

Athletic Department First Year Vision Goals Summary

Determine athletic department's facility needs.

Discussion was held among the department regarding facilities that need to be upgraded or added for the purpose of recruiting and retaining student-athletes. The list included additional locker rooms, a larger and more efficient training room and press boxes for the softball and baseball diamonds. Data was also collected by the coaches from other colleges in the conference, region and other states to determine how our facilities compared. In addition, we gathered information from area high schools. The list was then prioritized among the group and a formal proposal has been sent to the President and Vice President of Resource Development.

Determine rational for full-time trainer.

This goal was researched at the same time facility needs were researched and was combined with the first goal. The same colleges and area high schools were contacted comparing the number of programs, along with their current trainer situation. The proposal is to increase the resources of an athletic trainer in the athletic department.

Increase academic support for "at risk" student-athletes.

Work continues on this particular goal. The student pool has been identified and research has been done regarding what other colleges offer and what is available at Kirkwood. Discussion has been held regarding barriers that athletes encounter by taking programs that would be beneficial to them, including not being able to complete their degree in two years. In the next couple of months we hope to put forth final recommendations regarding this goal.