



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

**Committee on Athletics
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

Call to Order	John McFadyen, Committee Chair
Welcome and Opening Remarks	John McFadyen
Roll Call	Karen Bussey
Approval of Minutes:	March 25, 2026 June 10, 2026

Information Items:

A. Athletics Update	Mr. Anthony Bennett <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, Alecea O'Kelly, Greg Pinnix, Glenn Adams

Staff Liaison: Todd Bennett
Board Professional: Karen Bussey

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**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
10:30 AM**

The Committee on Athletics of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, in the Rudolph Jones Student Center, Multi-Purpose Room and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff in attendance were Frank Hyland, Devin Hoehn, and Tyreece Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Glenn Adams and seconded by Trustee Will Warner to approve the December 10, 2025, committee meeting minutes, as presented. The motion carried.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Athletic Director Todd Bennett presented on the academic achievements of the student-athletes. FSU's student-athletes continue to excel and posted an average grade point of 3.33 for the Fall semester. Twelve athletic programs have a 3.0 or higher average GPA. Thirty-one student-athletes have a 4.0 GPA.

Additionally, spring sports programs continued to dominate the CIAA. The Women's Indoor Track and Field, Men's Basketball, and Bowling programs brought home championship trophies. The committee heard from the coaches and student representatives from each program about their experience as Bronco athletes.

- Representing Track and field, Faith is the CIAA Track and Field Championship MVP, CIAA Female Track Athlete of the Year, and Atlantic Region Number One Rank in the 800 Meters and Mile. She is a 4.0 student.
- Representing Men's Basketball, Larry is the CIAA player of the year with numerous accolades within his student-athlete career, including 1,749 total career points.
- Representing Women's Basketball, Talia is a two-time All-CIAA recipient, three-time CIAA player of the week, and #4 in NCAA triple-doubles.
- Representing Bowling, Nicole and her teammates were recognized for their outstanding performance this season. Nicole recently scored a perfect 300 game.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee on Athletics adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John McFadyen, Chair

Karen Bussey, Secretary to the University

**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
10:30 AM**

The Committee on Athletics of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, in the Charles W. Chesnutt Library, Board Room and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Trustees were in attendance: Mr. Will Warner and Ms. Alecea O’Kelly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Quorum was not met during the committee meeting. The approval of March 25, 2026, minutes are deferred to the September 23, 2026, meeting.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

AD Bennett shared an overview of the 2024-2025 UNC System Intercollegiate Athletics and Financial Transparency Report. Key insights showed a strong academic profile among student-athletes, including 54 recruited freshmen with no admissions exceptions and an average incoming GPA of 3.07. Student-athletes continue to outperform the general student population with a 3.34 GPA compared to 3.12, while maintaining full compliance with the NCAA and academic integrity standards.

Additionally, the athletics program reported approximately \$6.2 million in total revenue against \$5.3 million in expenses, resulting in a positive financial position. Overall, the program reflects strong fiscal management, generating a net surplus of approximately \$932,000 and meaningful progress towards closing previous financial gaps. Trustee Al Ragland asked for information about the deficit. Chief Financial Officer provided a high-level outlook and university plans to continue closing the gap.

The athletics programs closed the year with 7 CIAA Championships including:

- Men’s and Women’s Cross Country;
- Women’s Volleyball;
- Women’s Indoor Track and Field;
- Women’s Bowling;
- Men’s Basketball; and
- Men’s Golf

Additional accolades include the:

- Loretta Taylor Women’s All-Sports Award for the 5th consecutive year,
- CIAA Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year;

- CIAA Compliance Director of the Year;
- CIAA Athletic Director of the Year;
- 5 CIAA Athlete of the Year Awards; and
- 4 CIAA Coach of the Year Awards

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee on Athletics adjourned at approximately 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John McFadyen, Chair

Karen Bussey, Secretary to the University



BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

**Todd Bennett
Director of Athletics
September 23, 2026**



FAYETTEVILLE
STATE UNIVERSITY™

Dr. Inez Turner

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

*From Championship Coaching to
Championship Leadership*



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CIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS
AT FSU

Since joining in 2017



20

CIAA COACH OF
THE YEAR HONORS
AT FSU



1996

JAMAICAN OLYMPIAN



NCAA NATIONAL
CHAMPION

- Former NCAA national champion at Texas State University.



