Roll was called by Secretary Stradinger


Also Present: Stan Campbell, Director; Deb Johnson, Advisor; and Vice Chancellor Juan Franco

Absent: Hanna Rogoz, excused

President Berger called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM

I. Review and Approval of October 4th, 2016 Meeting Minutes
   Meeting minutes were approved without objection.

II. Open Forum and Announcements
   A. Discussion about 14th and Avery Recreation Space
      Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Juan Franco addressed the Advisory Council in response to the recommendations made by the Council regarding the 14th and Avery recreation space. Vice Chancellor Franco explained that University Housing would provide Campus Recreation with $1 million in replacement costs and he was willing to contribute up to $600,000 from the UPFF Contingency account. Negotiations with Parking & Transit Services would take place regarding the potential replacement site and any costs associated with displaced parking stalls. There was also discussion regarding the number of different types of courts present on campus and if these are meeting the needs for student usage. It was noted that the courts, especially sand volleyball, are often used well into the late evening hours. The Textron property is also being considered as a site for replacement of Campus Recreation courts and fields. Vice Chancellor Franco ended with an announcement regarding a new office on the third floor of the Nebraska Union. The office is intended to be a resource for homeless and/or food insecure students by providing food, hygiene items, as well as information regarding housing options. A mental health task force is also being assembled to address psychological issues on campus and provide additional resources for students, as well as training for faculty and staff.

   B. Intramural Football Pick’em Contest Winner
      Lauren Tobias, Jonathan Berger, and Todd Leutzinger all tied; however, Todd won the tie-breaker question by 1 point over Jonathan.
C. Brian Brunson was recognized for speaking at the Black Lives Matter rally on campus last week.

III. Committee Reports

A. Executive (Jonathan Berger, Hanna Rogoz, & Ali Stradinger)
   Jonathan is currently working to schedule a social event with ASUN after one of their meetings in early November. The plan is to give a presentation of Campus Recreation, as well as answer any questions regarding facilities, programs and services early on in the budget request process.

B. Marketing & Technology (Maggie Haverland & Abbie Tlustos)
   Christopher Dulak provided a brief overview of the two areas. Marketing works with print media and digital signage, while Technology works with software such as RecTrac and hardware. Francis Hayes is currently working on spring marketing materials, while Todd Lanham and the Technology staff are working on registration processes for events. Registration for Outdoor Adventures spring break trips opens December 1st and the goal is to register 29 people between December 1st and 16th. Constant Contact is an e-mail service used to reach out to faculty and staff, as well as alumni. It is used to provide updates and send newsletters. On November 1st, signage regarding inclement weather will be posted.

C. Member Services (Courtney Smith & Ali Stradinger)
   Member Services is currently implementing the change to a flat rate for retirees that was approved by the Advisory Council last spring. Affiliate memberships are being pushed as a way to increase revenue. The hours of operation are approved a year in advance and data is currently being collected to see if Campus Recreation is open enough or too much, especially on holidays and breaks. RecTrac had a major upgrade this summer and a back-to-school hands-on training was held at the Selleck computer lab. It was beneficial for Member Services and Technology staff to work together to resolve issues. There is a tentative schedule to remodel the CREC Member Services desk and atrium area in May. In September, nine new student staff members were hired and they are looking to hire another 10-15 staff members at the Campus Recreation Job Fair on October 25th and 26th from 3 PM-5 PM. The application process is moving to online only for Member Services. There is a new Member Services Assistant, Justin Ellerbee, who works full-time in the evenings. Habitudes and Husker Grow programs are being utilized for leadership and development training.

D. Outdoor Adventures (Courtney Smith & Brook McCluskey)
   Fall Break trips were successful, with 20+ attending Arkansas trips and 11 attending Iowa kayaking trip. Many outdoor related classes are
wrapping up for the semester; however, rock climbing classes will continue. Outdoor Adventures anticipates hiring a graduate assistant to begin next fall, as Christine Hoffman will be graduating. Also intending to hire interns for the summer. There is also a collaboration with the Architecture College called Design Think, where students receive a problem and work towards a solution. They are currently working to increase diversity in Outdoor Adventures and increase student engagement. The first presentation will be November 3rd on matching Outdoor Adventures usage demographics to campus demographics. Outdoor Adventures is doing well on all fronts except trips and rentals. This is the third year in the OAC building. The first year was used as a baseline and this year numbers have increased from that. They are not focusing on new programming, but focusing more on excellence in the programming they now offer. The spring garage sale is scheduled for March 31st.

