



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

**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Wednesday, September 24, 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:	March 26, 2025 June 11, 2025

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, Latoya Harper, Greg Pinnix, Glenn Adams

Staff Liaison: Todd Bennett
Board Professional: Karen Bussey

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**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
10:30 AM**

The Committee on Athletics of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Rudolph Jones Student Center, Multi-Purpose Room and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance: Mr. John McFadyen, Ms. Johnae Walker, Mr. Greg Pinnix, 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

It was moved by Trustee Johnae Walker that the minutes of the Committee on Athletics meeting held on December 11, 2024, be accepted as printed and distributed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greg Pinnix. The motion carried.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Director of Athletics, Mr. Todd Bennett, recognized the outstanding athletic accomplishments of the Women's Indoor Track and Field, Women's Basketball, and Women's Bowling teams. Each are the 2025 CIAA Championships for their sport. AD Bennett introduced the following student-athletes to share their experiences at FSU and how they've excelled in their academics, as well as in their sport. Ms. Holley Johnson represented Track and Field, Ms. Morgan Graham represented Basketball, and Ms. Ericka Reid represented Bowling. Trustee McFadyen noted that each student mentioned the importance of tutoring and academic advising in their experiences—that being the key to our student athletes' success.

Additionally, AD Bennett shared that the FSU men's basketball team ranked fourth place in the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Rankings while the women's basketball team ranked seventh. Both teams played in the NCAA post-season tournament.

The Committee was provided with an in-depth analysis of the student-athletes' academic achievements and some of the strategies implemented by the Department of Athletics. The overall grade point average of all sports was 3.33, which ranged from 3.0 to 3.62 GPA. This resulted in 150 student-athletes with a 3.5 GPA, 65 student-athletes between a 3.5 and 3.99 GPA, and 35 student-athletes with a 4.0 GPA. Several improvement strategies have been

implemented to support students, including recruitment improvements, monitoring of students at risk, improved degree planning, and red-shirt programs.

Lastly, AD Bennett provided an update on athletic expenses. The revenue expenses for 2023 are roughly \$5 million, which is about \$3 million lower than all Division II schools. Though revenue comparison data will not be available until June, Athletics is expecting a final report of revenue to exceed expenses showing progress towards closing deficit gaps. Trustee Jeffries Leonard asked for clarification about the expense year being 2023 and not 2024. AD Bennett shared that they review data two years post. They are tracking the 2024 data but do not have the final data yet.

Currently, 22% of the Athletics budget is comprised of athletic aid, which is lower than our peers. The CIAA average is 26% and the Division II average is 32%. The Athletics Department is committed to increasing their expenditure to provide competitive financial aid packages to support student-athletes. Trustee Pinnix commented on potential recruitment efforts, including regional conferences. Trustee Joyce Adams discussed access to the portal and the impact to FSU athletics.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee on Athletics adjourned at approximately 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John McFadyen, Chair
Karen Bussey, Secretary to the University

**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Wednesday, June 11, 2025
10:30 AM**

The Committee on Athletics of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, in the Rudolph Jones Student Center, Multi-Purpose Room and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance: Mr. John McFadyen and Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard. Ms. Latoya Harper attended as a non-voting committee member until swearing-in ceremony.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee did not have a quorum at the time of approval for the March 26, 2025, minutes and will review at the next Board meeting scheduled for September 24, 2025.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Director of Athletics, Mr. Todd Bennett, recognized the outstanding athletic accomplishments throughout this academic year. He explained how academics is their #1 pillar and a collective effort of the department. Through personalized academic advising, structured study sessions, and close collaboration with coaching staff, the team has successfully helped student-athletes translate the discipline and drive exhibited in their sport into the classroom. These efforts have culminated in a remarkable milestone: an average GPA of 3.42 across all sports programs. A total of 151 student athletes had a 3.0 or higher, 91 had a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA, and 32 had a 4.0 GPA.