MULTIPLE HALL OF
FAME RECOGNITION

- Recognized for an outstanding athletic career.



LEADERSHIP IMPACT

- Will help guide departmental initiatives, support coaches and student-athletes, and advance excellence across all FSU athletic programs.



IMPACT FORUM

COMMUNITY | HUMANITY | LEADERSHIP

*Meaningful Conversations.
A Brighter Tomorrow.*



NCAA IMPACT FORUM

COMMUNITY. HUMANITY. LEADERSHIP.

The **NCAA Impact Forum** brings together student-athletes, campus leaders, coaches, and changemakers to discuss how athletics can create positive change beyond the game. The event highlights real conversations, shared experiences, and bold ideas that strengthen communities and elevate the human experience.



COMMUNITY

Highlighting the power of athletics to unite people, build connections and create opportunities in local and global communities.



HUMANITY

Elevating stories of resilience, empathy and service, and the importance of supporting the whole person — on and off the field.



LEADERSHIP

Equipping the next generation of leaders to use their platforms for good, drive meaningful change, and leave a lasting legacy.

“ The NCAA Impact Forum is a reminder that athletics is bigger than competition — it’s about people, purpose and a better tomorrow.

— NCAA



NCAA Impact Team: Turning Inspiration into Action at FSU

A team from Fayetteville State University traveled to Indianapolis for the NCAA Impact Team, where they were tasked with developing a **Belong and Well-Being initiative** to bring back to our campus.

The team created a series of mental health and well-being experiences to lead up to **De-Stress Fest** hosted on **April 29th** in conjunction with Bronco Wellness. Student-athletes encounter considerable mental health challenges, and many continue to face stigma and obstacles in accessing support. In addition to raising awareness of available campus resources, this team aims to help break down barriers and encourage students to seek support.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Hosting a series of engaging experiences to promote mental health and well-being for student-athletes.



BREAKING BARRIERS

Working to reduce stigma and encourage open conversations about mental health and support.



CAMPUS RESOURCES

Increasing awareness of available resources across campus to help students access the support they need.

Why Athletics Matters to Our Universities



\$1.1B+ ECONOMIC IMPACT

Estimated annual economic impact of our athletics programs across North Carolina.



Visibility & Brand

Game days are the System's most visible front porch — putting our universities in front of millions who will never read a strategic plan.



Access & Achievement

Student-athletes posted 3.0+ GPAs at 14 of 15 universities in Spring 2025 — and out-performed their non-athlete classmates at 10.



15 PROGRAMS

Every tier — Power 4 to Division II, ACC to CIAA — across North Carolina.



Alumni/Donor Engagement

Game-day traditions anchor lifelong alumni identity — and open doors for university-wide philanthropy.



Community & Economic Impact

Game days fill local hotels and restaurants; venues host concerts, camps, and community events year-round.



Student Experience

Teams anchor campus life and school spirit — for student-athletes and their classmates, bands, and communities around them.



Statewide Pride

From CIAA rivalries to ACC championships, athletics binds North Carolinians to their public universities.



FY25 Athletics Expenses **by Peer Group**

Power 4 (FBS)

ACC



NC State



UNC-Chapel Hill



> \$134M
each

FY25 athletics expenses

Group of Five (FBS)

