

Campus Recreation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

55C Campus Recreation Center
November 13, 2007, 4:45-5:50 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Dustin Will. Ben Mlinar, Secretary, called roll.

Members present:

Brett Bogenrief, Eric Fruge, David Jackson, Tiffany Johnson, Victor Khaukha, Tami Luebke, Ben Mlinar, Melissa Moraczewski, Michele Norquest, Roshan Pajnigar, Fatemeh Parsa, R.J. Shute, Matt Wilkinson, Dustin Will, and LaRita Lang.

Representing Campus Recreation were Mark Powell, CRAC Advisor and Stan Campbell, Director.

Call to order and Roll call: LaRita Lang took the Oath of Office and became an official member of the Campus Recreation Advisory Council. LaRita will serve as the Office/Service Employee Representative.

Review and Approval of the Minutes: Tiffany Johnson made and Tami Luebke seconded a motion to approve the October 9th Advisory Council minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum and Announcements

Comments and Suggestions: It was suggested that we discuss with ROTC officials concerns raised by members that ROTC students are cleaning items in the showers, thus causing the drains to clog.

CRAC pictures are now on the board at City Campus: A few members' pictures still need to be taken.

Facility Project Updates

Update on Indoor CREC Facilities Open Houses on November 7: The two open houses were well attended. The open house of City Union had a ROTC contingent that expressed concerns with the concept to demolish the Pershing Military & Naval Sciences Building. They appeared to be under the impression that their building would be torn down and not replaced. Stan Campbell met with the Army ROTC faculty and staff and assured them that the Pershing Military & Naval Sciences option would only be considered if it benefited the ROTC units as well. Stan also has plans to meet with the Navy and Air Force ROTC units. There are also 13-15 student organizations meeting at the Military and Naval Science that need to be made aware of the proposals, as Campus Recreation needs to hear their needs. The plan involving destruction of the M&N Building brings high costs and relatively large increases in student fees. On the other hand, these changes would place our indoor recreation facilities among the best in the country. A referendum for a student fee increase would likely not be voted upon prior to fall of 2008. This could be good because the anticipated enthusiasm for the completion of the Mabel Lee Fields Project might bring renewed enthusiasm for all aspects of Campus Recreation. On East Campus, a site needs to be determined between the

BioChemistry Building and the Activities Building. Stan is attempting to schedule a meeting with IANR Vice Chancellor John Owens, IANR Assistant Vice Chancellor Alan Moeller, and IANR Facilities Director Barry Shull to further discuss possible locations for the East Campus facility. Support for these proposed facility enhancements is needed from ASUN, Pan-Hellenic Association, Inter-Fraternity Council, Residence Hall Association, ROTC units/Athletic Department and various student organizations. The plans are still subject to change as talks continue. Campus Recreation needs input from all areas to make the best decision for the University community.

Mabel Lee Field Project: A resolution to support the Mabel Lee Fields Project was approved by ASUN on a 20-8-1 vote. Most of the opposition appeared to be over not following the normal Committee for Fee Allocation process. The modification to the approval process was requested because getting bids sooner could reduce costs by as much as 10%, possibly saving over \$100,000 in student fees. This would also ensure that the fields were available for fall use. The Board of Regents approved the project unanimously at their November 9 meeting. The bid target date is January 15, 2008, with construction beginning in March.

Ice Arena: Campus Recreation is working with Lincoln Parks and Recreation and private entities to build an ice arena in close proximity to City or East Campus. The University Foundation is talking with prospective donors and positive progress has been made. Hopefully this project will get into next year's budget request and would not increase student fees significantly.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Dustin announced that he is unable to attend the Nov. 15 Student Affairs Advisory Council meeting. Matt Wilkinson agreed to represent CRAC at the meeting.

Business Operations: They are continuing research into the online registration process, but there are new security protocols being developed by credit card companies and UNL. Rod Chambers is pushing for an additional technology position; however, the budget might not support it for 2008-09. This position will be needed as online usage increases. There are some liability and risk management concerns with outside groups using Campus Recreation facilities and services; therefore, Member Services is investigating ways to address the issues.

East Campus Activities Building: Sherri Tompkins is investigating new elliptical machines and have a few pieces of demo equipment in use currently. Sherri is also looking to create a "green" group aimed at increasing environmental awareness. Sherri is currently hiring at ECAB for spring semester positions.

External Relations: There is a wall dedication on Friday, Nov. 16 for former Intramural Sport All-Americans. GET REC'd is a large project and is consuming a great deal of staff time as they try to bring in new vendors. The Spring Campus Recreation Guide is in its final stages before going to print.

Facilities Management and Operations: Bill Goa was interviewed by the Daily Nebraskan about possible environmental concerns for synthetic turf fields, but it appears as if current research doesn't support claims of environmental concerns. An

environmental advantage for synthetic turf fields is that they do not require water, fertilizer, herbicide, etc. Construction of the Mabel Lee Fields is expected to begin in March of 2008. The Selleck Residence Association has requested to light the sand volleyball court in their south courtyard. It has been proposed that University Housing would contribute \$10,000 of the approximately \$20,000 needed. Bill has also been working with the Vision 2015 group on an ice arena proposal. Facilities Management & Planning stated that expansion of the Campus Recreation Center would require modification to the UNL Master Plan. This means Campus Recreation would have to go through an additional UNL committee to gain support.

Fitness and Wellness Services: Angie Frederick would like to start an Olympic Challenge next spring. It would be a seven week program lasting until Spring Break. This would find the most cross-trained person at UNL. Angie plans to register UNL for Enlighten Nebraska; it supports fitness and physical activities for all Nebraskans. An additional staff member is being considered; however, it has not gone through the Campus Recreation approval process as yet. Fitness and Wellness Services has been meeting with faculty members to discuss the possibility of requiring personal training for Fitness, Nutrition, and Exercise Science majors. Not all of the Fitness & Wellness Services money allotted for certification costs is currently being expended.

Injury Prevention and Care: A new massage therapist has been hired to fill the 2-6 PM time slot. The ACIS Regional Flag Football Tournament is a busy weekend for IPC. IPC wants to do more preventative measures for members, not just care. They also want to work with the University Health Center on continued physical therapy for patients.

Unfinished Business:

GET REC'd: GET REC'd will be January 24-25 from 11 AM to 5 PM in the Campus Recreation Center. CRAC needs everyone to volunteer for a three hour shift. We will be giving out cloth Frisbees and promoting applications for the 2008-09 Council. There are 43 vendors committed thus far. On January 24 the first 4,000 visitors get t-shirts and on January 25 they will give out flip-flops. There are other giveaways involved, i.e. Southwest Airlines is giving out a trip for two to Las Vegas for one of the activities.

New Business:

Holiday Party: The date is December 11 and the gift exchange will continue. We will be wearing the Advisory Council fleece for the GET REC'd event. Mark Powell will place the fleece order for new members.

Motion to Adjourn: Matt Wilkinson moved and Michele Norquest seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received unanimous approval. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Campus Recreation Center Suite 55 Conference Room on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ben Mlinar
Secretary