

Campus Recreation Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Campus Recreation Center, Room #230C
Tuesday, November 12, 2019; 5:00 p.m.

Substitute Secretary Whitmore called the membership roll.

Present: Jack Arens, Bella Breck, Regan Dierks, Marydith Donnelly, Will Gaura, Rin Le, Jake Modica, Irvin Ramirez-Benavidez, Taylor Schendt, David Weed, and Vanessa Whitmore

Absent: Kelcey Buck, Will Gaura, Eva Shvartcer, Brogan Vahle, and Tom Weissling – all were excused

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

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

- I. Review and approval of October 29th Meeting Minutes
Taylor Schendt made and Jack Arens seconded a motion to approve the October 29th meeting minutes. The motion passed without objection.

- II. Open Forum and Announcements
 - A. The Advisory Council end of semester party is December 10. The suggested gift exchange price limit is \$14 dollars. There will be cookie decorating as well. Rules have been sent out for the gift exchange. Let Stan know if you have questions.
 - B. Graduation Breakfast is December 20, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. for December 2019 graduates, CRAC members, present and past, are always invited to attend. We want to honor our graduates!
 - C. Had 26 teams for the NIRSA Regional Flag Football Tournament. Co-Rec division won by a team from the University of Missouri. Men's division won by UNL's team (Ogallala Aquifers). There weren't enough teams entered to have a women's division; however, we did have a Special Olympics division. The weather was good, with temperatures in the low 70s Saturday afternoon and 50s on Sunday. The championship games were held in Cook Pavilion. Winners will have the opportunity to participate in the National Tournament in Round Rock, TX in early January of 2020.
 - D. Update on Administrative Associate's search – We will be interviewing 3 candidates. Hoping to fill by Dec. 16, but that will depend on how much notice the successful candidate must give to their current employer.

 - E. Update on Associate director for External Relations and Sponsorships search
The position was posted Oct. 30, review of applications will begin on Nov. 21. Have 22 applicants thus far. The seven member search committee will review the applications and plan to have a short list by December to invite for interviews. The successful candidate most likely won't be on staff until Feb. or March.

- F. Update on Wellness Services and Nutrition Education Coordinator's search –
The position posted three weeks ago, review of applications will start later this week.

III. New Business

A. Updated Inclement Weather Policy

This was first discussed by the 2018-19 Advisory Council. UNL has three categories for closure:

1. Offices+classes cancelled.
2. Offices open, classes cancelled.
3. Business as usual, but evening classes cancelled.

Campus Rec has made guidelines based on these categories to decide when to open/close facilities. The concern was that Campus Rec didn't have defined time to close during these situations.

In category 1, the CREC and RWC facilities won't open until 10:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. This helps with staffing and eases the life of essential personnel.

If category 2, CREC and RWC will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. It would be rare for UNL to issue a weather event statement on a weekend, but Campus Rec facilities will close at 8:00 p.m. on days that would normally invoke category 1 above. Campus Recreation reserves the right to close earlier than noted above in the event weather conditions deteriorate.

If the University issues category 1 above the CREC pool and CREC and RWC Injury Prevention & Care rooms will be closed. If the pool was open previous to 10:00 a.m. and then UNL cancels classes, the pool will remain open until it closes at 7:00 p.m.

In the above scenarios the Outdoor Adventures Center will open at 12:00 noon and close at 8:00 p.m.

We discussed notifying people of our hours during inclement weather through social media stories. There may be some days when UNL makes the closure announcement so close to when Campus Recreation facilities open that staff may already be on site. If that occurs facilities will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Employees will have to communicate with their supervisors to make sure staffing won't be an issue that day.

B. Prorated Fitness Class Pass Discussion

Why don't we prorate fitness class passes? If you buy a pass in Nov., it costs the same as if it were purchased in August. Campus Recreation had individual fitness class passes for several years, which meant the pass holder could only go to that specific class. It then evolved into offering patrons the opportunity to purchase a group fitness pass that would allow them to attend unlimited group fitness classes, or to purchase a mind/body pass that would only allow them to attend unlimited mind/body classes, or to purchase a combo pass that would allow the patron to attend both unlimited group fitness and mind/body classes. Prices varied for these three passes. To simplify the process Campus Rec now offers a FitCard that allows patrons to attend unlimited fitness and mind/body classes. The current price is \$48 for the semester or \$4/month for employees that utilize payroll deduction.

If a student that is taking all online classes, but after eight weeks decides he/she wants access to UPFF programs and services, they would be allowed to pay the UPFF fee at half price. Is this an idea we can apply to the FitCard?

Marydith Donnelly, as a fitness instructor, says she would have no difficulty with adding people to her classes throughout the semester.

Bella Breck stated this may be a missed revenue opportunity, since people are requesting a reduced fee and aren't likely to pay full price for a pass midway through the semester. Stan Campbell stated, if implemented, we wouldn't drop the price of the FitCard below half price

C. Division of Campus Recreation Profile

The profile was distributed at the meeting. It gives an overview of budget, participation, programs and services, and collaborations with on and off campus entities. CRAC members can take the profile to the meetings with their committee liaisons to discuss further. Feel free to meet with your liaison before the end of the Fall Semester, but there is no need to provide a formal report.

D. Membership Reciprocity

Jack Arens brought up the idea of considering membership reciprocity with UNK, UNO, and UNMC students. Amy pointed out that we sell guest passes at \$10 each, and conference passes at \$8 each for visiting scholars, for Lied Center performers, etc. Any University of Nebraska system student can purchase a UNL Campus Recreation membership for the same amount as UNL students pay in UPFF. No motions were made concerning this idea.

IV. Motion to Adjourn

Regan Dierks made and Taylor Schendt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, President Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by (with assistance from Vanessa Whitmore),

Brogan Vahle,
Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

December 3, 5:00 p.m., Recreation and Wellness Center #110, Business Meeting

December 10, 5:00 p.m., Site TBA, End of Semester Social & Gift Exchange