

**Minutes of
The University Interscholastic League
Standing Committee on Policy
June 14, 2011**

The annual summer meeting of the University Interscholastic League Standing Committee on Policy convened at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the UIL Building, 1700 Manor Road, Austin, Texas. The following persons were present at the meeting:

Committee: Acting Chair Rick Reedy, Alton Frailey, Cliff Gilmore, Lynn Heflin, Jerry Hunkapiller

UIL Staff: Dr. Charles Breithaupt, Dr. Jamey Harrison, Dr. Mark Cousins, Phyllis Broz, Treva Dayton, Susan Doherty, Kim Rogers, Chris Schmidt

Guests: Fernando Gomez, Monte Alto ISD; Richard Rickey, Orenda Charter School; Garret Wilson, Caney Creek High School Student and David Clemmons, co-sponsor of Keller High School Quidditch; Greg Egan, Houston Parent; Michelle Cadd, Parent; Randy Lloyd, Tuscola Jim Ned High School Parent.

Business Meeting (A-K)

(A) Acting Chair Reedy called the meeting to order, announced that a quorum was present, and introduced the committee members. The UIL staff members introduced themselves.

(B) It was agreed by consensus to hold the meeting in accordance with the 2010-2011 *Constitution and Contest Rules*.

(C) The printed agenda was adopted by consensus.

Acting Chair Reedy recessed the business meeting and proceeded to the public hearing.

Public Hearing (AA-BB)

Acting Chair Reedy welcomed everyone in attendance on behalf of the participating schools and the Legislative Council.

AA. Previously Scheduled Speakers

Acting Chair Reedy asked the speakers to keep their remarks as brief as possible. He explained that the meeting was open, questions could be asked, and members of the committee, other Legislative Council members present, or the staff would be recognized to speak. Acting Chair Reedy recognized the following speakers who made presentations to the Committee. The following proposals are summarized from oral and written comments.

1. Willie Blackmon: Mr. Blackmon was not present to present his proposal for the addition of indoor track as a UIL sport but provided a written proposal for adding the sport.

2. Fernando Gomez: Mr. Gomez proposed that chess be added as a UIL event. The current administrator, a former computer science teacher of 18 years, stated students tell him how chess has helped them in their professional careers.

3. Richard Rickey: Mr. Rickey proposed that charter school students be allowed to transfer in and be eligible within 90 days of the start of their freshman year or that charter schools who participate in 1A not be held to the 15-day rule.

4. Garrett Wilson, Caney Creek High School, and David Clemmons, co-sponsor of Keller High School Quidditch: Mr. Wilson proposed that UIL add Quidditch as a UIL event. Mr. Wilson stated that students who don't play traditional sports would participate in Quidditch. Mr. Clemmons supports

Mr. Wilson in his request to get Quidditch added as a UIL event and stated that students who are not allowed to play are “shut out” of the opportunity to play an emerging sport that is sweeping the country at the high school level.

5. Greg Egan: Mr. Egan proposed that UIL broaden participation eligibility to allow student/players that attend a private school to play middle or high school sports at their designated/zoned public school.

6. Adam Sandoval: Mr. Sandoval was not present to present his request to amend the overage varsity rule.

7. Michelle Cadd: Mrs. Cadd proposed the overage rule be amended by allowing students who at one point were classified as 504, then years later are not classified 504, be exempt from the over age rule.

8. Randy Lloyd: Mr. Lloyd proposed that foreign exchange students be excluded from district level and above competitions.

BB. Unscheduled Speakers

9. Mike Eaton: Mr. Eaton, Texas High School Wrestling Coaches Association, proposed that UIL change the structure of the current wrestling single class system into two divisions (5A-Division I and 5A-Division II) allowing wrestling to be in line with the other sports.

10. Ruthie Rue: Ms. Rue proposed that the UIL change the overage rule so that students who are classified 504 and at a later date when the help is no longer need, the students should be exempt from the overage rule.

Business Meeting, Continued (D - K)

(D) The committee reviewed the following written proposals: Darrell Vinson, proposes that UIL use the eight conference alignment he created instead of the current UIL R&R; Karen Miller, proposes that bowling be added as a UIL sport; Madeleine Waller, requests that cheerleading be added as a UIL competitive sport; Dennis Holt, Lindsay ISD Superintendent, proposes that sports seasons not overlap; Damon and Beth Sams, Nevada, suggests splitting conference 3A into a large 3A and a small 3A conference; Scott St. Onge, proposes the UIL re-consider allowing private school student the opportunity to participate in public school sports programs; Lyndi Graves, Canyon Lake, proposes that the UIL create a conference 3A for soccer; Michele Clark, proposes that UIL add three divisions for boys and three divisions for girls in high school soccer.

(E-F) Proposals referred from Athletics and Academics and Staff.

1. Policy Proposal: Change the notice requirements for proposed rules by requiring the notice to include a statement of potential fiscal impact of a proposed rule to member schools.
2. Athletic Reports: Alter the rule for changing schools for athletic purposes to allow a student to be eligible for any specific activity that was not available at the school from which the student in question is transferring.
3. Academic Proposal: Make the Theatrical Design Contest that has been piloted for six years a sanctioned contest. The contest would not be part of the Spring Meet and would not count for points.

(G) Committee Action on Proposals and Recommendations.

1. Jerry Hunkapiller moved and Lynn Heflin seconded the motion to instruct the UIL to change the notice requirements for proposed rules by requiring the notice to include a statement of potential fiscal impact of a proposed rule to member schools. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Rick Reedy, Acting Chair, suggests the rule for changing schools for athletic purposes to allow a student to be eligible for any specific activity that was not available at the school from which the student

in question is transferring, be brought back for discussion at the October council meeting.

3. Alton Frailey moved and Jerry Hunkapiller seconded the motion to make Theatrical Design a sanctioned contest. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Rick Reedy moved and Alton Frailey seconded the motion to study the Over Age Rule pertaining to student athletes who were at one time, but are no longer, classified as 504. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Rick Reedy moved and Jerry Hunkapiller seconded the motion to conduct a non-binding survey pertaining to the exclusion of foreign exchange students at district level competitions and above. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Alton Frailey moved and Jerry Hunkapiller seconded the motion to study the proposal to add two divisions to the wrestling system. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Alton Frailey moved and Jerry Hunkapiller seconded the motion to monitor the current divisions in soccer and look at 3A options without increasing travel budgets. Motion passed unanimously.

8. The Standing Committee on Policy suggests the significant increase in game fees for officials, passed as part of the 2009 October Legislative Council meeting (question #20 in the Spring 2011 Superintendent Survey), be re-addressed in the upcoming October Legislative Council meeting.

9. The committee considered, but took no action on any item not addressed above.

(H) There were no action items for the Awards Committee.

(I) New Business. There was no new business.

(J) Announcements. There were no announcements.

(K) There being no further business to come before the committee, Acting Chair Reedy adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.