

## Committee on Academics and Athletics

### Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2017; 2-3pm

Noel Studio Conference Room

In attendance: Rusty Carpenter, Rusty Carpenter, Todd Hartch, John Harter, Matthew Howell, Wardell Johnson, Sheila Pressley

- I. Discussion of Athletics conversations:
  - A. Where might the University aspire to be in the athletics landscape? What are a few aspirational programs?
    1. Aspirational programs in FCS are James Madison University, Youngstown State University, Jacksonville State University, Illinois State University
  - B. In what ways is athletics a component of the academic mission of the University?
    1. Athletics provides student athletes an education for life along with other valuable lessons like mentoring. Student athletes are often performing well in the classroom.
- II. The Academics and Athletics committee can serve as an informational bridge between faculty, Faculty Senate, and Athletics leaders. The Committee will work in this direction moving forward during the spring 2017 semester.