



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

**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

AGENDA

Call to Order	John McFadyen, Committee Chair
Welcome and Opening Remarks	John McFadyen
Roll Call	Karen Bussey
Approval of Minutes:	December 11, 2024

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, Brandon Phillips, Gregory Pinnix, Johnae Walker, Kimberly Jeffries Leonard

Staff Liaison: Todd Bennett

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**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Wednesday, December 11, 2024
10:30 AM**

The Committee on Athletics of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 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 were in attendance: Mr. John McFadyen, Ms. Johnae Walker, and Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee on Athletics meeting held on September 25, 2024, were approved by unanimous consent.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Athletic Director Todd Bennett recognized the outstanding athletic accomplishments of the women's cross-country and volleyball teams. The cross-country team won their 7th consecutive championship, while the volleyball team were the championship runners-up. AD Bennett recognized Coach Chynna Hunt who leads the volleyball team and her tremendous season with the student-athletes.

AD Bennett provided an in-depth analysis of Fayetteville State University's graduation rates. The overall student athlete graduation rate is 70 percent, which is roughly 11 percent higher than the Division II average of 59 percent. By gender, female student-athletes increased their rate by 12 percentage points from 84 percent in 2023 to 94 percent in 2024. The female graduation rate at FSU is higher than the CIAA and Division II averages. Male student-athletes held steady at 62 percent graduation rate, which is also higher than both the CIAA and Division II averages. Further, male student-athletes at FSU have a higher retention rate at 88 percent compared to the average retention rate of student-athletes within the CIAA and Division II. AD Bennett emphasized the impact the new transfer portal guidance in 2022 had on our retention rates.

Trustee McFadyen asked a clarifying question about the overall graduation rate and the

difference between the University's metric and the NCAA's metric. Provost Leach and Vice Chancellor Baldwin confirmed that FSU's four-year graduation rate is 43%, where the NCAA reports the six-year graduation rate. AD Bennett also clarified a question from Trustee Jeffries Leonard on the students included in each data point. The data he presented includes athletes receiving scholarships and can provide the rate for all student athletes, if interested. Trustee Jeffries Leonard also noted the data comparisons by gender demographic data, as well as the needed resources to support male student athletes. Additional suggestions from Trustee Jeffries Leonard included noting the differences in proportions when comparing groups.

Lastly, AD Bennett provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 athletic budget. The budget is comprised of:

- Expected revenue (29% of budget)
- Operations (27% of budget)
- Salaries (26% of budget)
- And scholarships (18% of budget)

Trustee McFadyen commented on the athletic budget and asked for clarification of the receipt of the sports betting funding (fiscal year 2024 and 2025). AD Bennett and Mr. Kenneth Spayd provided information on the additional funding stream and confirmed Trustee McFadyen's question about the anticipated \$2 million in surplus. Trustee McFadyen thanked the athletics department, Provost Leach, and Vice Chancellor Baldwin for their leadership in getting our student athletes to graduation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John McFadyen, Committee Chair
Karen Bussey, Secretary to the University



BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

**Todd Bennett
Director of Athletics
March 26, 2025**

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



2025 CIAA WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONS



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ING AND MORE THING TO DO! BALTIMORE



2025 CIAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



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Fayetteville State Men's Basketball

NCAA DII ATLANTIC REGION MEN'S BASKETBALL



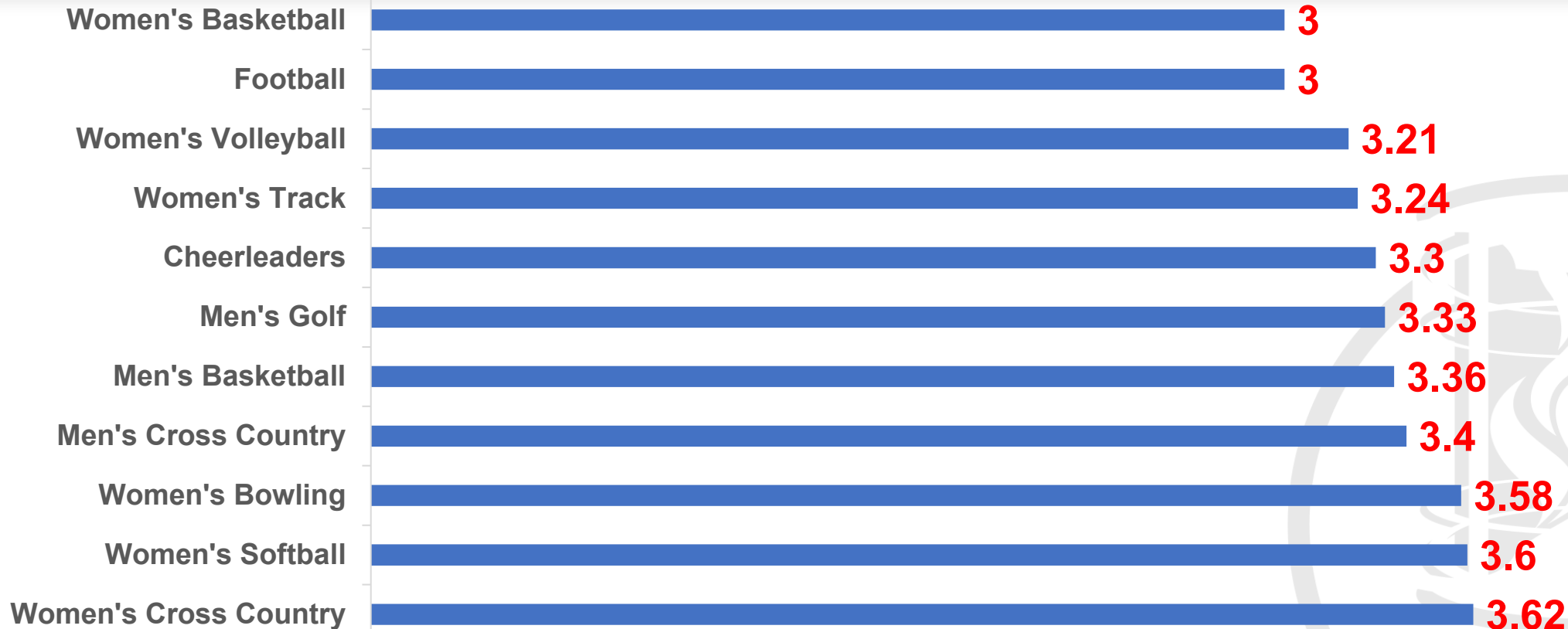
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Fayetteville State Women's Basketball

NCAA DII ATLANTIC REGION WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) BY SPORT



FAYEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

B R  N C O S

ACADEMIC SUCCESS FALL 2025

3.33

DEPARTMENT GPA

12

PROGRAMS WITH
3.0+ GPA

150

STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH
3.0+ GPA

35

STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH
4.0 GPA

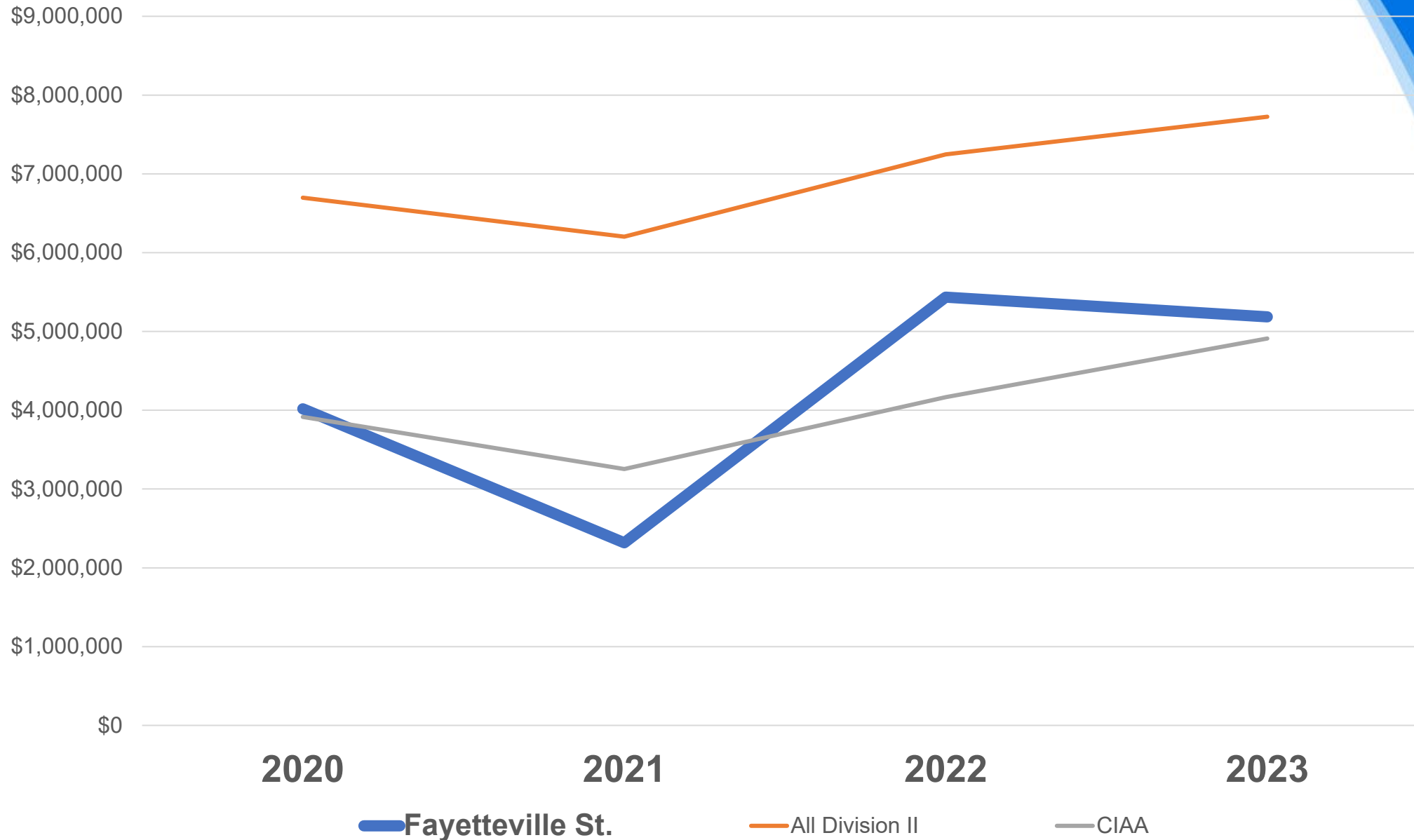
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STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH
3.5-3.99 GPA

