

Office of Internal Audit

Certified Audit of FIU Football Attendance for the 2013 Season in Accordance with the National Collegiate Athletic Association Operating Bylaws

> Report No. 13/14-10 January 31, 2014



OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Date:

January 31, 2014

To:

Pete Garcia, Executive Director of Sports & Entertainment

From:

Allen Vann, CPA, Audit Director

Subject:

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Accordance with the National Collegiate Athletic Association

Operating Bylaws, Report No. 13/14-10

Pursuant to your request, we have conducted an audit of FIU's football home game attendance for this past season in accordance with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Constitution/Operating Bylaw, *Article 20 - Division Membership*, §20.9 *Division I Membership Requirements*, ¶20.9.7.3 *Football-Attendance Requirements* [Football Bowl Subdivision].

The objectives of our audit were to certify to the accuracy of the season's attendance at FIU home football games, reported by you to the NCAA for the 2013 season. The audit did not include an evaluation of internal controls over ticketing procedures and related revenues, as the sole purpose of this audit was to verify attendance as defined by the NCAA. Our audit was conducted in accordance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

According to the NCAA rules, "an institution must undertake an annual certified audit verifying its football attendance," and once every two years (on a rolling basis) the University is required to demonstrate that the average attendance at the season's home football games is at least 15,000. The average attendance may be determined by either of two methods: actual attendance or paid attendance. The Athletics Department has selected the paid attendance method, as it is the most advantageous method for the University towards meeting the requirement. Under the paid attendance method the University counts the number of paid tickets, regardless of actual attendance, so long as the ticket price is not discounted below one-third of the highest regular established ticket price. Tickets sold for less than one-third the highest priced ticket can be counted only if used for admission to the game. In addition, under this method the Athletics Department may count student attendance as paid attendance subject to specific conditions and verification methods as outlined in ¶20.9.7.3.1.2 and ¶20.9.7.3.1.2.1.

Based on the methodology adopted by the Athletics Department, we found that the football attendance data you have reported to the NCAA, and attached hereto, on the 2013 Football Paid Attendance Summary sheets are supported by sufficient, relevant and competent records.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us by your staff during the conduct of this audit.

C: Sukrit Agrawal, Chair, BOT Finance and Audit Committee and Committee Members Mark Rosenberg, University President Javier I. Marques, Chief of Staff, Office of the President

ATTACHMENT B

2013 FOOTBALL PAID ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

INSTITUTION: FI	J		
VISITING TEAM:	UCF	GAME DATE:	9/6/13

<u>Paid Attendance</u>. For purposes of computing paid attendance figures, tickets must be sold for at least one-third of the highest regular established ticket price as established prior to the season, regardless of whether they are used for admission. Tickets sold at less than one-third of the highest regular established price may be counted as paid attendance only if they are used for admission. Student attendance may be counted as paid attendance if the student pays at least one-third of the highest regular established ticket price or, if the student actually attends the game and any one of the following conditions applies:

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Description	Printed	Face Value	Revenue	Comps	Sold
SUITE	352	20	7040		352
CLUB	460	20	9200		460
PUBLIC	223	10	2230		223
EMPLOYEE/INTERNAL	239	10	2390		239
DISCOUNT	84	7	588		84
ENDZONE	636	7	4452		636
CORPORATE	4595	7	32165		4595
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	4329	7	30303		4329
VISITING TEAM	1038	7	7266		1038
TOTAL COUNTABLE SEASON TICKE	TS SOLD				11956

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INTERNAL	551	\$7	3857	551
STUDENT GUEST	572	\$7	4004	572

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TOTAL COUNTABLE INDIVIDUAL GA	ME TICKETS SO	OLD			1123
(Season or individual game tickets sold for face value. Ticket holder is required to at	less than 1/3 of t	UNT TICKETS the highest-priced der to be counte	I ticket and indiv	idual game tickets	s sold at less than
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TOTAL BAND MEMBERS IN ATTENDA	NCE:			***********	75
TOTAL PAID ATTENDANCE PER NCA	A CRITERIA:				16779
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2013 FOOTBALL PAID ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

INSTITUTION: FIU	
VISITING TEAM: BETHUNE-COOKMAN	GAME DATE: 9/14/13

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SEASON TICKETS (Sold for at least 1/3 of the highest-priced ticket sold.)						
Description	Printed	Face Value	Revenue	Comps	Sold	
SUITE	352	16	5632		352	
CLUB	460	16	7360		460	
PUBLIC	223	8	1784		223	
EMPLOYEE/INTERNAL	239	8	1912		239	
DISCOUNT	84	7	588		84	
ENDZONE	636	7	4452		636	
CORPORATE	4595	7	32165		4595	
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	4329	7	30303		4329	
VISITING TEAM	1038	7	7266		1038	
TOTAL COUNTABLE SEASON TICKE	TS SOLD			•••••	11956	

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SIDELINE	382	21	8022	382
ENDZONE/HANDICAP	331	15	4965	331
VISITING TEAM	844	21	17724	844
STUDENT GUEST	223	7	1561	223
INTERNAL	534	7	3738	534
GROUP	200	10	2000	200

GROUP	120	16	1920		120
TOTAL COUNTABLE INDIVIDUAL GA	ME TICKETS S	OLD			2634
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TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENTE					1108
TOTAL BAND MEMBERS IN ATTENDA					75
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TOTAL PAID ATTENDANCE PER NCA	A CRITERIA:				15773
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2013 FOOTBALL PAID ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

