

Campus Recreation Center Advisory Board Meeting
September 13, 2013

Attendance: Susan DiMonda, Jay Souza, Brad Avenia, Leigh Hubbard, Kevin Ferrelli, Paul Siegel, Christine Kong, Steven Adelson, Tom Kirnbauer, Andrew Boskamp, Alexandros Konstantinidas, Rose Faber, Wesley Hawkins

Members: We still need Advisory Board members from the following areas: Athletics, SHAC, Commuter Student Association, Fitness, Open Rec, Intramurals, and HSC. These participants cannot be employees of the Campus Recreation Center. This is a public meeting so anyone is welcome to attend, however, only formal members can vote.

The Advisory Board will meet every second Friday of the month at 12:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room. The dates are posted on the Campus Recreation website.

1. Recreation Updates

- a. *South P Fields:* The South P Fields will be delayed until spring. The contractors lost over 30 days because of weather related issues. There will be 3 fields: 1 turf and 2 sod. One of the sod and one of the turf field will have lights. Club sports will have priority on booking at these sites. The fields will get a new storage container and stop using Rugby's because there is too much equipment to fit in the single storage container. The containers will both be painted to match as part of a beautification project. A conduit for Wi-Fi and security cameras has been run, but these items have not been purchased. Given the cost of the project, these extras are too expensive for this fiscal year. There will also be bleachers and scoreboards in the coming fiscal years. The Advisory Board will provide input on priority of these purchases. The fields need to be named, which will be an ongoing discussion. Campus Recreation will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring.
- b. *Water Bottle Filling Station:* New water bottle filling stations have been ordered. One has been installed already. Three more are coming and will be put downstairs, upstairs, and in the weight area.
- c. *Lockers:* At peak times, the facility runs out of locker space. As a result, 114 more lockers were ordered and will be installed on Tuesday. These will go near the lobby, downstairs, and upstairs by the cardio equipment.
- d. *Personal training/ Group fitness instructor course:* The fitness & wellness programming area will offer personal training and group fitness instructor courses. This is to promote involvement from students on campus in hopes of

transitioning to a student run fitness program. Undergraduate students will pay \$75 and graduate students will pay \$100 which includes a 10-week training course, training materials, and an in-house test. Dean and Amanda have worked hard to develop comprehensive materials that should offer the level of information to pass a national certification. The in-house certification will enable students to work as personal trainers or group fitness instructors and serve to motivate participants to get a professional certification. Passing a national certification will allow student employees to be eligible for a higher pay rate as well. Information sessions on this program will be offered next week.

Wes Hawkins asked “if a sport club member gets certified through this training course and passes a national certification for personal training, would the student be able to train the sport club team?” Jay felt that it would depend on the circumstance and requires further discussion.

- e. *Kevin Ferrelli (New Staff)*: Kevin Ferrelli is the newest professional staff member of Campus Recreation. He will be the Manager of Intramurals and Sport Clubs. Kevin comes to us from The College of Charleston in South Carolina.
- f. *Casey Ellin*: Casey Ellin, Assistant Director of Intramurals and Sport Clubs, was injured in June and is on leave. There is a comedy event on the 27th of September in the SAC Auditorium. Please attend—tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for general admission. Tickets are sold through EventBrite and the money will go directly to family.

2. Discussion Items

- a. *South P Fields Name*: The South P Field Complex needs a new name once the project is completed. Brad Avenia suggested naming the complex and all fields, so it would provide more identification opportunities. Paul Siegel offered the idea of a naming contest. Tom Kirnbauer thought we might want to dedicate the fields to the hard work Dr. Peter Baigent has put forth in implementing this project. Jay explained that the Campus Recreation Center is also a building of interest for naming opportunities on campus. He thinks this might be a corporate rather than private naming opportunity. Dr. Sue DiMonda spoke about the rigorous process to have a site on campus named and Brad asked where the money would go. According to Sue, the funds would go into foundation and the department would use interest (endowed) to provide long-term funding.
- b. *Badminton*: Badminton is the second most popular sport on campus. Approximately 100 people showed up on the first day of badminton club practice. As a result, there will be two sports clubs: graduates and undergraduate.

