representatives, we heard an update on follow-through from last spring's COIA discussions including inaugurating Faculty and Staff Appreciation Days this fall: an initial event was held with Soccer in September, additional events are planned for Basketball in October, with Softball and Gymnastics in January, and Football in March. Also, faculty participated in student-athlete orientation and the summer bridge program which was highlighted as a positive development in academic culture and support.

Staff reported significantly increased transfer activity in recent years, with corresponding growth in workload linked to changes in the transfer portal. Academically, student-athletes posted a 3.27 GPA for Spring and a 3.26 GPA for the full academic year. Five student-athletes were nominated for the Allstate NACDA Good Works Team. Degree progress remains strong, with 121 student-athletes graduating last year—26 in December and 95 in May.

Regarding graduation metrics, Beth Dziedzic noted the definition and lag structure of the NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR), which reflects cohorts from approximately seven years prior. The department anticipates a record-tying overall GSR of 87 percent to be released in November 2025, with multiple teams meeting or exceeding benchmark levels, and outlook suggests further improvement toward 89 percent in the next cycle.

We closed with a Head Coaches' outlining how they partner with academic support and reinforce expectations around attendance, communication with instructors, and time management during travel and competitive seasons.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Derrick Lemons

Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics