

I have learned that University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh officials are voiding their contract to play a home football game in September against a fake university that holds no actual classes. The university had even planned to pay the other "school" \$25,000. The opponent was to be the "University of Faith," an organization created to play games against other universities in exchange for cash. This "university" holds no actual classes and claims to be an online university. But a New York Post story indicates that it hasn't even held any online classes. There are several "University of Faith" teams that try to play games against actual universities and the rosters of the teams are interchangeable.

UW-Oshkosh Athletic Director Darryl Sims told me he is voiding the contract. This decision came after I began asking questions about the \$25,000 expenditure. The game was first reported on by the UW-O student newspaper, the Advance-Titan. Sims says his investigation revealed the University of Faith wasn't a real school. However, the game was apparently still on schedule until I started asking questions about it. UW-Oshkosh has been embroiled in a scandal over inappropriate spending by the university's private foundation.

The Oshkosh football team is one of the top Division 3 teams in the country and has had problems, according to Sims, in getting opponents to come to Oshkosh to play non-conference road games. This led to the decision to schedule the ill-fated "University of Faith" game.

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