

Interim Progress Report
Intercollegiate Athletics Vision Task Force
December 15, 2005

This is an update on the progress of the Intercollegiate Athletics Vision Task Force. The Task Force began meeting in earnest following the kick-off meeting on September 8, 2005. At our next meeting on September 20, 2005 we focused our attention on what sorts of data we would need to make informed recommendations and how we would go about gaining that information. Details of that meeting and the Task Force's conclusions can be found in the minutes posted on the Task Force's website at: <http://www.siue.edu/ATHLETIC/TASKFORCE/>

In subsequent biweekly meetings, the Task Force has:

- learned about the organization of Intercollegiate Athletics at SIUE;
- reviewed some information about the structure of Intercollegiate Athletic budgets;
- reviewed the status of indoor and outdoor athletic facilities;
- and, learned about the academic infrastructure that supports our intercollegiate athletes.

In all the meetings, discussion has taken place about resources and about the relative resources that would be required to support activities and programs under continued NCAA Division II participation, Division I participation, or hybrid DII/DI participation. In a recent meeting, we discussed how steep the learning curve has been, and will continue to be for the Task Force. For many members, their prior exposure to Intercollegiate Athletics was extremely limited. Thus, our decision to be deliberate and thorough in learning about programs before making any recommendations has already proven its wisdom. The availability of the website, graciously maintained by Sports Information Director Eric Hess, has allowed us to post Task Force agendas, meeting minutes, and documents reviewed by the Task Force. Please refer to that resource for more detailed information about our meetings.

We are on target with respect to timing and learning to meet the goal of making recommendations by December 2006.