

Campus Recreation Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Recreation & Wellness Center, Room #110
Tuesday, February 25, 2020; 5:00 p.m.

Secretary Vahle called the membership roll.

Present: Jack Arens, Monica Babcock, Kelcey Buck, Regan Dierks, Marydith Donnelly, Will Guara, Irvin Ramirez, Taylor Schendt, Eva Shvartcer, Brogan Vahle, David Weed, Tom Weissling, and Vanessa Whitmore

Absent: Jake Modica (Excused), Rin Le (Excused)

Amy Lanham, council advisor was also present. Stan Campbell, director of Campus Recreation was absent and excused.

President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

I. Review and approval of February 11th Meeting Minutes

Jack Arens moved and Taylor Schendt seconded a motion to approve the February 11th meeting minutes. The motion passed without objection.

II. Open Forum and Announcements:

A. General Position Updates -

Amy Lanham said that we had made an offer for the Associate Director for External Relations and Sponsorships position and are awaiting results of the background check. The Nutrition Educator position is still accepting applications as is the Instructional Outreach Coordinator position. The Strength Training and Conditioning Coordinator position will be advertised by the end of this week.

B. 21st & Vine Street Recreation Area -

After a very long time, we now have an official contract signed and will proceed with Phase 1 of the project. We had a delay that caused an issue of concern. The project has been assigned to Cheever Construction. On March 18th we'll send an updated "Whitepaper" to the Business Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents that updates the entire scope of the project.

C. Women's history month dinner -

March 12th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Champions Club. We have two seats available at the Campus Recreation table for the evening and Amy asked if anyone would like to attend.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Wellness & Fitness Services – (Eva Shvartcer, Monica Babcock and Taylor Schendt)

Steve Woita said that the strengths are that there is a good pool of Personal Trainer's with great knowledge. Currently interviewing Wellness Services and Nutrition Education Coordinator candidates as well as Group Fitness Coordinator candidates. Three new personal trainers have been certified. Permission has been given to create a Personal Trainer GA position for next fall. Renewed partnership

- with Nutrition Education and Health Sciences. Challenges include; current staffing level, but it will be better after the vacant position are filled. Need to organize marketing and advertising better. Physical space is limited on City Campus. Steve asks for further advocating and possibly looking into space options. Small-group training is a bit of an issue regarding space arrangements. Structuring the small group fitness project next fall will be a priority.
- B. Intramural and Extramural Sports – (Regan Dierks and Brogan Vahle)
The accomplishments of the unit include; high participation numbers, two Wasson Award winners, hosted the 26th NIRSA Regional Flag Football Tournament, hired a new Graduate Assistant for 2020-22. Challenges include: poor weather continues to keep us inside, lack of space is an issue, and continued decline in women's participation. The goals include: increasing participation of on-campus students, and to keep improving the pre-game meetings before intramural contests. Zac Brost asked the council to brainstorm why female participation is so low and to offer solutions, and to continue being an advocate for Campus Rec. Taylor Schendt said that the inconsistent times of the intramural contests is an issue. Jack Arens brought up that the helmets for broomball were way too big, so that could be an issue, specifically for his female cohorts playing broomball.
- C. Technology – (Irvin Ramirez and Tom Weissling)
Technology may be centralized in Student Affairs rather than being housed at specific locations. Demographic information will be better uploaded to see who's using what and who's coming into Campus Rec. facilities. Still trying to improve Office365 for training. Currently evaluating Campus Rec. software via Connect2 and Fusion. The issue is the incompatibility of Ncards via the software at the moment, and they're working to see if that can be resolved. Fusion has a cleaner interface aside from the aforementioned drawbacks.
- D. Member Services City Campus – (David Weed and Regan Dierks)
Scott Wagner said that they have completed a successful membership drive getting over 90 new faculty and staff members. 442 students attended the Let's GLO Crazy skate night event. Irvin Ramirez received one of the Wasson Awards from NIRSA. Challenges include software being an issue for student staff. Men's locker room has had issues with towels not being returned to the appropriate area. He's asking the council to bring forth ideas for new things to sell at the Member Services desk. There is an issue with men at Member Services having to wear jeans/khaki's while female employees can wear leggings.
- E. Member Services East Campus – (Tom Weissling and Kelcey Buck)
Sherry Tompkins said life is very good at RWC. Accomplishments include new dumbbell equipment and new equipment replacement. Great diversity of staff. Challenges include staffing issues and retainment of staff. Strength Training & Conditioning is missing a coordinator so they've asked for help from some GAs. Currently there are some problems with the vinyl flooring on the 3rd level that need to be fixed. Getting more people CPR certified and also needing new staff for the summer. Promotion for new memberships went well. RecTrac continues to be an issue, and the CPR Pro requirement is an issue due to time constraints. Amy said that we continue to investigate possible avenues, such as whether we need all staff to be CPR Pro certified and response time.
- F. Outdoor Adventures (Jake Modica and Will Gaura)
Fall trips were great, and January was the highest use to date in the Climbing Gym. Currently planning for the upcoming Flat Lands Climbing Festival. Quinn Brett will be speaking at the Nebraska Union on Friday, Feb. 28. They are working to fill in the sea kayaking spring break trip to Baja California in Mexico. The used gear sale is

