

Campus Recreation Advisory Council  
**Meeting Minutes**  
CREC, Room #230C  
Tuesday, October 29th, 2019; 5:00 p.m.

Secretary Vahle called the membership roll.

**Present:** Jack Arens, Bella Breck, Kelcey Buck, Regan Dierks, Marydith Donnelly Will Gaura, Rin Le, Jake Modica, Irvin Ramirez-Benavidez, Taylor Schendt, Eva Shvartcer, Brogan Vahle, David Weed, Tom Weissling, and Vanessa Whitmore

**Absent:** None

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

President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

- I. Review and approval of October 15th Meeting Minutes  
Taylor Schendt made and Jake Modica seconded a motion to approve the October 15th meeting minutes with one correction. The motion passed without objection.
- II. Open Forum and Announcements
  - A. Campus Recreation presentation and facility tour for the Committee for Fee Allocation (CFA) Update: Irvin Ramirez said that the virtual tour went well and CFA seemed to be very attentive and engaged with the tour. Amy Lanham agreed and said we got to tour a bit of CREC, Pershing Military & Naval Science Building, and a few of the CFA members stayed long enough to tour the Outdoor Adventures Center.
  - B. Update on Vacant Position: Stan Campbell said there are 6 names on the preliminary short list for the Administrative Associate's position, and the search committee for the Associate Director for External Relations position has not yet been approved by Institutional Equity and Compliance. Irvin will represent the council on the search committee. The Wellness & Nutrition Education Coordinator position is also currently advertised. There are two "Custodian 2" positions being advertised as well.
  - C. NIRSA Regional Flag Football Tournament: Stan said we will host the tournament on the 9th and 10th of November, and a few alumni will be coming back to help administer the tournament. Stan said the tournament will be held on the Mabel Lee and Flemming fields, with the finals being held in Cook Pavilion. Stan said there are more regional tournaments this year closer in proximity to Lincoln' therefore, our tournament will most likely have a smaller number of teams than in past years.
  - D. Tom Weissling said that the new fitness room at the Recreation & Wellness Center is looking very good with the addition of medicine balls and kettlebells. Marydith Donnelly agreed.
  - E. Amy Lanham said that the cardio zones at the residence halls are potentially going to be upgraded as funds and replacements allow.

### III. Committee Reports

- A. Intramural & Extramural Sports (Regan Dierks & Brogan Vahle): Brogan said that Regan and he met with Zac Brost and discussed the recent accomplishments. Zac said that they started off this year with strong numbers in many sports. Flag football has increased a little from last year and their Recfest initiatives at the residence halls have been fairly successful. Brogan said that their current challenges were that residence halls are difficult to engage and getting the word out to students can be a challenge. Upcoming goals include their 25th regional flag football tournament, and this is the departments 5th year doing the Special Olympics division. As far as how the council can help their department, he asked us to bring forth ideas on how to better engage students.
- B. Technology & Communications (Irvin Ramirez & Tom Weissling): Irvin said that the key points were updating the new RecTrac system and it's been a bit of a challenge working through some of the kinks. They are evaluating new software systems this semester, and if it warrants, may move to a different software system. They hired Riley Prideaux in a technology support position and he's helped out a lot on day-to-day issues. Goals included using Office 365 more, but UNL doesn't offer as much support as he would like. Photos have been an issue on the I.D. verification. Over the summer, Marketing transitioned to a Student Affairs shared service team; therefore, Technology & Communications is still experiencing what that change means to their work load. They are also working to figure out if there are software issues or policy issues that are hindering the new RecTrac system.
- C. Member Services – City Campus (David Weed & Regan Dierks): David mentioned a faculty/staff membership drive that will occur in January, Amy explained that to attract new faculty/staff members there will a reduced price membership drive that will occur in January. Eat Fit Go was replaced with Eat Source Fit. Goals include the new Rec buck league for staff, and Member Services will work on being more approachable and available, implement Connect 2 for usage counts, etc., and implement radio checks to make sure staff stay aware and ready to use them in times of emergency.
- D. Member Services – East Campus (Tom Weissling & Kelcey Buck): Tom and Kelcey met with Member Services at RWC for donuts and discussion. They talked about their strengths, which includes having engaged student employees that are tech savvy. Improved interface with the new RecTrac software system and that it is more user friendly than the older version. Duplication of households causes issues. Students don't have as much time available to work, and covering shifts can be difficult – especially on weekends. They would like less turnover of staff and more rotation between jobs at Campus Recreation. More faculty and staff members are desired. CRAC could consider reduced rates for faculty and staff depending on time of day and what facilities they use, such as Pickleball. Amy talked about other possible software systems that could be used by Campus Recreation and the possible issues implementing them, which is why it's an ongoing consideration. The user population at RWC tends to be older. We may consider a reduced membership rate for certain faculty and staff that would only allow them access between the time the facility opens and 2:00 p.m. Stan talked about the possibility of creating outdoor pickleball courts, but that would be a long term project.
- E. Outdoor Adventures (Jake Modica & Will Gaura): Jake talked mentioned this past September was a very busy month and they have been consistently busy this semester. They talked about the League of Extraordinary Boulderers and its success. They also talked about the trips offered during Fall Break. There aren't too many issues at the moment, aside from being rather busy. They plan to go to Iowa