American · Sun Belt



Appalachian State



UNC Charlotte



East Carolina



> \$57M
each

FY25 athletics expenses

FCS Football

CAA · MEAC · SoCon



NC A&T



NC Central



Western Carolina



> \$17M
each

FY25 athletics expenses

D-I, No Football

Big South · SoCon · CAA



UNC Asheville



UNC Greensboro



UNC Wilmington



> \$11M
each

FY25 athletics expenses

Division II

CIAA · Conf. Carolinas



Elizabeth City State



Fayetteville State



UNC Pembroke



Winston-Salem State

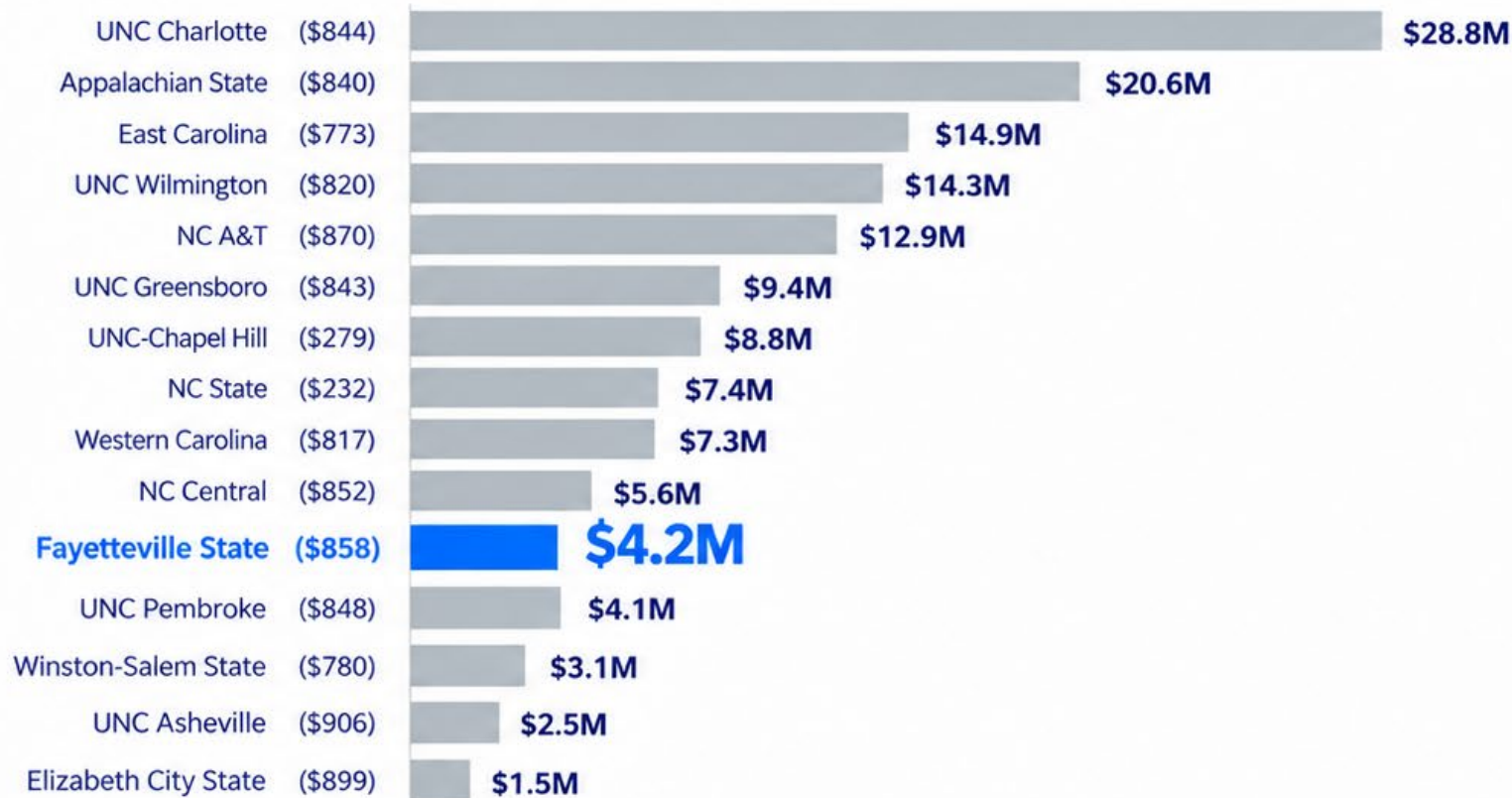


> \$4M
each

FY25 athletics expenses

What the Fees Produce: Budgeted Fee Revenue by Campus

Budgeted student-fee revenue for athletics, FY 2026–27 All-Funds Budgets
 (annual fee rate shown beside each campus)



\$4.2M

at **Fayetteville State** — a strong investment in our student-athletes and university.



\$145.4M

in budgeted student-fee revenue for athletics across the 15 institutions in FY 2027.

