

**8.5 Athletics** – Demonstrate effective leadership over the athletics program as evidenced by proper oversight of expenditures, compliance with NCAA guidelines and plans for athletic facilities.

#### **Oversight of expenditures**

- The University continues to conduct monthly meetings with the Florida Board of Governors staff where updates are given on the financial status of athletics.

#### **Compliance with NCAA guidelines**

- The Department of Athletics continues its efforts to maintain compliance with NCAA rules and regulations through its compliance systems which includes monthly educational meetings with department staff and student-athletes, and providing updates on rules via email and social media. Additionally, the compliance staff has increased its use of software programs to assist in monitoring and tracking athletic activities.

#### **Plans for Athletic facilities**

- The Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board approved \$10 million in funding to begin the renovation of Bragg Memorial Stadium in September. Renovations will address several structural issues associated with the stadium and ADA compliance.

#### **Strategic Planning Update**

Demonstrate effective leadership by positioning the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics for success both internally and externally.

- External- Position the department for success through Presidential relationships that facilitate engagement and partnership for the solicitation of transformational gifts from corporations and individuals.
- Internal- Position the department for success by streamlining internal work-flow processes in an effort to maximize productivity and minimize timelines for completion.
- Development of human resources
  - External- Position the department for success by providing staffing support for external units that serve as frontline fundraisers for our women's programs, marketing coordinators for our women's programs, and communication specialists for our women's programs
  - Internal- Position the department for success by providing staffing support for academics and compliance with certified athletic academic counselors that provide guidance and direction for our student-athletes during the registration and degree progression process
  - Medical services- Position the department for success by providing our student-athletes with adequate medical support staff in order to ensure safety before during and after practices and competition as well as to facilitate the rehab and recovery process that will allow them to compete at a high level.
  - Enhance the collaborative efforts between academics and athletics programming