Retention/Graduation Rate Improvement Strategies

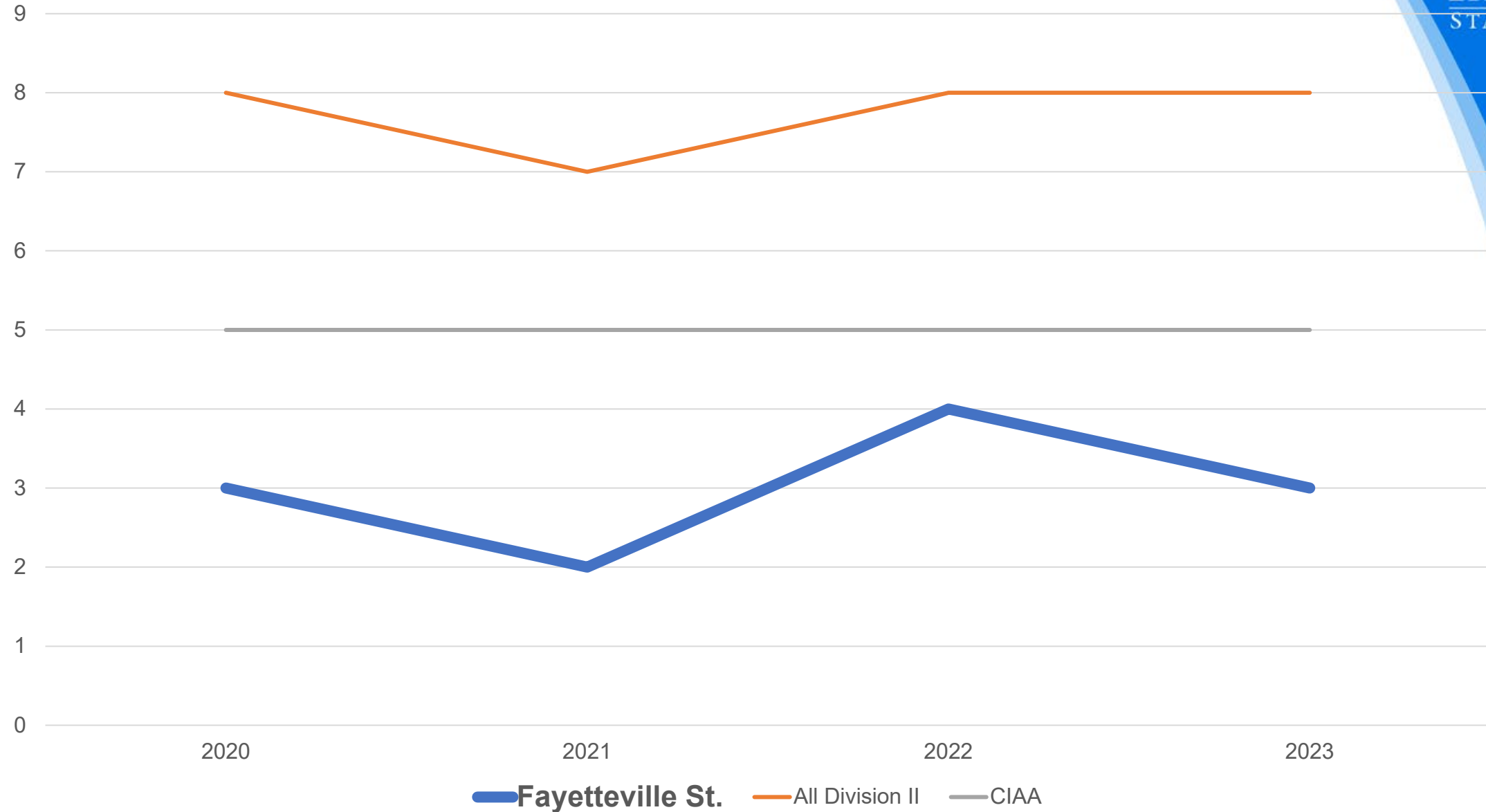
- **Better Recruitment**
- **Closer Monitoring of At-Risk Student**
- **Early Entry to University**
- **Improved Degree Planning**
- **Male Initiative Participation Programs**
- **Red-Shirt Program**

