



Thank you, President Morehead.

Good afternoon, fellow members of the University Council. The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met on April 14, 2026 led by Chair J. Derrick Lemons.

I am pleased to share an academic and competitive update highlighting the exceptional performance of our student-athletes this fall. This semester marked a historic academic achievement, with an all-sports fall GPA of 3.30, the highest fall GPA on record. In addition, 75.4 percent of student-athletes earned above a 3.0 GPA. Six teams—Football, Men’s Golf, Men’s Swim and Dive, Men’s Track and Field, Women’s Tennis, and Volleyball—recorded their highest fall semester GPAs ever.

Men’s Basketball continues to demonstrate strong academic performance, with 12 of 15 student-athletes holding cumulative GPAs above 3.0. Five basketball student-athletes—Justin Abson, Justin Bailey, Brandon Klatsky, Dylan James, and Jaden Newell—are projected to graduate this spring or summer.

Football also shows impressive academic progress. Fourteen scholarship student-athletes are projected to graduate this spring or summer, while six current scholarship student-athletes have already completed their degrees.

Across all sports, we currently have 19 student-athletes maintaining a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA across nine teams. In total, 92 student-athletes are scheduled to graduate this spring across 16 sports, including nine earning master’s degrees or certificates, representing 41 different fields of study.

In addition to these academic successes, our teams are excelling at the highest levels of competition. Football secured an SEC Championship, while Women’s Indoor Track and Field and Women’s Tennis Team Indoor each captured National Championships.

In summary, this has been a record-setting semester both academically and athletically. Our student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom and in competition, reflecting a strong culture of discipline, achievement, and support.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Derrick Lemons

Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics