

Campus Recreation Advisory Council  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Recreation and Wellness Center Room #110  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018; 4:45 p.m.

Secretary Schendt called the membership roll.

**Present:** Jack Arens, Kelcey Buck, Josh DeMers, Marydith Donnelly, Olivia Epstein, Mikki Minton, Irvin Ramirez, Nikolina Sabo, Taylor Schendt, Joe Stara, Carolyn Thayer, Tom Weissling, Vanessa Whitmore, and Kyra Willats

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

**Guests:** Ulysses Johnson III, Men's Basketball Club President and Brian Stelzer, Assistant Director for Sport Clubs and Youth Camps

President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

- I. Review and Approval of September 25<sup>th</sup> Minutes  
Marydith Donnelly corrected the spelling of her name in Section 2. Taylor Schendt moved and Vanessa Whitmore seconded a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted above. The minutes were approved without objection.
- II. Tom Wiessling moved and Olivia Epstein seconded a motion to reorder the Order of Business to move New Business earlier in the agenda. Hearing no objections, President Ramirez approved the motion.
  - A. Club Men's Basketball Team  
There is interest in starting UNL Men's Club Basketball Team. The process of creating this club began in August. A constitution for the club has already been written. Sustainability for the club will be obtained through weekly and biweekly meetings with officers, holding mandatory weekly practices and team meetings, looking to scrimmage surrounding colleges, participating in regional and national tournaments (NCBBA and NIRSA). Roughly twenty plus enrolled students at UNL have expressed interest. The plan is to have twelve people on the team and tryouts will be held. The team is already on NVolve and there is a plan to advertise via booths in the Nebraska Union and the Campus Recreation Center. Maintaining interest will be accomplished via the President's "4 C's": communicate, connect, consistent, and compete. Ideally, the program will be up and running by October 20<sup>th</sup>, holding tryouts by October 30<sup>th</sup>. The team would like to compete in at least two scrimmages with local colleges. A goal is in place to raise enough money to participate in NCBBA or NIRSA (NIRSA will cost \$933 to participate). Membership fees will be approximately \$35 per person and students must pay to participate. There is a possibility for sponsorship through a local car dealership and a

FundRazr account is being created. The president has already reached out to Canes and Chipotle to discuss fundraising nights. The team will be cut at 12 with no separate practice squad initially. There are plans to interact with the Women's Club Basketball team for fundraising. There is a possibility for a second team in the future, for the first year, they just want to establish one team. The team's vice president is also the coach and will not play. There will be no fees associated with tryouts. They would like to find two days a week for an hour to practice, which may be an issue with current demand for court space and with the loss of the Mabel Lee Hall North Gym in the future. Joe Stara moved Vanessa Whitmore seconded a motion to recommend approval of the Men's Basketball club for inclusion in the Sports Club Council. The motion received unanimous approval.

B. National Fitness Court and Collegiate Campaign Proposal

The National Fitness Campaign is looking for 20 universities to receive a \$30,000 grant to install an outdoor functional fitness area, the University of Nebraska – Lincoln is one of those schools being considered. This outdoor area would be completely app based through "Fitness Court App". This grant is funded through various sponsors, but does not cover the costs of the concrete or the entirety of the area. If we move forward, it will likely cost Campus Recreation \$90,000-\$100,000 in additional costs and Campus Recreation would be responsible for maintenance. Student fees wouldn't have to increase; however, this would decrease funds for other projects. There would be a promotional campaign to accompany the opening of this area. Currently, the proposed area for this space would be the current putting green outside of The Village, using a 38 ft. x 38 ft. of space for the complete installation. Another possible placement would be around 21<sup>st</sup> and Vine. There is only one of these areas already established on a college campus and that is at Stanford; other Midwestern schools being considered include Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the University of Minnesota. The council expressed concerns with the proposed placement, lighting, injury and liability, climate, usage, and upkeep.

III. Open Forum and Announcements

A. LGBTQA+ History Banquet, Thursday, October 25, 6:00 p.m. at the Cornhusker Hotel

Vanessa Whitmore is representing CRAC at the LGBTQA+ History Banquet, there is one more ticket available for another CRAC member. A reception begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. Campus Recreation typically supports banquets that reach out to us and we would like to have advisory council members at all of them.

B. Committee for Fee Allocation (CFA) Facilities Tour Report

Irvin Ramirez and Josh DeMers led a Campus Recreation facilities tour with the help of Stan Campbell and Amy Lanham. The tour went well and

was recorded by a CFA member. CFA members asked a lot of good questions.

C. Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m., Campus Recreation Programs & Services Presentation to CFA

Irvin Ramirez and Taylor Schendt, with the help of Stan Campbell, Amy Lanham, and various Campus Recreation staff members, will be leading a services and function presentation and tour of the Campus Recreation Center, Pershing M&N Building and Mabel Lee Hall on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

IV. Committee Reports

A. Business Operations & Human Resources – Mikki Minton and Olivia Epstein

Amusement park tickets are now sold online (Tickets at Work). There is a new travel program moved online called Concur which is used to approve staff travel and submittal of expenses. There is discussion of possibly combining Student Affairs business functions to save money. One of the main roles of the business operations staff is the preparation of the annual budget requests, which may be presented to the council in December or early January. Other functions include accounting, payroll, human resources, etc. There are two separate Campus Recreation budgets: Operating and the Repair and Improvement of Facilities. The Operating Budget is approximately \$10 million with about 79% coming from University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) and 21% self-generated income. The Repair and Improvement of Facilities budget is approximately \$960,000 consisting solely of UPFF. Challenges with the budget include: rising utilities costs and continuing to raise money outside of UPFF. The budget moves from CRAC to CFA, then to ASUN, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, the University President, and finally to the Board of Regents.