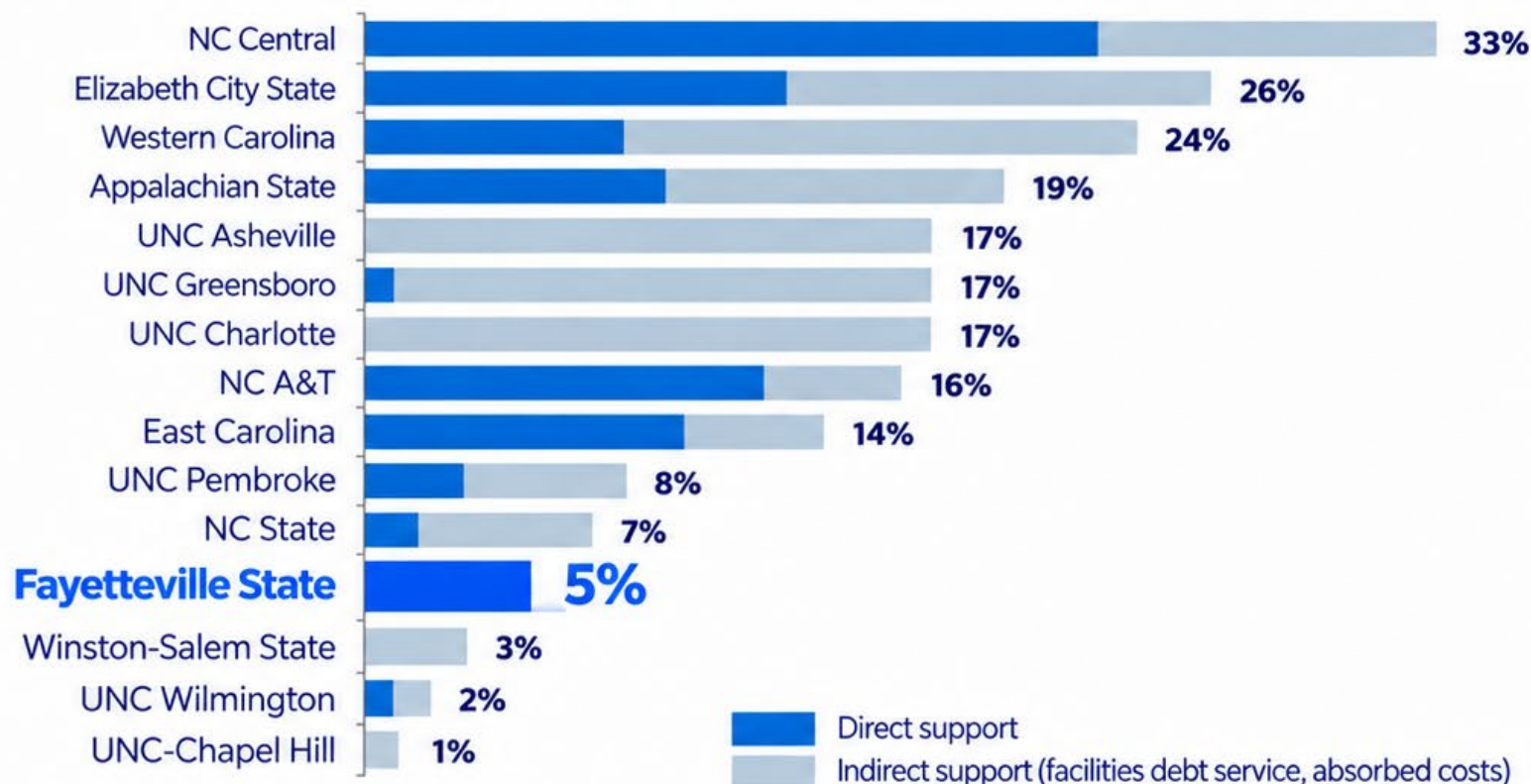


\$28.8M

at UNC Charlotte — the System's largest fee revenue, from a mid-range \$844 fee across a large enrollment.

Institutional Support: What Campus Budgets Contribute

Campus institutional support as a share of FY 2025 athletics revenue — split between direct and indirect support (gross, before transfers back; state-directed government support excluded)



\$65.3M

in campus institutional support in FY 2025 — \$28.2M direct cash plus \$37.1M indirect — about 10¢ of every athletics dollar.



\$36.1M

more arrived as state-directed government support — largely wagering distributions controlled by the NCGA, not campuses (\$0 at NCSU & UNC-CH).

Where the Conversation Can Go

A policy framework that keeps athletics financially responsible



A deeper dive into institution finances

Revenues, expenses, subsidies, and multiyear trends.



Student fees, affordability, and the new wagering-revenue stream



Risk

Debt capacity, litigation, employment, and conference economics.



Guardrail options for Board consideration

Subsidy limits, approval requirements, and reporting standards.

Questions?