INSTITUTION: FIL	J		
VISITING TEAM:	UAB	GAME DATE:	10/12/13

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SEASON TICKETS (Sold for at least 1/3 of the highest-priced ticket sold.)						
Description	Printed	Face Value	Revenue	Comps	Sold	
SUITE	352	16	5632		352	
CLUB	460	16	7360		460	
PUBLIC	223	8	1784		223	
EMPLOYEE/INTERNAL	239	8	1912		239	
DISCOUNT	84	7	588		84	
ENDZONE	636	7	4452		636	
CORPORATE	4595	7	32165		4595	
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	4329	7	30303		4329	
VISITING TEAM	1038	7	7266		1038	
TOTAL COUNTABLE SEASON TICKE	TS SOLD				11956	

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SIDELINE	353	21	7413	353
ENDZONE/HANDICAP	186	15	2790	186
VISITING TEAM	400	21	8400	400
STUDENT GUEST	291	7	2037	291
INTERNAL	698	7	4886	698
GROUP	120	10	1200	120

GROUP	121	16	1936		121
TOTAL COUNTABLE INDIVIDUAL GA	ME TICKETS SO	OLD			2169
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TOTAL PAID ATTENDANCE PER NCA					15961
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2013 FOOTBALL PAID ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

INSTITUTION: FIL			
VISITING TEAM:	LOUISIANA TECH	GAME DATE:	10/26/13

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Description	Printed	Face Value	Revenue	Comps	Sold
SUITE	352	16	5632		352
CLUB	460	16	7360		460
PUBLIC	223	8	1784		223
EMPLOYEE/INTERNAL	239	8	1912		239
DISCOUNT	84	7	588		84
ENDZONE	636	7	4452		636
CORPORATE	4595	7	32165		4595
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	4329	7	30303		4329
VISITING TEAM	1038	7	7266		1038
TOTAL COUNTABLE SEASON TICKE	TS SOLD				11956

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SIDELINE	99	21	2079	99
ENDZONE/HANDICAP	37	15	555	37
VISITING TEAM	400	21	8400	400
STUDENT GUEST	94	7	658	94
INTERNAL	244	7	1708	244

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TOTAL COUNTABLE INDIVIDUAL GA	ME TICKETS SO	OLD			874
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TOTAL PAID ATTENDANCE PER NCA	A CRITERIA:				13425
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2013 FOOTBALL PAID ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

INSTITUTION: FIU	
VISITING TEAM: EAST CAROLINA	GAME DATE: 11/2/13

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Description	Printed	Face Value	Revenue	Comps	Sold
SUITE	352	16	5632		352
CLUB	460	16	7360		460
PUBLIC	223	8	1784		223
EMPLOYEE/INTERNAL	239	8	1912		239
DISCOUNT	84	7	588		84
ENDZONE	636	7	4452		636
CORPORATE	4595	7	32165		4595
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	4329	7	30303		4329
VISITING TEAM	1038	7	7266		1038
TOTAL COUNTABLE SEASON TICKE	TS SOLD				11956

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SIDELINE	137	21	2877	137
ENDZONE/HANDICAP	57	15	855	57
VISITING TEAM	450	21	9450	450
STUDENT GUEST	10	7	70	10
INTERNAL	2392	7	16744	2392
DISCOUNT	57	7	399	57

TOTAL COUNTABLE INDIVIDUAL GA	ME TICKETS S	OLD			3103
(Season or individual game tickets sold for face value. Ticket holder is required to at	less than 1/3 of			idual game ticket	s sold at less than
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TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENTE	RING THROUG	H SPECIAL TUI	RNSTILE OR GA	ATE:	1030
TOTAL BAND MEMBERS IN ATTENDA	NCE:				75
TOTAL PAID ATTENDANCE PER NCA	A CRITERIA:				16164
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2013 FOOTBALL PAID ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

INSTITUTION: FIU	
VISITING TEAM: MARSHALL	GAME DATE: 11/23/13

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Description	Printed	Face Value	Revenue	Comps	Sold
SUITE	352	16	5632		352
CLUB	460	16	7360		460
PUBLIC	223	8	1784		223
EMPLOYEE/INTERNAL	239	8	1912	***************************************	239
DISCOUNT	84	7	588		84
ENDZONE	636	7	4452		636
CORPORATE	4595	7	32165		4595
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	4329	7	30303		4329
VISITING TEAM	1038	7	7266		1038
TOTAL COUNTABLE SEASON TICKE	TS SOLD	•••••			11956

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SIDELINE	253	21	5313	253
ENDZONE/HANDICAP	78	15	1170	78
VISITING TEAM	640	21	13440	640
STUDENT GUEST	92	7	644	92
INTERNAL	1094	7	7658	1094
GROUP	44	16	704	44

GROUP	65	10	650	65	
TOTAL COUNTABLE INDIVIDUAL	2266				
(Season or individual game tickets sold face value. Ticket holder is required to	for less than 1/3		priced ticket and individual	game tickets sold at less than	
GAMEDAY ALUMNI CLUB	20	5	100	20	
ALUMNI CLUB	139	5	695	139	
PROMO	185	1	185	185	
TOTAL COUNTABLE DISCOUNT TI	344				
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TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENTERING THROUGH SPECIAL TURNSTILE OR GATE:					
TOTAL BAND MEMBERS IN ATTEN				. 75	
TOTAL PAID ATTENDANCE PER NO	CAA CRITERIA	:		15753	

By signing below, I certify that the reported attendance figures were verified through the annual certified audit, as required by NCAA Division I Bylaw 20.9.9.3.2.

SIGNED:

(Director of Athletics)

DATE: 1-30-14

TELEPHONE:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2014, TO: