

Athletic and Intramural Committee
Meeting Notes
December 1, 2008

PRESENT: Phil Blau, Jeff Hamilton, Cindy Hopkins, Steve Rader, Brenda Renfro, Jim Settle, Bob Trusz, John Valentine,

ABSENT: Nancy Bentley, Heather Devoe, Megan Eubanks and Lavanya Vemsani

Steve opened the meeting by distributing the agenda and the notes from the last meeting. One correction to the notes of November 24, 2008 came from the floor and the change is reflected in the revised notes.

Varsity Sports – Bob Trusz gave a report from the subcommittee on varsity sports stating none of the schools contacted have written policies. Most seem to use common sense and the athletic director and staff make recommendations to their governing board. Bob also distributed a table of information gathering results to the committee. John Valentine also reported on the schools he contacted, and discussion moved to junior varsity sports and the feasibility of junior varsity sports for SSU. Discussion took place about the conference SSU is in possibly collapsing, how that would effect SSU and the possibility of changing to NCAA Division II. The main concern of changing conferences is the cost, and Steve offered to put some figures together.

Discussion moved to adding football, the cost involved in the addition of football, the lack of facilities for football and back to the criteria for adding a new sport. Steve suggested the committee be proactive and come up with some questions to ask for the addition of a new sport to have as part of a natural growth process as we are eventually going to have to answer those questions.

Athletics Department Reorganization – Discussion began with questions about the costs associated with the reorganization, and the responsibilities of the new positions including intramurals and club sports. Club sports needs, expenses and how they are funded discussion ensued including talk on the need for guidelines and the need to define club sports.

The next meeting will be February 2, 2009, 4:00 p.m. ATC 221