Following, AD Bennett introduced Mr. Adrian Ferguson, the Assistant AD for Media Relations. Mr. Ferguson shared his experience with the progression of sports information management and innovations at FSU. His role connects the campus community to FSU Athletics through strategic use of social media, digital storytelling, and game-day content. These efforts have significantly increased student interaction and school spirit, creating a more vibrant and connected campus environment.

Beyond engagement, the department has expanded career development opportunities for students by offering hands-on internships in media relations, digital content creation, broadcasting, and statistics. These real-world experiences not only support students' professional growth but also align directly with the university's goal of fostering meaningful, skill-building opportunities outside the classroom. Mr. Ferguson introduced 3 students

participating in experiential learning opportunities within Athletics.

Lastly, AD Bennett attributed several awards received from the CIAA to students' stellar academic, engagement, and career development achievements.

- AD Bennett was selected as the CIAA Athletic Director of the Year for the third time.
- Mr. Adrian Ferguson was selected as the CIAA Sports Information Director of the Year
- FSU received the Loretta Taylor Women's All-Sport Award
- And FSU received the CIAA Most Positive Game Day Environment Award

Committee Chair McFadyen thanked the athletics team for their hard work this academic year both within their sports and in the academic space, as well as congratulated them on their awards. Trustee McFadyen shared that he had the pleasure of meeting Volleyball Coach Hunt and learned about the electric game day experience, in which he looks forward to attending.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee on Athletics adjourned at approximately 11:05 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 24, 2025**