Total Athletics Expenses

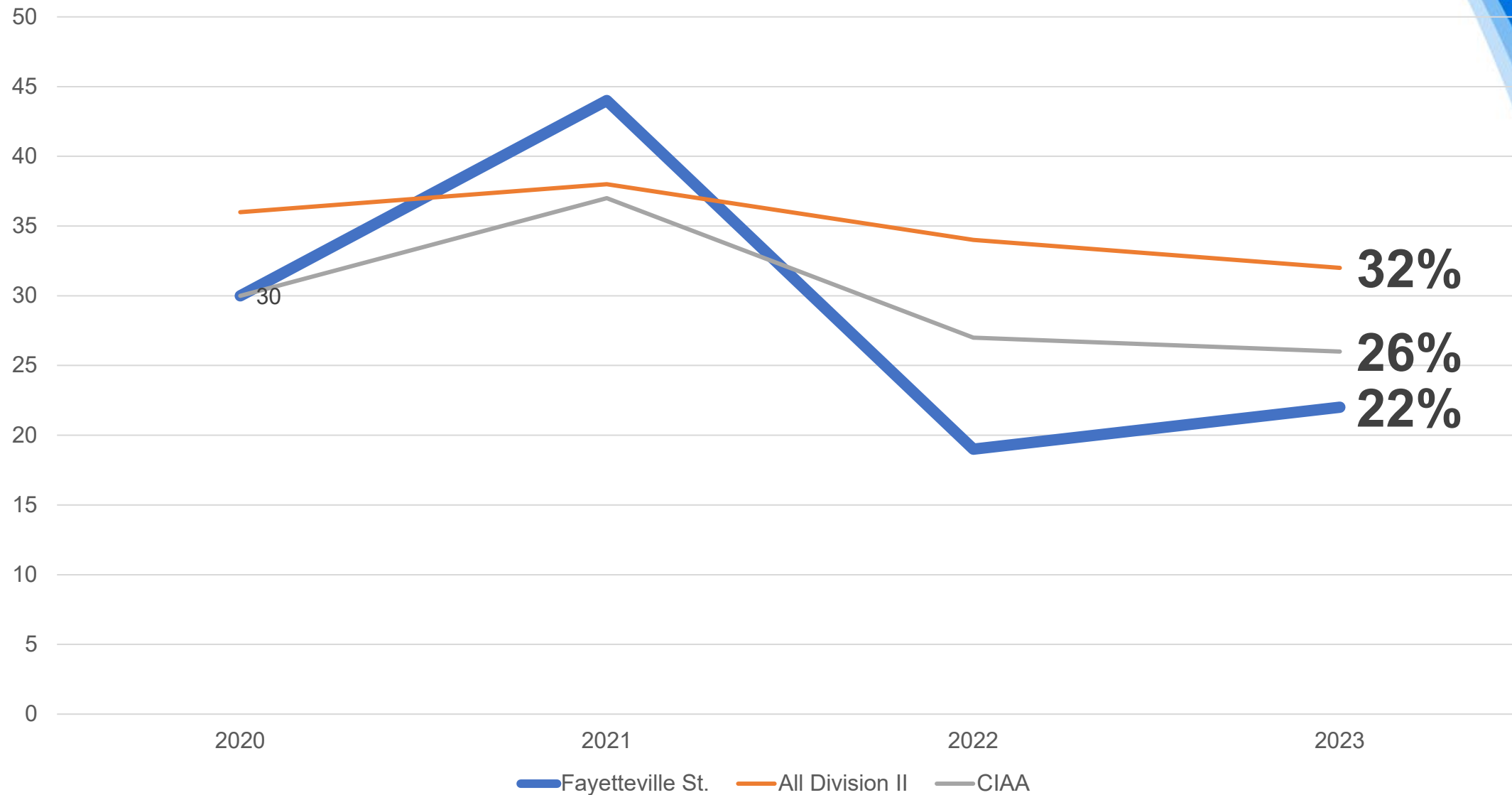


ATHLETICS

% of INSTITUTIONAL EXPENDITURES



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Questions