



**Board of Trustees  
Committee Meeting  
Rudolph Jones Student Center  
Room 242**

**Committee on Athletics  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
10:30 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

|                             |                                |
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| Call to Order               | John McFadyen, Committee Chair |
| Welcome and Opening Remarks | John McFadyen                  |
| Roll Call                   | Karen Bussey                   |
| Approval of Minutes:        | December 10, 2025              |

**Information Items:**

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| A. Athletics Update | Mr. Anthony Bennett<br><i>Director of Athletics</i> |
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**Action Items:**

There are no action items to be presented at this committee meeting.

**Committee members:** John McFadyen, Will Warner, Latoya Harper, Greg Pinnix, Glenn Adams

Staff Liaison: Todd Bennett  
Board Professional: Karen Bussey

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**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
10:00 AM**

The Committee on Athletics of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in the Rudolph Jones Student Center, Multi-Purpose Room and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following were in attendance: Mr. John McFadyen, Mr. Will Warner, Ms. Latoya Harper, Mr. Greg Pinnix, and Mr. Glenn Adams.

Staff in attendance were Chancellor Darrell Allison, Mr. Anthony Bennett, Atty. Wanda Jenkins, and Mr. Kenneth Spayd.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee Glenn Adams and seconded by Trustee Greg Pinnix to approve the September 24, 2025, committee meeting minutes, as presented. The motion carried.

**ATHLETICS UPDATE**

Athletic Director Todd Bennett presented key performance indicators and strategic priorities for the athletics program. Student athletes' grade point average (GPA) continue to exceed both the CIAA and Division II data. The six-year graduation rate for 2025 is 71%, staying consistent over the last 3 years.

NCAA eligibility rates remain strong at 96%, reflecting the university's commitment to academic success for student-athletes. FSU's eligibility rate has performed better than the CIAA and on par with Division II schools when compared.

Financially, athletic expenses per student-athlete in 2024 was approximately \$22,000, aligning more closely with peer institutions. Total athletics expenses for 2024 were \$5.7 million. The department prioritizes funds to support enhanced student engagement and development opportunities

Athletic Director Bennett was excited to share that Fayetteville State Athletics celebrated notable achievements this semester, including the 2025 CIAA Men's and Women's Cross Country Championship and Women's Volleyball Championship. He introduced the coaches and the international student athletes on each team to showcase the diversity of experiences at FSU.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee on Athletics adjourned at approximately 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John McFadyen, Chair

Karen Bussey, Secretary to the University



# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**

**Todd Bennett  
Director of Athletics  
March 25, 2026**

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT ATHLETE  
ACADEMIC SUCCESS FALL 2025

# 3.33

*ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GPA*

12

Programs  
With 3.0+ GPA

171

Student  
Athletes  
3.0+ GPA

95

Student  
Athletes  
3.5-3.99 GPA

31

Student  
Athletes  
4.0 GPA



FAYETTEVILLE STATE



WOMEN'S  
INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

# 2026 CIAA WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPION





**NCAA DIVISION II**  
**QUALIFIER**

**INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP - MILE**

**FAITH KIPLIMO**  
**FAYETTEVILLE STATE**



# FAITH KIPLIMO

A HISTORIC INDOOR SEASON



- CIAA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP MVP
- CIAA FEMALE TRACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
- ATLANTIC REGION NUMBER ONE RANK IN 800 METERS & MILE

**800 METERS**  
**2:12.72**

**MILE**  
**4:51.07**

**3000 METERS**  
**10:30.90**

**NCAA DII INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANT - MILE**

F A Y E T T E V I L L E S T A T E



# 2026 CIAA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



**CIAA** PLAYER  
OF THE **YEAR**

LARRY HOWELL



**CIAA** SIXTH MAN  
OF THE **YEAR**

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# LARRY HOWELL

A LOOK INTO HIS CAREER AS A BRONCO  
2025-2026

- **PLAYER OF THE YEAR: CIAA, BOXTOROW, HBCU ALL-STARS**
- **ALL-CIAA FIRST TEAM**
- **CIAA ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- **BOXTOROW ALL-AMERICAN FIRST TEAM**
- **D2CCA ALL-ATLANTIC REGION FIRST TEAM**
- **3X CIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
- **#1 CIAA IN SCORING POINTS PER GAME**
- **#1 FREE THROWS MADE/ATTEMPTED**
- **16 GAMES WITH 20+ POINTS**
- **ALL GAMES DOUBLE DIGIT POINTS**
- **1000 PTS IN 2 YEARS - 1,749 TOTAL CAREER PTS**



# TICKET PUNCHED!

TOURNAMENT  
BOUND

NCAA



FAYETTEVILLE STATE  
★ **BRONCOS** ★

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA DII ATLANTIC  
REGION TOURNAMENT

ERIE, PA • HIGHMARK EVENTS CENTER

No. 5 SEED

ROAD TO THE **ELITE EIGHT!**

QUARTERFINALS & SEMIFINALS: MARCH 25 & 27 • PITTSBURGH, PA

1 GANNON

8 CHARLESTON (WV)

4 CALIFORNIA (PA)

5 FAYETTEVILLE STATE



2 WEST LIBERTY

7 VIRGINIA UNION

3 FAIRMONT STATE

6 INDIANA (PA)

FIRST ROUND  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14

**ALL-CIAA  
FIRST TEAM**

TALIA TROTTER



**ALL-CIAA  
SECOND TEAM**

KA'NYAH O'NEAL



# TALIA TROTTER

A LOOK INTO HER CAREER AS A BRONCO  
2022-2026

- 1,117 CAREER PTS
- 2x ALL-CIAA
- 2026 CIAA ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
- 3x CIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK
- 324 CAREER ASSISTS (3RD BEST IN FSU HISTORY)
- #4 IN NCAA TRIPLE-DOUBLES



# TICKET PUNCHED!

TOURNAMENT  
BOUND

NCAA



NCAA

DII

ATLANTIC REGION  
TOURNAMENT

1 INDIANA (PA)

8 CHARLESTON (WV)

4 SETON HILL

5 FAYETTEVILLE STATE



2 GANNON

7 EDINBORO

3 WINSTON-SALEM STATE

6 GLENNVILLE STATE

KOVALCHICK CONVENTION & ATHLETIC COMPLEX • INDIANA, PA • MARCH 13-16

NEXT UP: 5 FAYETTEVILLE STATE vs. 4 SETON HILL

F A Y E T T E V I L L E S T A T E



# 2026 CIAA BOWLING CHAMPION



# NICOLE SARKO

 PERFECT GAME! 



**BOWLED A PERFECT 300!**

Friday, March 13 - B&B Bowling Lanes  
Fayetteville, NC



# QUESTIONS