

Recreation and Wellness Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 10, 2023: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Attendees: Marie Turchiano (Committee Chair), Marlene Kasman (RAW), Thomas Lail (RAW), Erin Maurno (RAW), Christina DeAngelis (RAW), Terrell Amparado (RAW), Wyatt Cushman (RAW), Thomas St. John (RAW), Matthew Jacobs (Sport Clubs), Pamela Pfeil (Staff), Alexander Yurkovich (IM Sports), Yurika Tomita (Aquatics), Mona Ramonetti (Staff), Ric McClendon (Student Life), Emma Cardona (Student Life)

I. Introductions: Marie welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room and on Zoom.

II. Facility and Field Updates

a) Pending Projects Updates

1. Facility AV system (Tom)– Adwar has been contracted to bring our 10 year old system up to date. PO is issued. Waiting on parts. Should be completed this summer.
2. Intramural Field Complex (Marie) – Waiting to secure funding for \$5.6 million project. Receiving some money from NYS. Trying to secure an interest free loan from the university. Payback will be 5, 8 or 10 years. Rentals and possibly some money from Athletics will allow a quicker payback. Project will take 2 years to complete.
3. Basketball Hoops (Tom) - Motor on the hoop in the Mac Ct. burnt out. Nickerson inspected all hoops and curtains.
4. Cable for TV's (Marie)– Since the university no longer supports cable tv, we are working with IT to secure a cable agreement for the building.
5. Shut-down week (Tom) – traditionally we shut down the building the week after graduation to do a complete cleaning and resurface the wood courts, floors and platforms. In the past, the floors were done twice per year. We are evaluating the wear and tear to see if we can save money and only do it once per year.
6. Full Circle Padding was here to quote replacing the padding around the goal mouths on the MAC Ct. After 10 years, they are loose.

III. New Equipment Update (Tom)

- a) Espresso Bikes
- b) Branded dumbbells
- c) Selectorized piece – cable/pulley system

Thomas and Wyatt will be attending the NIRSA convention. The exhibition includes

IV. Chiropractor Update (Marie)

Chiropractor is available on Fridays from 9-12 for staff and students. They are getting busier. Will finish off this semester and return in August, the first week of classes.

V. Outdoor Adventure Program (Christina)

- a) Axe throwing was March 4th. Everyone had a lot of fun
- b) Paintball – 3/25/23
- c) Adventure Park – 4/1/23
- d) Horseback Riding – 4/8/23
- e) Old Westbury Garden Tours – 4/15/23
- f) East End Bike Tour – 4/22/23
- g) Island Rock – 4/29/23

All trips are selling out and have approximately 30 people on the waitlist. Next year we will evaluate the cost of adding a second bus.

RAW is making a boat for Roth Regatta. Many students have expressed an interest!

VI . DOS Update/Explore LI and NYC (Ric)

Name of the off campus trips and events has been rebranded to be called “Beyond the Brook”. Upcoming trips are Ellis Island, Aquarium, Madame Tussauds, discounted LIRR tickets for spring break, Hamilton on Broadway. RAW and SEA will continue to collaborate on programs for fall '23. More programs focusing on civic responsibility and diversity will be included.

VII. DOS Update/Explore LI & NYC – (Rebecca)

Collaborating between SEA and RAW to promote trips. RAW is focusing on outdoor adventure and SEA is focusing on cultural trips. Processes have been streamlined so procedures are the same for both.

VIII. Recreation Updates

a) Pool (Yurika)

- IM had inner tube water polo. Everyone had a great time.
- Lifeguards worked the water polo event and are scheduled for Roth Regatta
- Morning and night open swim are the busiest. Spring Break there will be one swim, late morning into afternoon.

b) Intramurals– (Wyatt)

- Basketball and soccer just finished

- After spring break – dodgeball and volleyball. Registration numbers are good. March Madness pool with prizes for students
- One day events – 4v4 basketball collaboration with SEA on 4/1.

c) Sport Clubs (Thomas/Marie/Tom)

Marie reported that she is in discussion with FSA about taking over the concession out at South P. It will be a profit sharing opportunity for RAW and sport clubs will be able to sign up to work at the concession and they will receive a financial compensation for the team. FSA will be starting with a food truck.

Thomas reported that club sports are now practicing. Competition starts in April. Wrestling is in Puerto Rico at a National Championship.

ESports has teams that if qualify for finals, will be travelling to Indianapolis.

d) Staff – (Marlene/Terrell)

Job fair March 29th collaborating with career center. Teaches students about resume writing and interviewing prior to applying for a position here. Student leaders do the interviewing so they can gain those skills.

Staff Dodgeball and volleyball competition last week. Brings students and staff together who don't normally work together. Very successful

e) Fitness – (Erin)

Fitness classes are going well. No classes during spring break. First week of April we will be offering PGB certification to the instructors.

RAW will no longer offer personal training. Certification is expensive and the students to staff it are not available.

IX. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/OPEN AGENDA

Recreation and Wellness will be hosting a recreational golf tournament on June 23rd at the Middle Island Country Club in Yaphank. Volunteers are needed. \$165 includes lunch and dinner and non-alcoholic beverages.

Last meeting of the semester – April 14, 2023