





The committee will be formed by fall 2018 and will be a four to five year committee.

Mike Hagen will visit the campus in July 2017 and begin an initial compliance review of UNA Athletics.

#### VIII. New Business

Mark Linder, Athletic Director, and Todd Vardaman, Associate Athletic Director of Compliance discussed the Division I transition with the Athletics Committee:

In 2017-18 – UNA Division II

In 2018-19 – A Division I exception: Senior student-athletes on scholarship in their final year of eligibility and have been at UNA more than one year, will receive an exception to Division I requirements.

In 2019-20 – UNA must meet all Division I requirements.

In 2022-23 – UNA will be eligible for NCAA championships and conference championships.

APR is an important element in Division I. The APR minimum for teams is .93. APR follows the coach. Mark explained the allocation of points and how the APR score is calculated. Penalties are incurred when APR declines.

UNA Athletic staff will visit the campus of Jacksonville State University.

In the transition process, UNA athletics will hire a compliance and academic support staff member with Division I experience.

Mark Linder discussed the Connect1 program. The program is used to connect with students who are struggling with depression, anxiety and suicide. Suicide rates are increasing. In the spring of 2017, challenges for the Connect1 program will be launched. The Connect1 program was recognized at the NCAA Division II National Convention.