for river rafting. They mentioned the possibility of offering a surfing class, but aren't sure if there would be enough interest. Stan stated that Fall Break trips were at maximum participant capacity.

- F. Sport Clubs & Youth Activities (Bella Breck, David Weed & Brogan Vahle): Bella talked to Brian Stelzez. With Nathan Lawless leaving for Towson University, Brian's workload has increased and that's a bit difficult to deal with. However, the student staff have stepped up to help and that's been great. Ross Canales from Strength Training & Conditioning has been helping out, but it's a bit of a temporary fix. He wants CRAC's advice on how many sport clubs we think we can manage, especially with facility and funding considerations. Taylor Schendt talked about how when sport clubs request approval for membership in the Sport Club Council, we can deal with that issue at that time. Stan said that if clubs were able to practice at nonprime time we could better accommodate their facility needs. As an example, the Husker football and men's basketball teams now practice in the morning. Currently, available facility times are in the morning, early afternoon and late evening. Marydith Donnelly talked about possibly reevaluating space designations for ongoing clubs. Vanessa Whitmore talked about possibly having the Sport Club Council facilitate conversations between the clubs to better provide facility accommodations and increase transparency. Bella suggested any concerns from CRAC can be relayed to her.
- G. Strength Training & Conditioning (Jack Arens & Vanessa Whitmore): Jack talked about how STCR has great staff, but lots of them are graduating. Senior exit interviews are being planned and professional help, such as resume building for seniors is being offered. Cold and flu season is coming and illnesses can spread in the Strength Training & Conditioning Rooms. Chaz Bracci wants to offer a women's health event next year, as well as a Husker Combine event in Cook Pavilion. There are new collars for the bars in the Strength Training & Conditioning Rooms. Chaz wants to replace the Super Circuit area at the Campus Recreation Center and use it for possible stretching space and functional fitness. Chaz will be helping with the personal training class and they are taking applications for staff positions. Chaz talked about the media/photo policy at Campus Recreation and how we may modify it in the future. Amy said there is ongoing discussion of how the policy might be modified. Personal privacy is an issue. Irvin Ramirez suggested that possibly Strength Training staff could take the photos to ensure they are being used in a positive manor. Allowing for improved media access could give better optics for Campus Recreation and increase exposure.

#### IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Ideas for the Campus Recreation spring special event: Amy said that the Glo Party has been done by the development staff for the past two years, and they are looking for ideas to possibly replace that event. Bella Breck talked about how there are companies with human foosball courts and we could do something with that. Marydith Donnelly said possibly paint dodgeball. Stan Campbell said the Student Leadership Employee Advisory Council (SLEAC) suggested a hypnotist or comedian. Irvin Ramirez put forth the idea of an indoor obstacle course. Amy explained the GET REC'd event that was held for ten years prior to the Glo Party. Jack Arens asked if they could do later evening events? Amy said Campus Recreation used to offer an All-Nighter with Campus Rec event that are required lots of staff assistance. Jack asked if it was successful? Amy said more or less, but it would need new ideas/events, and it potentially could do well again. Stan said they

used to run the event until about 4:00 a.m., but participation began to decline about 2:00 a.m.

- B. A Red Letter Day will be held on Friday, November 1: Amy said she needs help. Vanessa Whitmore volunteered.

V. New Business

- A. End of Semester Ideas for the executive committee: Irvin Ramirez talked about how the gingerbread competition went well last year, as well as the gift exchange. Marydith Donnelly said that we could make cookies this time, or have a competition. We will once again have an upper limit of \$14 for the gift exchange. Stan Campbell will send the gift exchange rules with the minutes of this meeting.

VI. Motion to Adjourn

- Jack Arens made and David Weed seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, President Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brogan Vahle,  
Secretary

***Upcoming Meetings:***

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**, 5:00 p.m., Campus Recreation Center 230C, Business Meeting