B. Development & External Relations – Mikki Minton

The alumni tailgate before the Colorado football game had over 100 attendees. There is a possibility of making this an annual event. Quarterly newsletters are being sent to alumni. Big steps have been taken in raising revenue from partnerships with companies such as Fresh Thyme and Arise. HuskerMania was well attended this year with lots of positive feedback. There has been \$16,000 worth of in-kind donations made so far this year. A challenge that is being faced is having the associate director position vacant for since January of 2017. Goals for the next quarter include: an alumni social to coincide with the NIRSA Regional Flag Football Tournament on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Nebraska social at the NIRSA Annual Conference in Boston (February 15-18), an alumni weekend and golf scramble in June, and possibly bringing in speakers at future alumni events. The council may provide aid through ideas for potential sponsors and members handing out brochures to companies.

C. East Campus Recreation – Taylor Schendt and Joe Stara

The outdoor space is now open including: two sand volleyball courts, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, shelter space with tables and chairs, and a big green space. Functional training equipment will be added soon. Equipment and games have been purchased for the outdoor space that will be available for checkout. Great efforts have been made to educate staff members to create a safer environment and to provide better customer service. Scooter's has been offering more special sales. There has been a lot of new staff members hired and time has been spent educating and training them. The RWC has been trying to do more outreach. The RWC would like to add more functional training and free weight space, but space to do so has been a challenge. It has been a challenge this year to find staff members that can work certain times of day. Staffing and time are short. The Nebraska East Union is adding a Starbucks which could prove to be a challenge for Scooter's sales. In the next quarter, there are plans for staff development (diversity and inclusion), installation of functional training equipment and synthetic turf for the outdoor space, staff and patron training for the outdoor space, education and training of new student staff members, and increasing wellness initiatives. The council can help RWC by continuing to get the word out about this facility, possibly increasing funding, and reporting any new suggestions.

D. Executive – Irvin Ramirez, Josh DeMers, and Taylor Schendt

There is currently a vacant student seat on the council. Emails inviting applications have been sent to four individuals recommended by OASIS staff members.

E. Facilities Planning & Operations – Tom Weissling

The RWC's outdoor space is near completion, an air handler has been replaced at the Campus Recreation Center, a former concessions area has been converted into storage, and bleachers have been removed from the Coliseum. We are now looking at various synthetic turf replacements and creating new field space at 21<sup>st</sup> and Vine Streets to replace what might be lost at 17<sup>th</sup> and Vine. Challenges being faced revolve around being a non-academic program which slows processes down, getting more space to meet the needs of clients and administrative changes at UNL. Moving forward, we are looking at replacing turf at the Mabel Lee Recreation Fields, installing lights at Whittier Fields, and creating new field space. The council can help by looking at and communicating needs of clients and understanding how the system works in order to provide recommended changes to help with accomplishing projects.

F. Group Fitness – Carolyn Thayer and Vanessa Whitmore

New classes have been added this year. There are 65 classes per week including 20 different formats. Typical class size is around 16 people. There are currently 25 instructors, smaller number than in the past. Only

20% of instructors are Nebraska students. The FitCard prices (\$48/semester) are lower than they have been in the past. This was done in hopes more people would buy them, but thus far sales are lower than last year at this time. A separate card has been utilized to check into classes which is working much better than N-Cards. Yoga for athletics has been dropped due to Athletics contracting with Lotus House of Yoga. There was a goal to bring in about \$130,000 in income, but this goal is not likely to be reached. Clients have frustrations with parking, workouts being too busy, and wanting a cheaper price. Class prices seem to be competitive within the Lincoln community. Group Fitness would like to do more outreach classes, get more involved with IMleagues, and update fitness rooms on City Campus. The council can help by possibly making classes free by recommending an increase in UPFF.

G. Injury Prevention & Care – Joe Stara

A ten-week class has been offered through Campus Recreation to get students more involved with IPC. IPC is open whenever the Campus Recreation Center is open and there are many free services of which students may not be aware. IPC at the Recreation & Wellness Center offers the same services, but with shorter hours of operation. Any student can take a course to work for IPC and many students were involved with the CPR/First Aid classes. Challenges IPC is facing include: charges for certain services, our graduate assistant leaving, being short staffed, and the hiring and training of new staff members. IPC plans to continue informing students about available services and distinguishing themselves from massage therapy. The council can help by bolstering communication.

V. Unfinished Business  
None to report.

VI. Motion to Adjourn  
Krya Willats moved and Josh DeMers seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. President Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Taylor Schendt, Secretary

Upcoming Meeting:

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Campus Recreation Center Room 230C, Business Meeting