

Campus Recreation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Outdoor Recreation Conference Room
January 29, 2008, 4:30-5:35 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, LaRita Lang, Tami Luebke, Ben Mlinar, Melissa Moraczewski, Michele Norquest, Roshan Pajnigar, Fatemeh Parsa, R.J. Shute, Matt Wilkinson, and Dustin Will.

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

Review and Approval of the Minutes: Matt Wilkinson moved and Tami Luebke seconded a motion to approve the January 22 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments and Suggestions: The comments and suggestions were presented and reviewed by CRAC members.

Open Forum and Announcements

GET REC'd Review: Members of CRAC completed a participant survey for the GET REC'd event. Positive and negative aspects of the event were discussed. Members stated they thought the event was better attended than last year. They also complimented Mark Powell on securing more exhibitors, as that led to more energy surrounding this year's event. A suggestion was made to begin the event earlier than 11:00 AM to catch more students coming out of class. In closing, it was stated that Friday was busier than Thursday and that the Campus Recreation staff and volunteers did a terrific job of cleaning up after the event.

Distribute CRAC Applications: Members were asked to assist with recruiting good candidates for the 2008-09 Advisory Council. The application deadline is 5:00 PM on Friday, February 22nd.

Mabel Lee Fields Project: Bids will be back on February 5. Rumor is that the bids could be lower than the cost estimate; hopefully this will be the case.

Committee Reports

Instructional Programming and Staff Development: None

Intramural and Extramural Sports: IM basketball starts tonight. This year there are more teams and more officials than last year. The basketball courts have been packed since the beginning of the spring semester and IM basketball will take four courts in the Rec. Center, thus reducing the number of courts available for informal recreation play. Concern was expressed that badminton may be taking up too many courts and that space could be better utilized for basketball. Fatemeh Parsa stated that the badminton courts are in high demand as well. Concern was expressed that guests may not be

getting the experience they paid for due to overcrowding. Until indoor facilities are upgraded there does not appear to be a viable solution available. Indoor recreation space is at a premium on both campuses.

Membership Selection and Rules: Assist this committee by recruiting applicants for the 2008-09 Advisory Council. If interested in being on the 2008-09 Council, the application deadline is Friday, Feb. 22.

Outdoor Adventures: Outdoor Adventures staff members are investigating the feasibility of working with local high schools to provide information to high school students regarding program opportunities - especially during the summer months.

Social: Next event is April 29 at a site to be determined.

Sport Clubs and Youth Activities: There are four clubs pending approval and a couple more that have expressed interest. Curling is close to becoming a recognized club but we have not heard from ballroom dance lately. Tackle football and badminton are investigating the possibility of beginning clubs. There are open tryouts for admitted prospective students on February 17. Campus Recreation works in collaboration with the Admissions Office to provide this opportunity. The swimming club won in Chicago and the men's lacrosse club won their competition over this past weekend.

New Business

2008-09 Campus Recreation Budget Request Update: Utilities are projected to increase by 2.5% and utilities infrastructure is increasing by 6.2%. Administrative overhead costs are anticipated to increase by 4%. As an auxiliary department Campus Recreation is charged a percentage of its revenue in the form of an administrative overhead fee. UNL then provides services to Campus Recreation, i.e. human resources, purchasing, accounting, etc. The total requested increase to cover mandated expenses is \$55,150.

Enhancements – Information on Mabel Lee Fields costs will be available by the Feb. 12th CFA meeting. Outdoor Adventures will need about \$10,100 in UPFF. External Relations will self generate funds to cover their increased costs. Outdoor Adventures travel and training will also be covered by self-generated income. The total UPFF amount for enhancements is \$187,310. The total requested increase in UPFF for the Operating Budget represents a 4.16% increase.

Voting - Members of CRAC ranked the enhancements they thought to be the most important for Campus Recreation. The most important is listed first.

1. Mabel Lee Fields Project, \$100,000
2. Outdoor Adventures Coordinator, \$10,100
3. Custodian II position, \$28,015
4. Sport Clubs operating expenses, \$5,000
5. Facility Operations Supplies & Materials, \$3,190
6. Administrative Travel and Training, \$2,800
7. Facility Operations Travel and Training, \$2,170

The Facility Operations Travel and Training may be moved to a budget mandate, as it relates to increased fuel costs.

Repair and Improvement of Campus Recreation Facilities – The request is for a \$1 per student per semester increase in UPFF or approximately \$43,235. The request is primarily to cover the cost of items mandated by the State Fire Marshall. In addition, a Risk Management Audit identified some issues at the Campus Recreation Center that need to be addressed. The items identified by the Fire Marshall may cost over \$100,000. Ben Mlinar made and R.J. Shute seconded a motion to approve this budget request. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Wilkinson and seconded by Melissa Moraczewski to approve the requests in the Operating Budget. This motion passed unanimously.

There is a meeting February 12 at 6:30 PM in the City Union with CFA to discuss the budget. Members of CRAC are strongly encouraged to attend. Dustin and Ben will represent the Executive Committee, as Tiffany has a class conflict.

LeaderShape Nebraska: This is a leadership session over Spring Break for UNL students. It is a good experience and a great opportunity. You must still have at least one more year at UNL to participate. It teaches leading with integrity. It begins on the first Saturday of Spring Break and concludes around 12 Noon on Thursday, March 20. Ideas like NU on Wheels were created at this seminar.

Focus the Nation: This raises awareness on environmental issues. They have several events to attend.

Could Campus Recreation Be Opened Earlier: Roshan Pajnigar suggested that the Campus Recreation Center be opened earlier to reduce long lines for the large number of people waiting when the building opens at 6:00 AM. Roshan suggested investigating the feasibility of opening the Rec. Center at 5:45 AM. Stan Campbell stated that it is too late to consider for the 2008-09 Budget Request; however, the cost of doing so will be determined and presented to the Advisory Council for input. This could become a budget request for 2009-10.

Motion to Adjourn: Matt Wilkinson made and Tiffany Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed without dissent. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Campus Recreation Center Conference Room 55C on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ben Mlinar
Secretary