E. Recreation & Wellness Center (Jonathan Berger & Kay McClure-Kelly)

RWC has a goal to begin scheduling instructional classes and intramural sports in the facility, as well as increase faculty and staff memberships. Nets and equipment are being purchased to set up two Pickleball courts. They are also in the process of hiring for Strength Training & Conditioning staff, as well as reviewing staff policies and procedures. It has been requested that the clock and arrows on the NE and NW corners of the track be angled, so that is being addressed as well. With the RecTrac upgrade, they are currently unable to check out equipment, but the problem is being resolved. Patrons have suggested that extra free weights be purchased as the lower weight dumb bells are often in high demand. A tree of smaller weight dumb bells is being placed on the second floor, but other suggestions are welcome. Scooter’s now has “pumpkin stuff” available and “holiday stuff” is coming soon. RWC has filled the space that they have and they are working to utilize space more functionally, such as the outdoor terrace area.

F. Sport Clubs & Youth Activities (Aisha Lee & Jim Glover)

The Badminton Club was accepted into the Sport Club Council which now has 33 members. There are 1,200 student waivers on file. Ten to thirteen clubs are traveling each weekend. There are 50 home events and 197 away events; however, each time a member of the Sport Officials Club works a game off campus it counts as an away event. Without counting officials, there are 136 away events. Itty Bitty Sports is a sports development program for kids and their parents. Basketball runs on Tuesday nights for 6-weeks and they are looking into potentially adding Thursday nights as well. Junior Blackshirts, recreation day camp during home football games, has seen a decline in attendance this year. They are only getting around 60 children while their goal is 75-100. Therefore
staff are assessing whether to continue the program next year. The summer camp theme is currently being developed.

G. Strength Training & Conditioning (Todd Leutzinger & Gabe Ryland)

Strength Training & Conditioning is looking to hire 5-8 more students. The Strong Husker event is Saturday, October 29th from 12-3 PM. There are 6 events planned with 9 participants currently registered; however, individuals often sign up on the day of the event. There have been maintenance issues with the cardio equipment, particularly the Life Fitness treadmills, at CREC. Strength Training & Conditioning partners with the NUTR-100 class to provide fitness assessments to all students (approximately 300). There is a pre-assessment in September and a post-assessment in November.

H. Wellness Services (Hanna Rogoz & Lauren Tobias)

The wellness kitchen was rented out twice this summer and had 4 private cooking sessions. They are working towards more programming during the academic year with different classes and demonstrations. Tricks and treats, 5-ingredient dinners, and Friendsgiving are all scheduled cooking classes. There is a kid’s cooking class one time per month with the Ruth Staples Child Development Lab. There was a 5k training on Monday and Wednesday mornings leading up to the Homecoming 5k Fun Run. FITN 151 was a 5-week class that had 2 students learning about wellness programming and an introduction to basic meal prep. OLLI, a group of 50+ year old UNL affiliates have participated in 2 classes. A wellness initiative called “7 on the 7th” is a 7-minute fast and fun workout geared at gaining participation from different departments, which are highlighted each week. “All About You” is a wellness event where individuals can come to get their numbers tested and check their overall well-being. There are 4 dates scheduled and this event can be used towards insurance benefits for faculty. There are two scheduled on City Campus and two on East Campus.

IV. Unfinished Business

None

V. New Business


Funding is provided for one Council member to attend. Applications will be coming out soon for those who wish to apply.

B. CRAC Constitution Update

The updates were distributed and will be voted on at the Nov. 8th meeting.

VI. Motion to Adjourn
Gabe Ryland made and Brook McCluskey seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ali Stradinger, Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

November 8    CRAC Meeting, Recreation and Wellness Center, Room 110
November 29   CRAC Meeting, Campus Rec Center, Suite 230, Conf. Rm. C
December 6    End of Semester Social, TBA