coming up soon. Outdoor Adventures would like new ideas to get people engaged. OAC will be closed through Spring Break to switch the lighting and to install a new bouldering mat.

G. Sport Clubs & Youth Activities (Brogan Vahle and David Weed)

Accomplishments include: Glo Big Red 24 Hours of Giving had 31 sport clubs participate with over 330 donors and accrued \$20,500 in donations, The Curling Club hosted a competition for the first time in Lincoln, Men's and Women's Lacrosse hosted competitions which is great to get community involvement as well as funding, Registration for summer camps has opened and have had plenty of families sign up already. Challenges to the unit include lack of male applicants to work for Summer Camps, the unit is currently understaffed, loss of the Mabel Lee Hall pool, keeping track of the various sport clubs budgets. Goals include: getting more children signed up for summer camps and finish up the 2020-21 budget allocations for sport clubs. Brian Stelzer asks that the council continue to help and be an advocate for sport clubs as well as give advice and listen to students.

H. Strength Training & Conditioning (Jack Arens and Vanessa Whitmore)

Hired 8 new staff members, they have purchased and recycled equipment. Want to make sure that when they purchase equipment they want better spatial awareness available. Weight Training 1 and 2 is an issue in the Strength Training Room for patrons outside of the class. Ross Canales will graduate in May and therefore continuity will be an issue with the turnover. The coordinator job posting has been approved and hopefully we get several applicants. The council can help by bringing up things we see that we like and don't like about the programs. Taylor Schendt has brought up how when Weight Training 1 and 2 are in session the Strength Training Room is crowded and gym etiquette is not always followed; that can be an issue for patrons. Space is an issue. Amy said we could be more purposeful with our scheduling regarding those academic classes.

IV. Unfinished Business: Volunteer Opportunities

A. Big Ten Recreational Sports Association Conference, May 27-29, Rutgers University - Amy is still looking for volunteers to attend.

B. 2020-21 Campus Recreation Advisory Council - applications are available and we are looking for better advertising for the positions.

C. Volunteer Opportunities

1. Red Letter Days - next one is March 6th and needing volunteers. Vanessa Whitmore volunteered.

2. Admitted Student Day, Sunday, April 5, Campus Recreation Center - CREC will be the sight for the pep rally and we're looking for help from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

V. New Business:

A. Locker Room Schematics – please review them for the next meeting.

VI. Motion to Adjourn

Taylor Schendt made and Regan Dierks seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, President Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brogan Vahle,
Secretary

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

March 17th, 5:00 p.m., Recreation and Wellness Center 110, Business Meeting