

**Minutes of  
The University Interscholastic League  
Standing Committee on Policy  
June 12, 2012**

The annual summer meeting of the University Interscholastic League Standing Committee on Policy convened at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at the UIL Building, 1701 Manor Road, Austin, Texas. The following persons were present at the meeting:

Committee: Chair Curtis Culwell, Rick Reedy, Alton Frailey, Cliff Gilmore, Lynn Heflin, Mark Henry, Horace Williams

UIL Staff: Charles Breithaupt, Jamey Harrison, Mark Cousins, David Stevens, Susan Doherty, Chris Schmidt

Guests: Dominick Savage, Student, Marshall High School & Keith Gardner, Student, Mayde Creek High School; Kayla Endicott & Krista Hill, Stony Point High School; David Foote, Dalhart ISD; John Grammer, Victoria East HS; Greg Enis, Slidell ISD; Charles Evans, Texas Association of Non-Public Schools; Koby Otto, Texas Tennis Coaches Association; Mike Lee, Booker ISD; Dwight Butler, Granbury ISD; Rodney Lee, Lorena ISD; Ray Baca, CCCAT; Bryan Davis, Rule ISD.

**Business Meeting (A-K)**

(A) Chairman Culwell 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 2011-2012 *Constitution and Contest Rules*.

(C) The printed agenda was adopted by consensus.

Chairman Culwell recessed the business meeting and proceeded to the public hearing.

**Public Hearing (AA-BB)**

Chairman Culwell welcomed everyone in attendance on behalf of the participating schools and the Legislative Council.

**AA. Previously Scheduled Speakers**

Chairman Culwell 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. Chairman Culwell recognized the following speakers who made presentations to the Committee. The following proposals are summarized from oral and written comments.

**1. Dominick Savage and Keith Gardner:** Mr. Savage and Mr. Gardner proposed that bowling be added as a UIL sport. Bowling is a sport for everyone and all skill levels with no age or gender barriers. Adding bowling as a UIL sport would help bowlers achieve athletic scholarships.

**2. Kayla Endicott and Krista Hill:** Ms. Endicott and Ms. Hill proposed bowling be added as a UIL event. They reported bowling currently has 54,018 students participating at the varsity level and feel it is time to be added as a UIL sport.

**3. Mike Erickson:** Mr. Erickson was not present to present his proposal for the addition of culinary arts as a UIL sanctioned competition, but provided a written proposal for adding the activity.

**4. David Foote:** Mr. Foote proposed the UIL modify Section 1202 allowing schools to apply for a waiver to hire part-time coaches in wrestling, tennis, golf, soccer, softball, gymnastics and swimming. He stated that to qualify for a waiver, a district must provide documentation that they have exhausted every avenue possible to find a coach that meets the teaching requirement and that hiring an additional full-time coach could add a financial hardship to the district.

**5. John Grammer:** Mr. Grammer proposed the UIL change the over-age rule so that students who turn 19 prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>, and are not in Special Education or classified as 504, have an opportunity to go before a UIL waiver committee and possibly be allowed to play their fourth year of high school sports.

**6. Keyv Allred:** Mr. Allred was not present to present his request to add a six-man division in Tennis, Golf and Academics, but provided a written proposal for adding the division.

**7. Greg Enis:** Mr. Enis proposed Council consider using the same rules that split Conference A track into two separate divisions be used in the remaining UIL activities: Cross Country, Academics, One-Act-Play, Tennis and Golf. The result of this proposal would be the creation of Conference A Division I & II alignments for Cross Country, Basketball, Academics, OAP, Track, Tennis and Golf.

**8. 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.

**9. Edward Britton:** Mr. Britton was not present to present his proposal for the altering of the current UIL rule prohibiting changing schools for athletic purposes.

#### **BB. Unscheduled Speakers**

**10. Bryan Davis:** Mr. Davis, Superintendent Rule ISD, proposed the UIL move from the current five conferences to six conferences.

Chairman Culwell adjourned the committee for lunch at 12:12 p.m.

Chairman Culwell reconvened the committee at 12:50 p.m.

**11. Mike Lee:** Mr. Lee, Superintendent Booker ISD, proposed that Charter Schools who currently participate in 1A and 2A conferences, while recruiting students from 5A high schools, be required to compete at the same level as the schools in which they recruit students.

**12. Steve Buck:** Mr. Buck, Texas Tennis Coaches Association, proposed that the UIL add a 3A conference for Team Tennis. He stated that the sport already exists so there would be no additional expense.

**13. Charles Evans:** Mr. Evans, Executive Director of Texas Association of Non-Public Schools, proposed the UIL form a task force to study the concept of beginning a separate Private School Division. His proposal is based on two fundamental premises: 1) The private school division would remain completely separate from the public school division and 2) Each private school would maintain its autonomy from any state regulation that would compromise its mission, doctrine and educational philosophy or practices.

#### **Business Meeting, Continued (D - K)**

(D) The committee reviewed the following written proposals: Philip Glenn, Lake Ridge HS Choir Director, proposed that UIL establish protected dates or days of the week for UIL music contests in the spring by not allowing other activities to schedule on certain days in April or the first week in May; Veronica Perez, proposed that the Legislative Council implement a rule for school bands and drill teams to be a certain distance away/behind the football players during varsity football games before their halftime performance; Ian Sharpless, Victoria East HS student, proposed that UIL amend the over-age rule allowing students turning 19 prior to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> be allowed to participate in athletics; Rosie Aguilar,

Marathon, proposed the UIL amend the over-age rule allowing 19 year-olds to play sports if they are needed to make up a team; Jennifer Cooper, Coppell, proposed a rule change regarding academics and/or grading policy as it relates to “No pass/No play” and athletics; Carolyn Martin, Pearland, proposed the UIL change the requirement that a student should attend the full, regular school day in order to attend a UIL event; Jason Marshall, Supt., Marshall ISD, proposed the UIL keep the current playoff system in conference 3A; Linda McAnelly, Supt., Devine ISD, proposed the alignment of 3A football into a Division I and II split Conference format as used in 1A and 2A football; Larry LaFavers, Supt., Leonard ISD, proposed the UIL Realignment Committee consider placing schools in Conference 2A within the same district for all UIL competitions when possible; Rep. Dan Huberty, Advisory Council member, proposed to allow a student who is attending a school that does not offer a particular activity can transfer to a school that does offer that activity and become eligible for that particular activity 15 calendar days after the student enrolls in the school as long as: 1) the school to which the student transferred is within the same independent school district as the school the student is leaving, 2) the school to which the student transferred is the geographically closest school that offers that activity to the school the student is leaving and 3) the student is only eligible for varsity participation in the activity not offered at the school the student is leaving. The student is not eligible in other varsity athletics activities; Jason Marshall, Supt., and Lance Angel, Athletic Director, Palestine ISD, do not support adding another sport, bowling, to the UIL at this time; Carol Gardner, proposed that bowling be added as a UIL activity; David Foote, Supt., Dalhart ISD, Keith Bryant, Supt., Bullard ISD, Shannon Holmes, Supt., Hardin-Jefferson ISD, Johnny Pineda, Supt., Raymondville ISD, made two proposals: 1) the Legislative Council consider making adjustments to Conference 3A beginning with the 2014-13 realignment by splitting the conference into a two division alignment 2) require districts with campuses whose enrollments qualify them to play in more than two conferences, and who also offer any type of school choice for high school students, to be restricted to participating in only the top two conferences for which they qualify; David Adamson, Nacogdoches, proposed a conference for 3A soccer be added where 3A schools will be put in 3A districts instead of being mixed with 4A schools twice their size.

(E-G) Proposals referred from Academic, Athletic and Finance Committees and Staff.

1. Policy Proposal made by UIL Finance Committee: Analyze the possibility of pursuing increased television coverage as an avenue for new revenue. This new revenue could assist UIL in controlling costs to schools for UIL competitions.

(H) Committee Action on Proposals and Recommendations.

1. Chairman Culwell, and the Standing Committee on Policy recommend the UIL Staff study the proposal to amend the full time employee coach rule.
2. Cliff Gilmore moved and Rick Reedy seconded the motion to bring to the full Legislative Council, in October, the proposal to add a sixth conference. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Chairman Culwell and the Standing Committee on Policy recommend the UIL Staff study, for further clarification, Charter Schools and how they are classified.
4. Rick Reedy moved and Cliff Gilmore seconded the motion to move forward in forming a 3A team tennis conference and state championship. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Rick Reedy moved and Alton Frailey seconded the motion to form a task force to review the concept of a separate Private School Division within UIL and to report to the full Legislative Council in October. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Mark Henry moved and Horace Williams seconded the motion to bring to the full Legislative Council, in October, the proposal to implement the split conference format for 3A football. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Alton Frailey moved and Mark Henry seconded the motion to ask the UIL Staff to study the proposal concerning intra-district transfers and varsity eligibility. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Rick Reedy moved and Mark Henry seconded the motion to move forward with a 3A Soccer conference and state championship. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Culwell asked Rick Reedy to stand in as Acting Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

9. Alton Frailey moved and Mark Henry seconded the motion to bring to the full Legislative Council, in October, more comprehensive language concerning Section 868, Radio and Television Contracts to provide UIL rights to all means of broadcasting and telecasting post-season competitions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

(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 Chairman Reedy adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.