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Chair, Athletic Intramural Committee  
**Date:** 4/27/2010  
**Subject:** Athletic and Intramural Committee Year End Report

**Members:** Phil Blau, Bill Rockwell, Jeff Hamilton, Jim Settle, John Valentine, Kelli Fultz, Lavanya Vemsani, Cindy Hopkins, Teresa Jackson, Tony Ward, Matthew B. Allard, and Brenda Renfro

At the beginning of Fall Semester 2009, the Athletic and Intramural Committee was in disarray. Following reorganization the committee included all the members listed above.

On March 3, 2010 the first meeting was held. The chair of the committee updated everyone on previous meeting topics (those occurring before reorganization) and provided all the members in attendance with information regarding the Mid-South Conference that SSU will be affiliating with beginning Fall Semester 2010. Jeff Hamilton, Athletic Director, discussed the affiliation and answered questions from the members. Mr. Hamilton then discussed with the members the need to revise the Athletic Department Mission Statement prior to Fall Semester 2010 and the affiliation with the Mid-South Conference.

The possibility of moving Track from a club sport to a varsity sport was discussed and following comments by Mr. Hamilton and Dr. Settle, it was agreed to keep Track where it currently resides due to funding needs of the team.

Dr. Settle discussed the need to replace the equipment in the Rhode's Center used by athletes, students, staff, faculty and Golden Bears.

On March 31, 2010 a second meeting was held, copies of the revised mission statement were presented to the membership. At that time amendments were made to the revision and an updated mission statement was developed and approved by the members of the committee. The revised mission statement reads as follows:

As a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the Mid-South Conference, and consistent with Shawnee State University's mission, it is the mission of the Department of Athletics to encourage participation in intercollegiate athletics by offering a variety of competitive opportunities and recruiting student athletes with the potential to be successful both academically and athletically.

The athletics department ensures that intercollegiate athletics is an educational activity. It also encourages the development of sportsmanship and positive social attitudes in all participants as well as active participation in campus and university life. We continue our commitment to developing and maintaining a positive image for both the athletics department and the University and to provide equitable opportunities for male and female student athletes.

The Athletic Director will present the new mission statement to members of the Athletic Department for their opinions.

The committee was informed by Mr. Hamilton of the plans to put new turf on the soccer field and Dr. Settle informed the committee of the plan to replace equipment in the Rhodes Center during the next several years.

I would like to make a personal comment regarding Kelli Fultz, Student Government Association representative on the Athletic and Intramural Committee. Kelli has attended both meetings and provided valuable feedback to the committee. She has asked questions about pertinent information concerning the SGA and for her own information. Kelli has presented herself as both a confident and knowledgeable member of this committee and I would like Dr. Morris to know Kelli's participation has been outstanding. I have been on this committee since 2005 and student member attendance at the meetings in the past has been sporadic at best. Kelli has attended both meetings this year and I would like to commend her for her representation of the SGA on this committee.

Thank you.