HEAD COACH
MEN'S BASKETBALL
DEVIN HOEHN



**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
XC/TRACK & FIELD
FRANK HYLAND**



**ASSISTANT COACH
XC/TRACK & FIELD
JOCINDRA GLEE**



GRADUATION RATE

2024-25 Academic All-Stars



3.42

DEPARTMENT GPA

12

PROGRAMS
3.0+ GPA

151

STUDENT-ATHLETES
3.0+ GPA

91

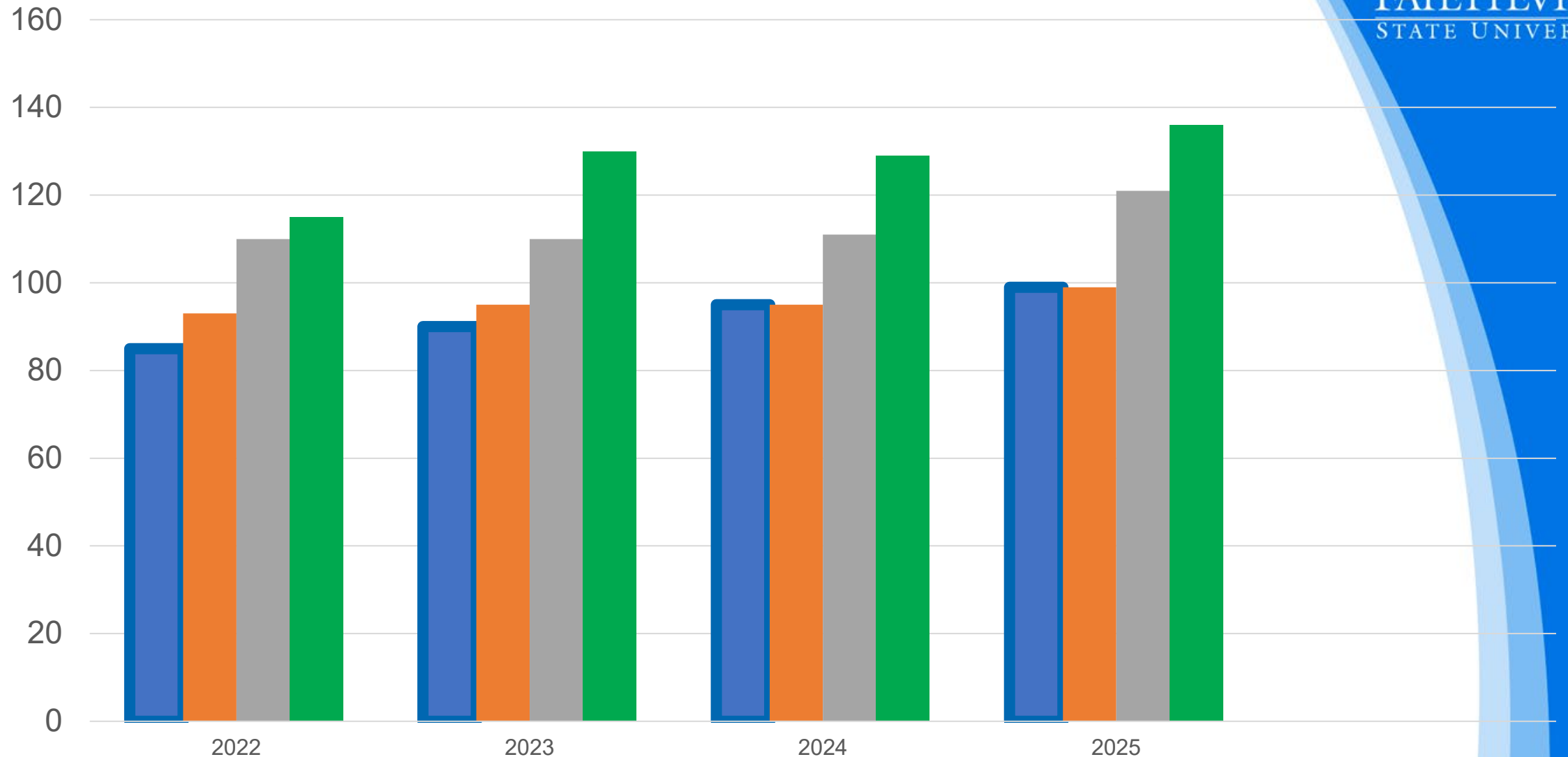
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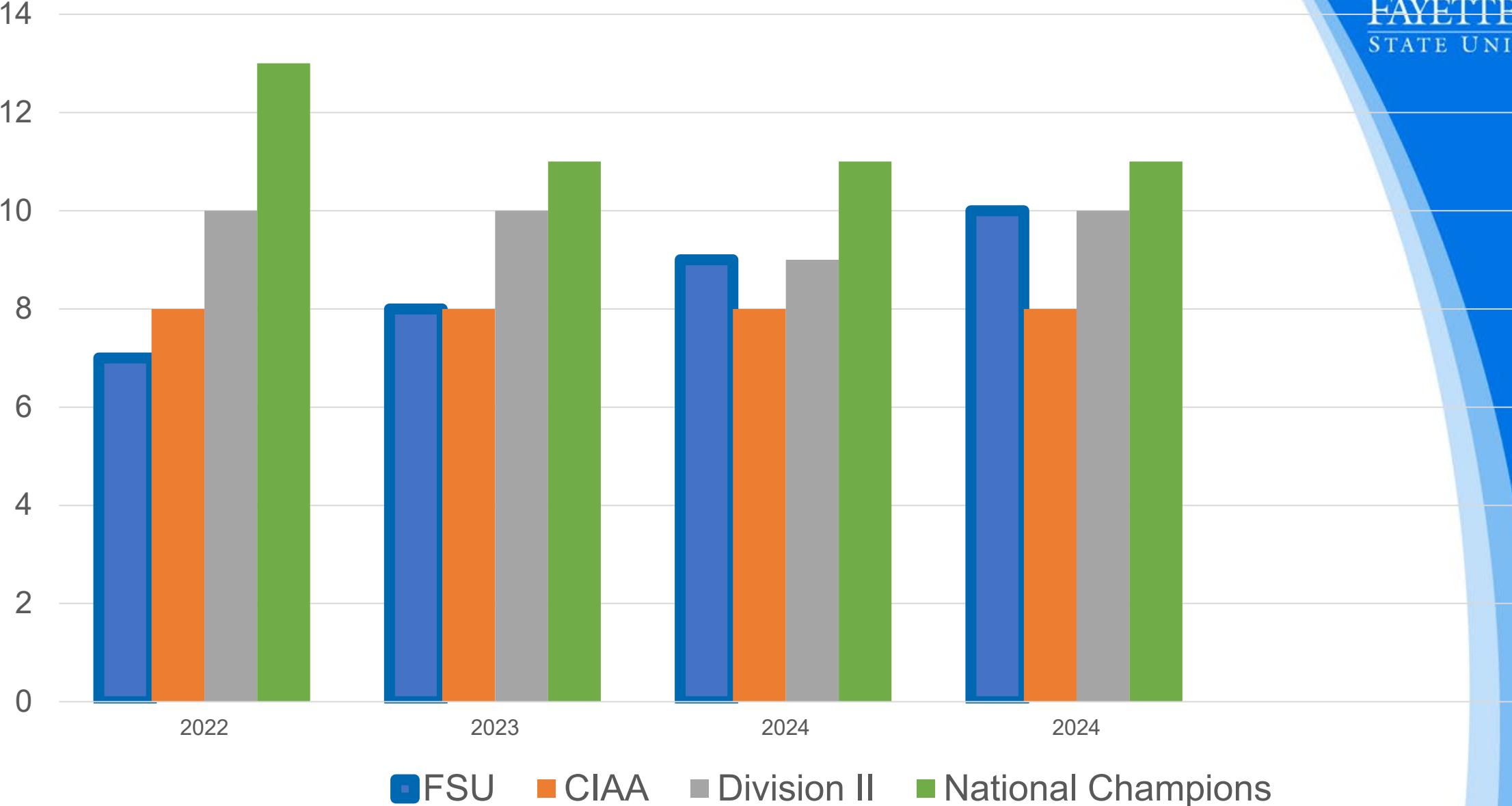
