



Minutes

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics Fall 2025 Meeting

October 22, 2025

1:00-2:00 PM

Attendees: J. Derrick Lemons, Chair, David Shipley, William Perry, Elizabeth Isakson, Jennifer Chapman, Amy Winter, Melissa Fahmy, Eric Rubenstein, Ebenezer Boakye

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met on October 22, 2025, in the Team Room in Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall. A quorum being present, Chair J. Derrick Lemons called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the Spring 2025 meeting were unanimously approved via email on April 22, 2025.

New Business

- Athletic Director's Update
 - NCAA eliminated the second portal window and the exemption that allowed players to leave immediately when their coach left.
 - Fall Sports are on pace to have the best season ever (Soccer, Football, Volleyball).
- Report from Athletics Representatives regarding Spring 2025 COIA meeting follow-up
 - Absence Policy: Ongoing discussions with the Provost's office; exploring the most appropriate pathway for bringing a proposal to University Council.
 - Creation of new Faculty & Staff Appreciation Days: One event held in September (Soccer); additional events scheduled/anticipated in October (Basketball), January (dates to be finalized for Softball and Gymnastics), and March (Football).
 - Faculty engagement highlighted: participation in student-athlete orientation and summer bridge programming.
- Compliance
 - There is significant increased transfer activity over recent years and related work due to changes in the transfer portal.
- Academics
 - Spring GPA – 3.27
 - Academic Year GPA – 3.26
 - Allstate NACDA Good Works Team Nominees
 - Somto Cyril, MBB
 - Brooke Gleichowski, Gymnastics
 - Elizabeth Isakson, Women's Swim & Dive
 - Kaila Jackson, Women's Track & Field
 - Alon Rogow, Men's Track & Field
 - 121 student-athletes graduated last academic year; 26 in December, 95 in May
 - Graduation success rate
 - Definition: A historic look at graduation numbers at a 4-year period from approximately 7 years ago
 - Current information in the media is from students who enrolled Summer 2014 – Spring 2019
 - Department anticipates a record-tying overall GSR of 87% to be released in November 2025, with multiple teams at or above benchmark levels; outlook indicates further improvement in the next cycle (89%).

- Head Coaches' Q&A
 - Coaches shared how they work with students to encourage success in the classroom.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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