



Minutes

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics Fall 2024 Meeting

October 02, 2024
1:00-2:00 PM

Attendees: J. Derrick Lemons, Chair, Jennifer Chapman, Mark Huber, Melissa Redmon, Elizabeth St. Pierre, Beth Tolley, Jean Martin-Williams, David Shipley, Andre Powell, Destin Howard, Filipe Costa, Stephanie Ransom

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met on October 2, 2024, in the Team Meeting Room in Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall. A quorum being present, Chair J. Derrick Lemons called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Lemons opened the meeting by providing an overview of the Duties of The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics

- Duties
 - To meet with the Athletic Director of the University of Georgia Athletic Association to review the Athletic Association policies and plans pertinent to the University program of student involvement in intercollegiate athletics.
 - To meet with the Associate Athletic Director for Student Services and the Compliance Coordinator of the University of Georgia Athletic Association to review admission and transfer criteria for student athletes and the University of Georgia's compliance with NCAA rules and regulations. The Committee will report to Council on the academic progress of student-athletes at least once a semester.
 - To provide an annual written review of the Academic Support Group of the Athletic Association, mandated by the NCAA. The review will consist of the results of interviews with academic counselors, student-athletes, and an evaluation of the facilities and policies of the Academic Support Unit.
 - To formulate and recommend to the Council and the Athletic Association any changes in the present University program of intercollegiate athletics.

Minutes: As the first order of business, motions were made by Jennifer Chapman that were seconded by Beth Tolley to approve the minutes from the [April 15, 2024](#) meeting. A vote was called, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

- Beth Dziedzic provided a report discussing progress on issues brought up in the previous spring COIA meeting.
 - An Excel database for high-quality, flexible internships and experiential learning opportunities has been developed with plans for them to be expanded by future committees on intercollegiate athletics at UGA.
 - Guidance and training for use of Artificial Intelligence in course work is provided for student athletes.
 - Expressed a need for more high quality asynchronous online classes. Followed by discussion about the standard for students to attend class in-person as being good for the overall student experience.
- Compliance (Panel of Glada Horvat, Rhonda Kilpatrick, Will Lawler, Darrice Griffin)
 - Challenges connected with the New World of Transfers & Admissions

- Unlimited transfers create ongoing admissions issues that are navigable but challenging.
- Graduation rates are affected when coaches change and whole classes of athletes transfer.
- Academics (Beth Dziedzic)
 - GSR numbers (reported and projected)
 - Graduation Success Rate compares the number of students who entered UGA in a given year (cohort) and the number of those students who graduated within 6 years of their initial enrollment. Numbers that are publicly released are 7 years old.
 - Front loading courses to help students work more quickly toward timely graduation which will positively impact our GSR numbers in 4-5 years.
 - General updates & points of pride
 - Record-breaking GPA in the 2023-2024 academic year. The “all sports” yearly GPA of 3.21 (combined GPA of all student-athletes for both the fall and spring semester) is the highest ever.
 - Finalizing partnership with Center for Counseling & Personal Evaluation for more detailed testing for academically at-risk student-athletes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Derrick Lemons, Chair
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