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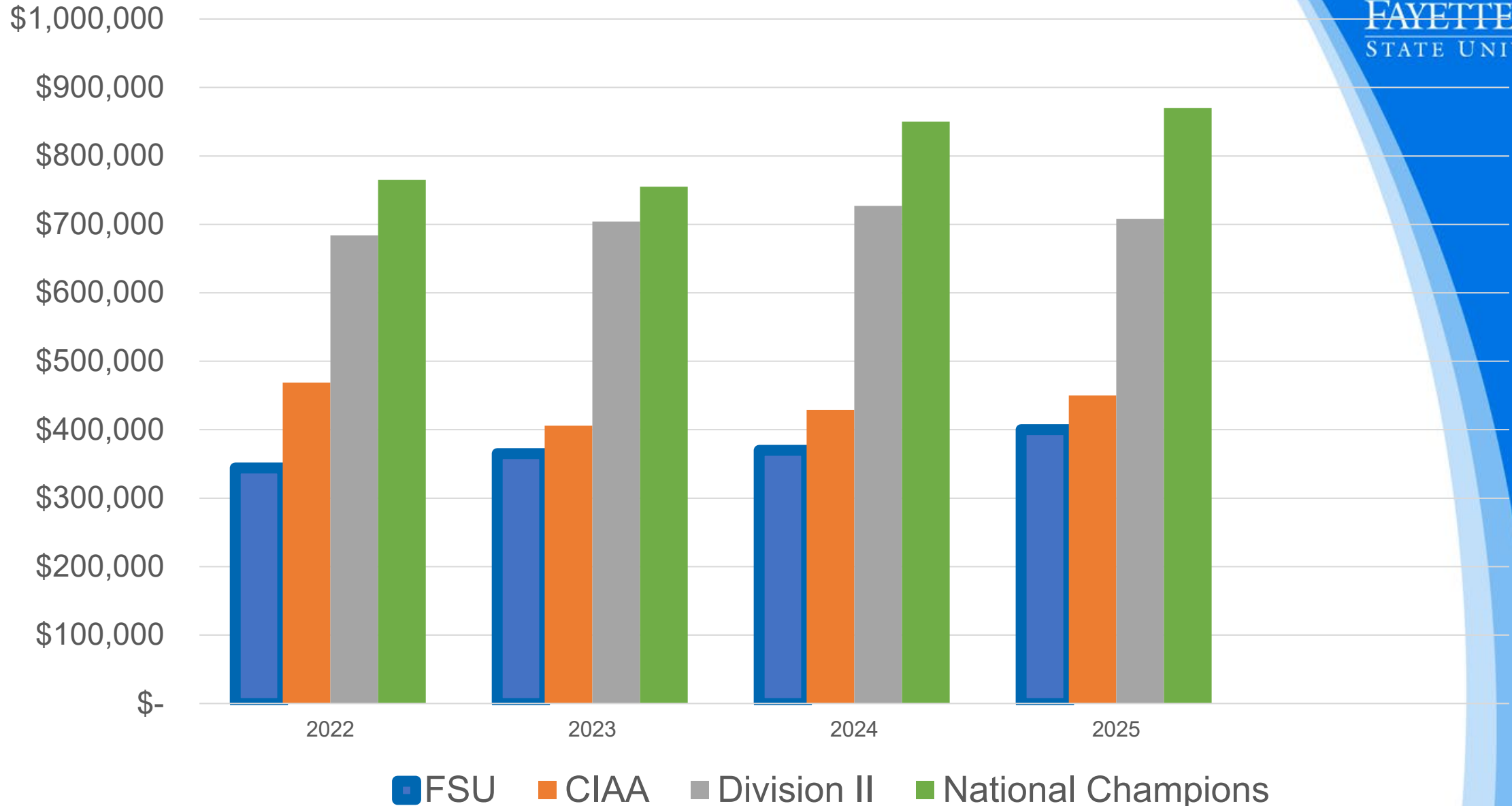
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Data Source: NCAA Financial Reporting System

Football Comparisons

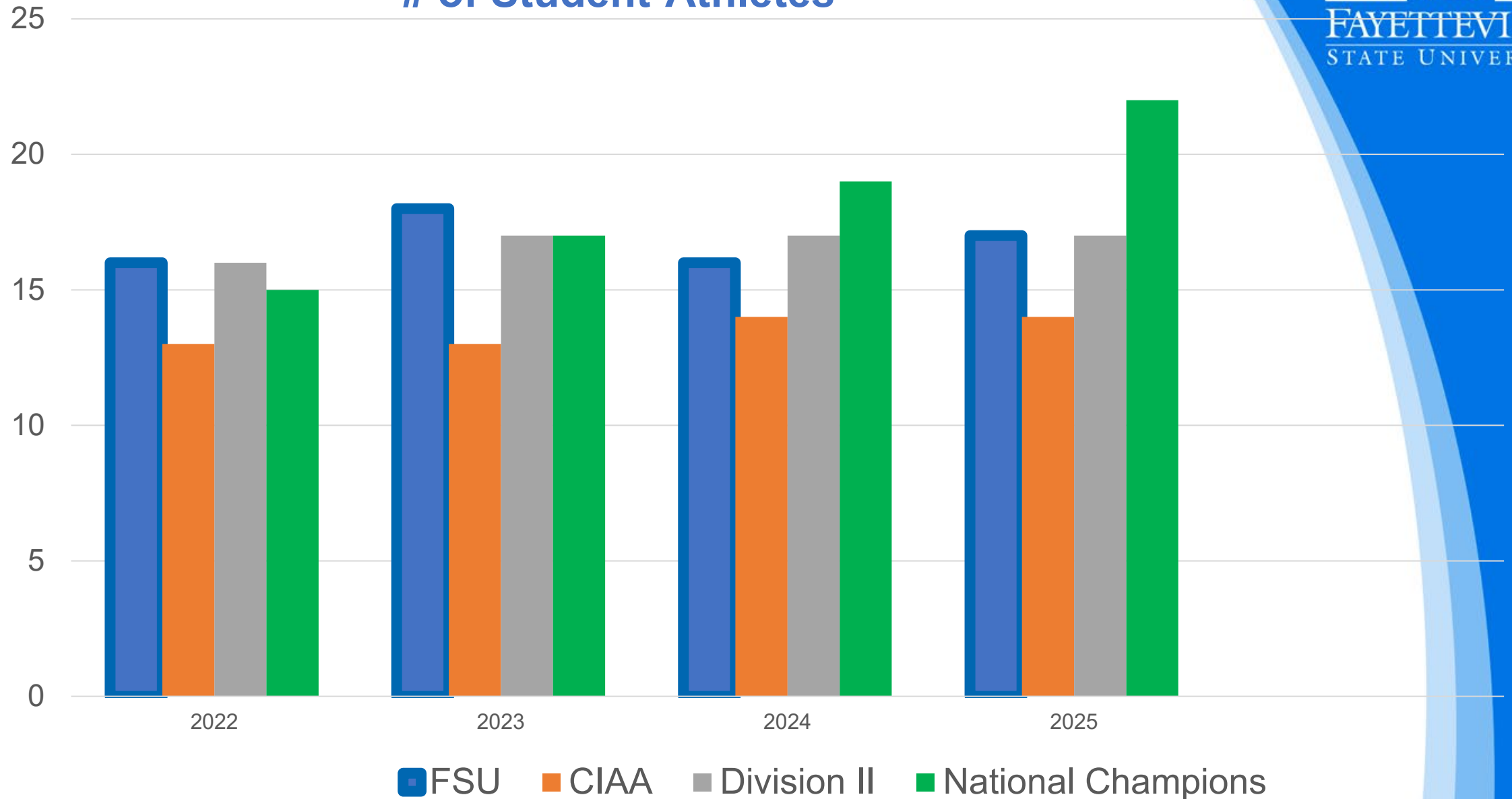
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