

Campus Recreation Advisory Council  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Campus Recreation Center, Conf. Room 55C  
Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019; 4:45 p.m.

Secretary Schendt called the membership roll.

**Present:** Jack Arens, Kelcey Buck, Marydith Donnelly, Olivia Epstein, Irvin Benavides, Nikolina Sabo, Taylor Schendt, Brogan Vahle, Tom Weissling, Vanessa Whitmore, and Kyra Willats.

**Absent:** Bella Breck (excused), Joe Stara, Carolyn Thayer (excused), and Josh DeMers (excused).

**Guests:** Vicki Highstreet, Associate Director for Recreation Programming and Zac Brost, Assistant Director for Intramural & Extramural Sports

Amy Lanham, council advisor and Stan Campbell, Director of Campus Recreation were also present.

President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

I. Review and Approval of March 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Amy Lanham pointed out that "Whitmore" was spelled incorrectly in part III section A of the March 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. Marydith Donnelly moved and Olivia Epstein seconded a motion to approve the minutes with the one correction. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

II. Open Forum and Announcements

A. Highlights from the 2019 Campus Labs Benchmark

Zac Brost, co-chair of the Campus Recreation assessment committee presented to the council. The NASPA/Campus Labs benchmark survey for collegiate recreation is administered every 3-4 years at UNL. This is a way for Campus Recreation departments to measure against each other nationally and to compare our results throughout the years. This was a benchmark year. Assessment provided data on how students use Campus Recreation and outcomes from students regarding satisfaction including the needs of our users. The survey was available from Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Feb 20<sup>th</sup> and reminders sent weekly. The incentive for completing the survey was a free small drink from Scooters. The survey was sent to 5,000 UPPF fee paying students identified by the University Registrar. There were 1,355 responses, and 979 completed responses; this was a pretty high response rate compared to previous years. There were 155 questions on the survey all together. Eighty-four percent of participants said they utilize on-campus recreation in some way, shape, or form; this number is pretty high compared to other U.S. campuses, and has stayed pretty consistent for the past few years. Sixty-seven percent of participants said that Campus Recreation facilities were of importance in selecting UNL and 60% said that Campus Recreation programs played a part

in the decision of coming to school at UNL. Seventy percent said recreation facilities were important to their decision to stay at the institution; 89% say they enjoy using Campus Recreation facilities; 91% would recommend Campus Recreation to others; 81% said Campus Recreation contributes to their quality of life on campus; 87% said there is a program for everyone in Campus Recreation, and 87% say their needs are met by Campus Recreation. The numbers were high for general well-being questions, diversity and inclusion, self-confidence, and mental health. Campus Recreation had decently high numbers in regards to student success areas and Husker GROW related questions. There were really positive testimonials given from students. The assessment committee is still going through data, comparing to national averages, differentiating between light vs regular user responses, usage related to class standing, and the effects of use on academic performance.

Marydith Donnelly moved and Kyra Willats seconded a motion to change the Order of Business to allow Zac Brost to present changes to the 2019-20 Intramural Sports calendar. The motion passed without objection.

#### B. 2019-20 Intramural Sports Calendar

Intramural Sports strives for big participation numbers and to offer something for everyone. There are currently three awards for individuals/organizations throughout the year. The “All University Trophy” consists of a men’s and women’s division. Points accumulated throughout the year and it is team, dual and individual sport driven. The “Esprit De Corps” award is calculated on total participation in select sports. Proposed events for 2019-20 include: tennis, Rocket League, Pitch, 1-on-1 basketball, 8-ball pool, disc golf, mini golf, and 2-on-2 sand volleyball. The “Athlete of the Year” award has struggled with numbers recently. Participants in intramural sports say they want more social interactions and less competition. Events proposed for 2019-20 include: 9-ball pool, badminton, bowling, disc golf, HORSE, punt/pass/kick, racquetball, and Rocket League. Proposed calendar changes for 2019-20 include: dropping floor hockey, possibly adding pickleball, and exploring shifting certain indoor activities to adjust to the loss of Mabel Lee Hall.

#### C. Year in Review

Kyra Willats stated that she appreciated the team bonding that occurred at challenge course. She thought it brought the council together and gave us better team work and communication. Irvin Ramirez said that he enjoyed helping with Red Letter Days, interacting with students and fielding questions about the Campus Rec Center. Jack Arens stated that participating in events helped bring awareness to Campus Recreation. Vanessa Whitmore added that Red Letter Days went really well and next year the responsibilities should be explained better in advance. She said the experience was cool because it proved how much she’s learned. Kelcey Buck said that she likes hearing the

student experience and really enjoyed committees and the interview process. Tom Wiessling said that he has been really impressed with our students.

D. April 10<sup>th</sup> workout in Memorial Stadium 5-7

Group fitness will be hosting a giant class in the football stadium on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

E. Feedback on the End of the Year Social Food

We will be catering in Super Taco and looking into having chair massages for CRAC members at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at the Campus Recreation Center .

III. Committee Reports

Marydith Donnelly met with Outdoor Adventures. She said that the used gear sale went well and the employees are pretty excited about this. Outdoor Adventures is now enforcing uniform requirements and employees are not very excited about that.

Stan Campbell stated that Student Affairs is going to a shared services model for marketing and communications. Our Marketing and Communications department will be absorbed into a larger entity and will be moving into the Nebraska Union as soon as July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tom Wiessling brought up a request for a pair of each resistance band at the Recreation and Wellness Center. These items are available and can be checked out from the Member Services desk.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Representative for Big Ten Recreation Conference at Northwestern University, May 14-17

Jack Arens can no longer attend this conference. Irvin Ramirez, Bella Breck and Brogan Vahle would like to attend. Pre-conference activities start as early as 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15 and the conference ends around noon on Friday. We would be leaving Tuesday and getting back late Friday night. There are no conference registration fees. Transportation would be covered by the university and most meals would be taken care of by the conference. Irvin, Bella and Brogan were approved to attend.

V. New Business

A. Mexican-American Student Association (MASA) Banquet, 6:00 p.m., April 20, Nebraska Union Centennial Room. Campus Rec will buy a table at the MASA banquet if there is enough interest. The focus of the week is on preserving roots. There is a whole week of events that concludes with the banquet on Saturday. Dinner will be provided. CRAC members are encouraged to attend. Vanessa Whitmore and Marydith Donnelly would like to attend.

B. Kyra Willats moved and Nikki Sabo seconded a motion to accept the proposed 2019-20 Intramural Sports calendar. The motion passed with no objections.

VI. Motion to Adjourn

Jack Arens made and Brogan Vahle seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objection, President Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Taylor Schendt, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**, 4:45 p.m., Recreation and Wellness Center, Room #110

- i. Final business meeting for 2018-19 Council
- ii. Oath of Office for 2019-20 Council Members

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 4:45 p.m., Campus Recreation Center 230C, End of Year Social for 2018-19 and 2019-20 Councils, plus Election of Officers and photos for the 2019-20 Council