

**Meeting Minutes**  
**University Athletics Council**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2013**  
**12:00pm**

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**PRESENT:** Christy Baker, Linda Bennett, Karen Bonnell, Steve Bridges, Brody Broshears, Alex Eaton, Katie Ehlman, Jon Mark Hall, Mary Jo Harper, Sandy Hatfield, Julia Kohnen, Marco Lara Gracia, Paula Nurrenbern, Kim Reddington, Laci Rogers, Jeff Seyler, Linda Tribble, Brad Wannemuehler

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Karen Bonnell calls the meeting to order at 12:00.

1/30/2013 - MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes is made by Brody Broshears and seconded by Steve Bridges.

Dr. Bennett addresses the Council members to stress the importance of the function the Council serves and looks forward to the outcomes of the strategic planning session.

1. John Mark Hall provides the Athletic Director's report. The men's basketball team won, the women lost this weekend. Spring sports have begun, baseball and softball teams both won this weekend. Track teams competed in Indoor Championships this weekend. Spring seasons are in full force. Athletics has been renovating the women's locker rooms including lockers, carpeting, flooring. Men's locker room will get some new carpeting, flooring. USI is hosting the Men's and Women's Division II Basketball Conference Championships this March 7-10 at the Ford Center downtown. This is good for the community. The Evansville Sports Corporation has taken the financial charge on this tournament this year. Lot of people from Old National Bank, Vectren and other companies around town have gathered volunteers, done a lot of work to provide this new event which will involve lots of activities downtown (Main St.) to enjoy. Deaconess Hospital is the corporate title sponsor of the tournament.

JM mentions that the Cross Country and Track program at USI is really at a crossroads right now. He explains that the Track program has never been funded, all athletes walk on, etc. The program is growing and Jon Mark says it will have to be decided whether or not to try to fund or scale back the combination of these two programs. He asks for the Council's help in developing some processes to evaluate programs and even down the road, possibly add some programs. How can this group help us discuss these new ideas for our athletics programs?

The Council members went into their committees to identify and discuss four or five strategic goals that might be accomplished over the next three years. Following their committee discussions, the members re-convened as a Council and committee chairs reported their goals.

Academic Progress and Integrity

1. Fostering faculty advising and advising center personnel
2. Athletic degree audit process in each college
3. Expanding the data dashboard to include graduation rates and post-graduation data
4. Improve areas for academic services and for career services such as peer coaching and graduate assistants
5. Creating bulletin language specific to student athletes such as the absence policy

Fiscal Integrity and Facilities Planning

1. Risk assessment
2. Program development
3. Operational financial monitoring—review all audit findings
4. Facilities assessment/recommendations

#### Governance and Compliance

1. Develop a fact sheet for advisors (done!)
2. Update the Policy and Procedures Manual
3. Campus-wide communication on compliance
4. Equality---student-athletes and non student-athletes

#### Student-athlete Welfare and Equity

1. Evaluate sport equity in areas such as facilities and resources (locker rooms, fields, scholarships, etc.)
2. Emotional support programs—peer coaching, student athlete advising groups
3. Space for student athletes for outside shelter during practice/games
4. Leadership resources in the community for gender equity

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.