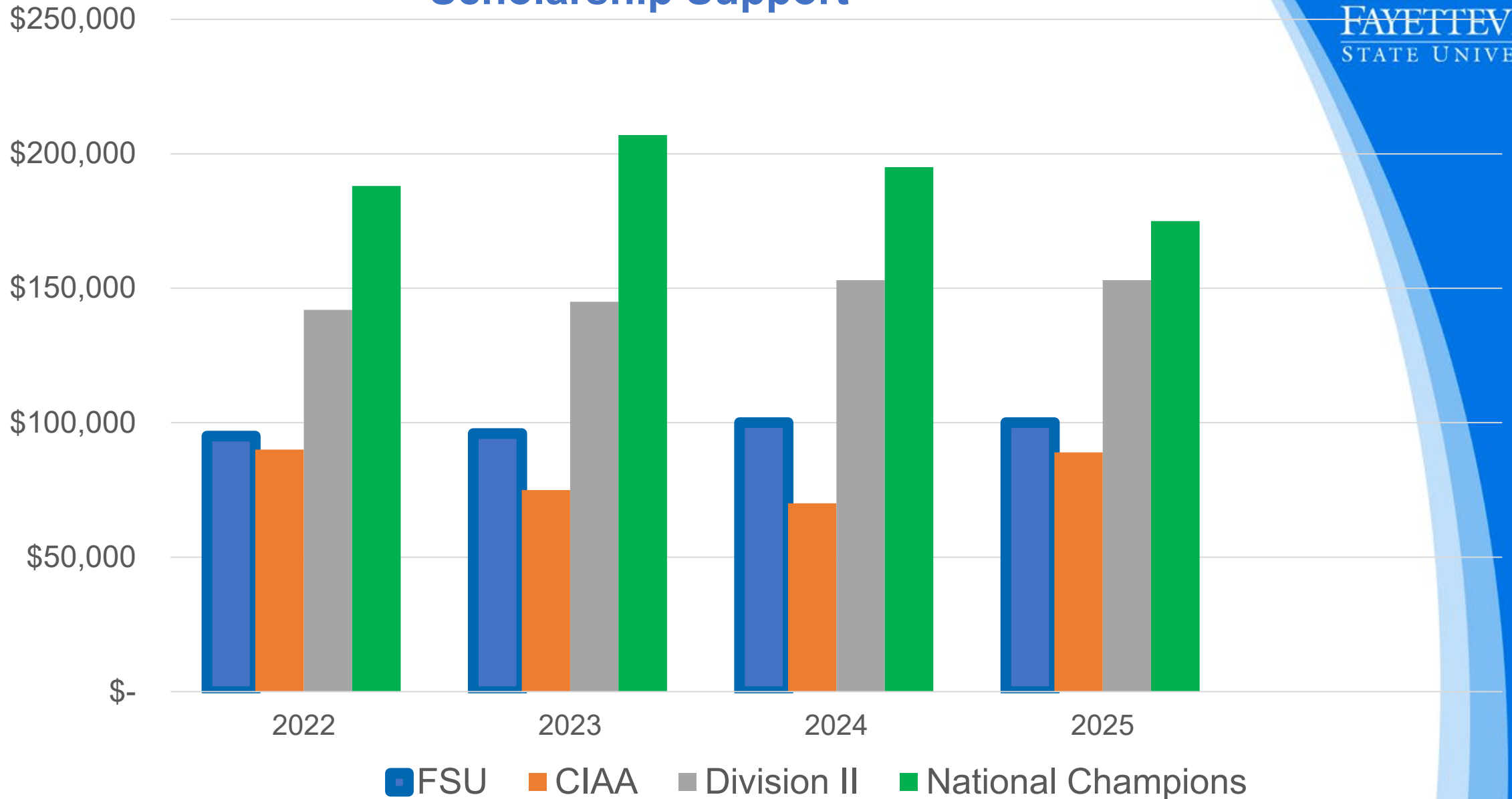
Women's Volleyball Comparisons