The badminton racquets are an ongoing issue for the Campus Recreation Center. 250 racquets, or approximately five thousand dollars' worth of racquets were broken last year. A major thing to consider is the amount of equipment purchased that will be dedicated to badminton. If Campus Recreation bought decent (albeit expensive) racquets, there would be at least fifty dollars and this would wind up being very expensive.

The badminton executive board met with Jay regarding the continuous issue with breakage. It was concluded that the level of playing vs. the level of racquet breakage is not acceptable. Some suggestions for handling the racquet issue includes:

- No rackets. The facility will not offer racquets. Members must bring their own.
 - Campus Recreation can sell racquets.
 - The facility can order more expensive rackets to compete with the playing level. This would cost approximately ten thousand dollars.
 - Charge members for broken racquets. If you break it you buy it. This has not been enforced because it is typically normal usage breaks. Jay doesn't agree to charge just for the normal breakage because it is not the member's fault. But, what if a student broke the racquet? Then the facility should charge them. Student employees should assess the damage more closely on a case-by-case basis.
 - Dr. DiMonda suggested that a badminton vendor should come during sport club practice (good exposure for the vendor) to sell a range of racquets to members.
 - Some of the Advisory Board members suggested a combination of buying and renting options. Some students play recreationally and don't have the need/want to purchase, while others would buy racquets. Jay understand where this is coming from but it hesitant to implement this because it is very difficult to track.
- c. *Hours of operation:* Saturday hours of opening at 10 am have been an issue. People want the facility to open at 9 am. This has been one of the only complaints since the facility implemented new hours; however, Jay Souza felt it would be best to keep the hours constant. Brad Avenia questioned the budgetary effect and how this additional hour would impact the department. Jay said it would not be a significant issue. Since the hours are new this semester, there is no pattern usage yet. Dr. DiMonda suggested surveying Saturday morning students. This way people would know we are addressing concerns. Other question asked include: "what are campus residence fitness centers doing and when are they open?" and "how are they handling this?"
- d. *Pink Glove Boxing:* Dean provided a brief synopsis of this program: a boxing curriculum for females only. It would be offered on a semester basis and would

not be credit bearing. The program develops a sense of community, leadership, and skill, to bring out champions from within. Schools hosting this program have seen an increase in popularity, despite a membership charge associated with it. The amount ranges from \$60-\$110, but Dean proposed \$75 for undergraduates and \$100 for grad students.

The women enrolled get all the equipment they need when they register. They would pay the fee each semester to help maintain the program. There are 6 tiers and participants continue to test out the tiers to work towards pink gloves. Each tier provides new equipment. The class would meet twice a week for thirteen week and participants would remain in the same group for the entire semester. Each participant has the opportunity to be a “leader” during the semester. There is no physical contact unless someone makes a mistake, so personal safety is not an issue. The program is meant for personal development/wellness.

Since the class would be for an additional fee as opposed to free classes, Dean wants to know whether members would be willing to pay. The program has been very successful at other campuses. Dean is also asking for funding to cover the startup cost—licensing, start up, equipment, materials. It is approximately seven thousand dollars and the funding would be a one-time request. Dean explained that the program aims to have 30 students per semester in two classes.

- Dr. DiMonda asked if there is a way to directly survey the students who tried the demos to see their responses. Fitness and Wellness Programming could reach out to faculty, staff, and grads and see who would be willing to pay.
- Tom Kirnbauer: “Can we get the memberships billable to SOLAR?” Jay explained that the Bursar said “no” and this is something we have looked into even with our own memberships. The problem is that all of the graduate students would need to be charged first and then opt out if they didn’t want to pay the membership. This would get too complicated. The department is working to get the memberships on Wolfie Wallet.

3. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. The next meeting will be Friday, October 11th.