

Athletic and Intramural Committee  
Meeting Notes  
March 2, 2009

PRESENT: Nancy Bentley, Phil Blau, Heather Devoe, Jeff Hamilton, Cindy Hopkins, Steve Rader, Brenda Renfroe, Jim Settle, Bob Trusz, John Valentine, Levanya Vemsani

ABSENT: Megan Eubanks

Steve Rader opened the meeting by assuring everyone we would be done by 5p and distributing an agenda for the meeting.

DRUG TESTING POLICY – Steve distributed a draft AIC recommendation letter regarding drug testing at Shawnee State which opened discussion of drug testing policies. Discussion included past policy and if that policy was official and implemented without AIC recommendation, the costs of drug testing, the drug free campus policy and if more explicit language is needed in the event a student athlete is found in violation of drug use policy. Bob Trusz moved the committee send this draft letter to Dr. Morris and Heather Devoe seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

New Sports Addition Policy – Steve said we worked on this policy last year and never formalized anything, then distributed a proposed list of procedures for starting new intercollegiate sports. Steve asked everyone to take a few minutes to review and discussion followed. Items discussed included whether the committee had already approved this, if new proposals should come only from the athletic director or could new proposals also be presented to the committee, and if a form is needed to collect the necessary information for starting a new sport. A suggestion was received the form could be put on the AIC website. Steve is going to tweak the procedure proposal and send to the committee.

Club Sports Administration – Heather asked why track is not a varsity sport, and Steve said if there was a logical next sport to add, that probably would be it, however what type of financial position the university is in to add a new sport is questionable. Discussion included the cost feasibility of adding track, lack of facilities, equipment and coaches for track and the possibility of club sport participants competing in league meets. Also discussed was the issue of club sports being administered as club sports and a common method for the administration of all club sports. As it is now, some club sports are under student activities and some are under athletics. Track is a club sport that is in athletics with the hopes of becoming a varsity sport some day, but financial constraints will likely prohibit the addition of new sports for the next few years.