

Campus Recreation Advisory Board Agenda

November 8, 2013, 12-1:30PM, CRC 125

Attendance: Jay Souza (CREC), Brad Avenia (CREC), Rose Faber (CREC), Jonathan Colon (CREC), Marie Turchiano (CREC), Susan DiMonda (DOS), Lindsay Brue (Student Employment), Tom Kirnbauer (GSO), Susan, Dean Bowen (CREC), Durrion Newman (CREC), Karie, Chris Priore (Open Rec), Andrew Boskamp (DSS), Kerri Mahoney (UEC), Caitlin Weisz (CSA), Jessica Langley (HSC), Danna Rae Sajorda (SHAC), Kevin Ferreli (CREC)

Meeting: Called to order at 12:07 PM.

1. Welcome

2. Project updates

- a. **South P field project update:** The project is near completion. There is new work to be done. Might be completed in January. Coming nicely, some delays.
- b. **Water fountains:** Install more in facility. Jay wants to put in new ones although it is not a high priority. The cost is about 15-25k and we're currently on hold because of price.
- c. **Lockers:** Trying to get quote. Damage rapidly and considering replacing them. We would like to add more metal lockers with lifetime warranty. The option of adding more metal lockers would be considered by the end of spring semester depending on financial status.
- d. **Name:** Survey was done on name for South P field complex. Top three were: The Den, the University's Student Recreation Complex, and Campus Recreation Field. Susan believes the field should be called Seawolves' Den. We agreed on The Den: Home of the Seawolves and Wolfie's Den which was brought up by Lindsay. We would like the field to be a brand of the university's property. No issues with athletics in naming the field. Favor: 5, opposed: 4 in The Den: Home of the Seawolves.

3. Discussion

- a. Faculty/Staff/Grad spouse membership
 - i. **Current membership #'s:** We currently do not offer memberships to spouses, but we are considering doing so. Graduates often come in asking why the CRC does not offer spouse memberships. Advisory staff feels like it makes sense to allow spouses in the Campus Recreation as long as you can provide proof. Lindsey thinks it would get too crowded if we allow spouses in the CRC. She thinks usage would triple and believes it's already crowded as it is. Tom disagrees. He thinks it wouldn't be

crowded. He sees it as beneficial in terms of revenue. However there are some issues. The rate would be different compared to grad students. Spouses would be charge \$410 a year or \$40 a month and can't participate in programs, just open recreation. No electives to paying for fitness programs. Dean said most classes don't fill up anyways, we should consider an elective. Jay doesn't want to risk someone who pays fees not getting a seat. Brad thinks we should include undergrads as well. Susan agrees. IDs would be handled in the CRC. We agreed to follow the same guidelines as HR. Favor: 8, opposed 0.

- b. **Rental rates:** Student group get priority to rentals before considering external groups. CRC does rentals every summer because it is the busiest time of the year. There would be a large demand for rentals. Susan thinks we should make a website or brochure to promote rentals. Marie differed and said demand is high advertisement is not necessary. Brad thinks we should make sure grass field is not used as much as turf. Tom doesn't think they'll be used frequently enough to be worn out. The money generated in rentals would go back to field maintenance. Marie thinks we should accommodate the groups that come in the summer. The best time to accommodate them is July and the beginning half of August. Intramural have summer softball which would generate revenue during the summer. We are going to modify the rates.

- c. **Usage to date:** There is a nice increase in usage from a year ago. Students barely come in on weekends. They mostly come in Monday through Thursday.

- d. **Broad based fee discussion:** These fees are based on needs of department as a whole. An increase in student fees goes to the student payroll budget. A lot of the money generated from fees is going to new improvements. This increase would help the Campus Recreation Center buy new equipment, make repairs, and improvements. The fee would maintain a great quality in the recreation center. If increase does not happen the number of employees will decrease as well as day to day operations. We have to deal with inflation as well. Up to \$80 from \$77.25. Marie said 80% of students in Stony Brook have come in at least once over the year. Our goal is to reach 100% of students to come to the rec. On other note, Jay is working on a 10 year equipment replacement plan. Treadmills have a cutoff point when it needs to be replaced. There is a 3-6 year window when there's going to be a turnover (sell of old equipment, buy of new equipment). The increase in fee prepares for the change in equipment. No oppositions.

e. **Other:**

- i. **DSS:** Andrew brought up DSS forms and how we could use them to make the facility better. Chris agrees and thinks we should get more people involved. Susan thinks surveys should be done since they are helpful in gathering data. Lindsay thinks Special Olympics should be considered. Jay and Susan would speak and consider the idea.
- ii. **Room Usage:** Room 125 is used by staff and clubs. Consider to make the room available on certain nights. Promote the utilization of the room. Susan would like to consider that. Jay agrees. The room could be requested through SB Life, but because it is requested doesn't mean you could use it.
- iii. **Workout Rooms:** Lindsay thinks the classrooms should be open for free use. It already happened and it was quickly abused. Room 120 is available for organized groups only.
- iv. **Feedback:** Chris said new barbells have positive feedback.

4. New business:

- i. **Barbells:** Chris brought up attachments that could be used for barbells. Not too expensive and could help with the lasting of equipment. Jay would consider it.

5. Other:

- i. **Marketing:** Jessica said HSC doesn't get enough promotion of CRC. Durrone had a meeting with Tracy and said we are going to promote the recreation much more for the following semester.

6. Adjourn at 1:23 PM.