of Student-Athletes



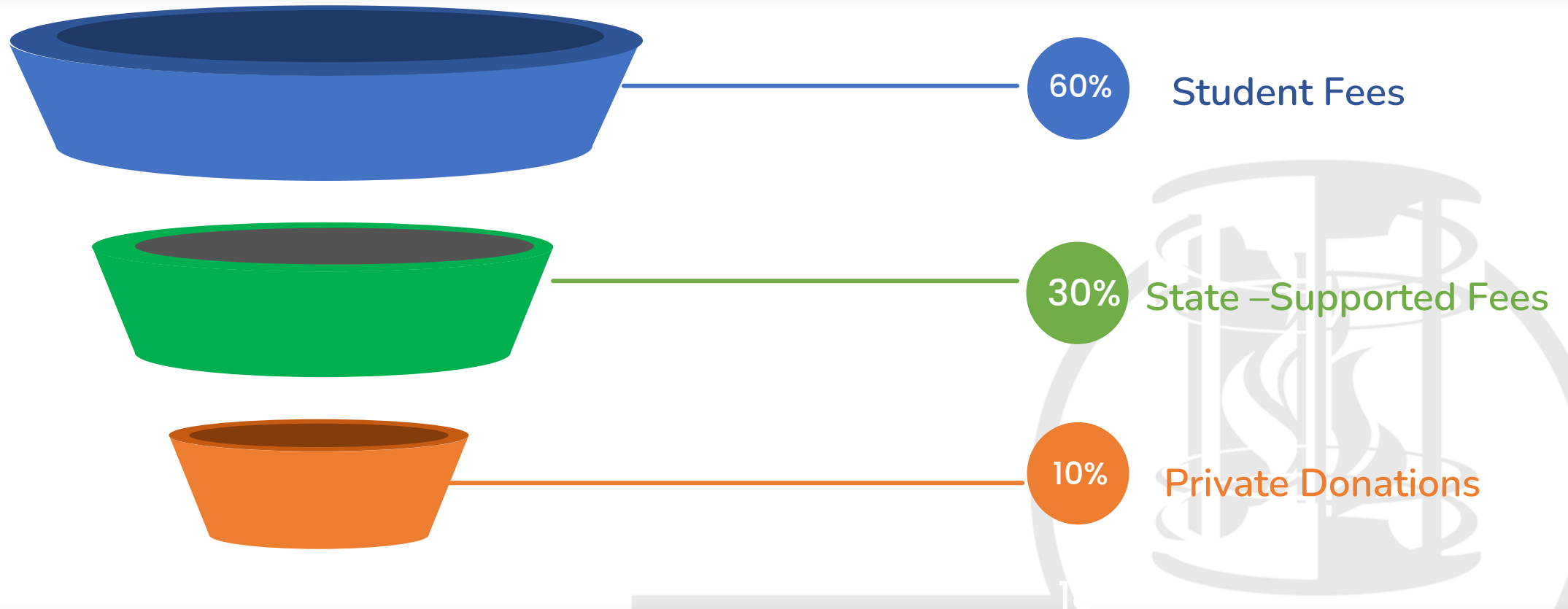
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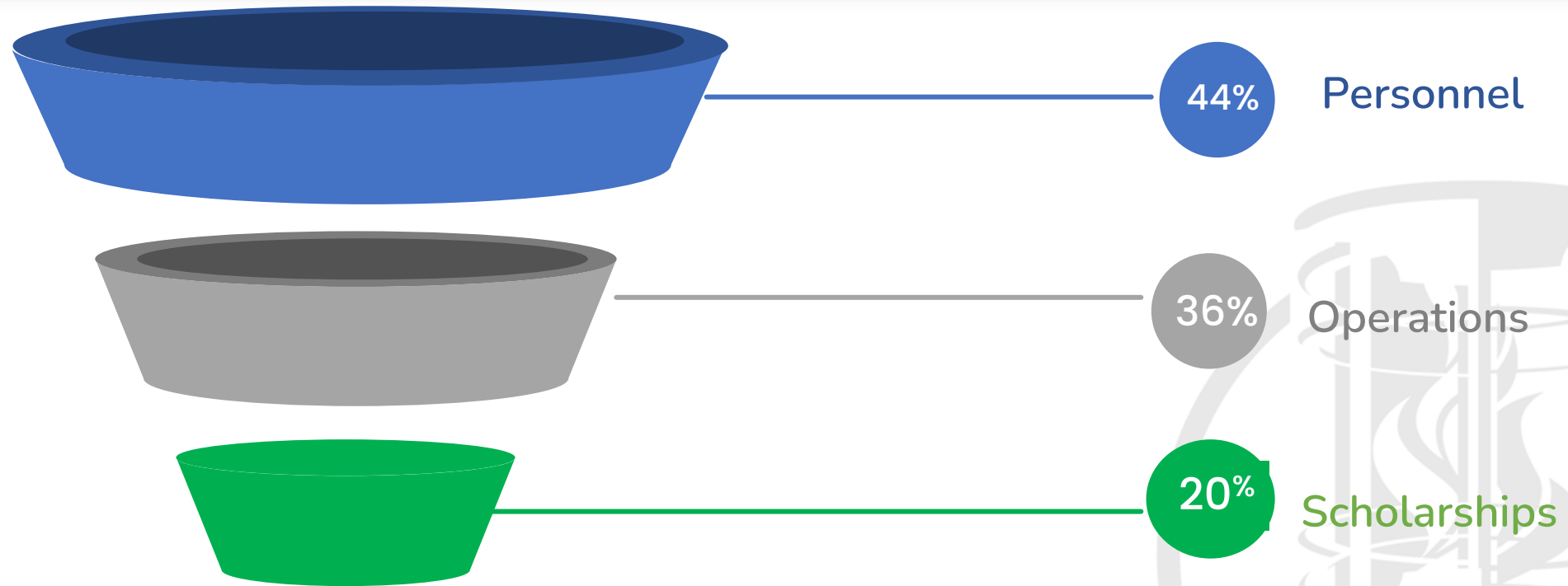


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FY26 EXPECTED REVENUES



FY26 OPERATIONING BUDGET



STRATEGIC
PRIORITIES

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Advance Our University

Fall Championship Dates

2025 CIAA Cross Country Championship

October 23, 2025

Green Hill Park, Salem VA

2025 CIAA Football Championship

November 15, 2025

Durham, NC

2025 CIAA Volleyball Championship

November 20-23, 2025

Bowie State State University



“Strong in the Classroom, Strong on the Field, Strong for the Future.”

- **Constant academic support of our student-athletes**
- **Boundless support of private donations to support competitive students**
- **Recognition of our revenue streams.**

Questions