

Campus Recreation Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting ID: 936 4312 7562

Tuesday, November 10, 2020; 5:00 p.m.

I. Secretary Brooklyn Fiddelke called role

Present: Ben Aniello, Monica Babcock, Andromede (Andy) Uwase, Monica Babcock, Bella Breck, Kelcey Buck, Nolan Casey, Japhet Dushimeyesu, Brooklyn Fiddelke, Ethan Forcade, Ellis Johnson, Aime Leandre, Taylor Schendt, Jenn Sheppard, Eli Soell, Stan Campbell, Amy Lanham (advisor), and Stan Campbell (director)

Absent: Aline Abayo, Jack Aniello (excused)

Guest: Steve Woita, Asst. Director for Wellness and Fitness Services

II. President Taylor Schendt called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

III. Review and Approval of October 20 Meeting Minutes

Ethan Forcade made and Kelcey Buck seconded a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion was approved without objection.

Aime Leandre made and Ethan Forcade seconded a motion to adjust the meeting agenda by moving new business after open forum and announcements. Motion was approved without objection.

IV. Open Forum and Announcements:

A. [Joel & Patti Meier Endowment gift](#) to Campus Recreation's Outdoor Adventures department.

Joel and Patti Meier made a large planned gift of \$1 million to Campus Recreation's Outdoor Adventures department, and a \$1 million planned gift to the Sheldon Museum of Art at the University of Nebraska urging students to enjoy lifelong interests in the two areas. They made an additional outright gift of \$50,000 to support the Outdoor Adventures speaker series.

The council is planning to send a thank you card and/or some token of our appreciation to the Meiers before the end of the fall semester.

B. University [random testing](#) for COVID-19 will be suspended for the weeks of November 16 and 23. Anyone who would like to schedule an appointment for a test may do so. Students are encouraged to take a free COVID-19 test before travelling for Thanksgiving break to reduce the likelihood of virus spread.

V. New Business:

A. Personal Training Virtual Fitness Coaching – proposal & pricing

Steve Woita gave a presentation to expand personal training to an online platform over break. This would be a way to keep personal trainers and students

engaged during the mini-sessions and winter break while also creating additional revenue for Campus Recreation. The monthly package would include workout videos, nutrition guides, personal work out plans, and monitor behavior change. The virtual package would include four sessions with a personal trainer and would cost \$65. The starter package would include an additional introduction meeting and would cost \$75 (first month). Clients would be required to register for the starter package after 6 months of not working out with a certified personal trainer.

Monica Babcock made and Kelcey Buck seconded a motion to recommend approval of the Personal Training Virtual Fitness Coaching. The council unanimously voted to approve the motion.

B. Changes to face covering policy with Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department in the Red category of the Risk Dial.

Lincoln/Lancaster County's COVID-19 Risk Dial has moved from orange to red. We discussed the possibilities of adjusting our current face covering policy at recreation facilities. After a discussion including the pros and cons of possibly requiring face coverings while exercising on cardiovascular equipment the Council decided to recommend Campus Recreation continue with the current policy at this time, which is to require face coverings at all times other than while exercising on cardio equipment, while in the swimming pool, showering, or in their personal square during a group fitness session. It was also mentioned that as Nebraska moves to remote mini-sessions on Nov. 30 there likely will be less patrons using Campus Recreation facilities, which should help decrease possible spread of the virus.

Stan Campbell shared data about who is expected to be living on campus during the Nov. 30-Jan. 22 time period: approximately 750 students will be staying in the residence halls, some fraternities and sororities anticipate being open for a portion of the that time period. Also, approximately 1,500 students are enrolled for the first three-week mini-session (Nov. 30-Dec. 18), and approximately 1,900 students are enrolled in the second three-week mini-session (Jan. 4-22).

C. Mini-session Campus Recreation membership for those not currently paying fall semester UPFF is proposed at \$33 per mini-session. Students that paid UPFF in the fall semester would continue to have access to Campus Recreation facilities through both mini-sessions at no additional charge.

Ethan Forcade made and Bella Breck seconded a motion to recommend the \$33 membership fee for each mini-session. The motion was approved on a vote 10 yay, 0 nay and 2 abstentions.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Committee Reporting Format

1. Member Services – City Campus (**Jack Aniello**, Andy Uwase, Brooklyn Fiddelke)

Scott Wagner, Assistant Director for Member Services and Engagement, explained that the Member Services team was doing well overall and have been able to adapt during the difficult time brought about by the pandemic. They are concerned with lower participation numbers, staff scheduling during the mini-sessions and winter break, and low staff moral due to reduced interactions. Scott asked for the council to evaluate the building hours, as he feels they could be reduced due to less patrons accessing the facilities.

2. Member Services – East Campus (**Kelcey Buck**, Bella Breck, Ellis Johnson)

Students are stressed and the staff is working hard to support students in any way possible. Sherri Tompkins, Assistant Director for Member Services, especially wanted to recognize Richard Cochnar and Josh Bruno for being excellent front-line staff members, as well as all the student employees. They are constantly striving to have better communication within their department.

Bella Breck mentioned that gift bags and/or thank you notes were being prepared to show appreciation for the student staff.

3. Outdoor Adventures (**Brooklyn Fiddelke**, Jenn Sheppard, Japhet Dushimeyesu)

They are adapting to the pandemic well by continuing to hold classes, keep staff hired, and keeping their rent and bike numbers equally as high as they were pre-COVID-19. There are concerns about the possibility or reduced traffic during three-week mini-sessions, and thus keeping staff busy during the winter months. One goal is to get all trainees tested for COVID-19 so they can go on their normal outdoor training session. Another goal is to successfully hold their annual spring equipment sale while following COVID-19 guidelines.

4. Sport Programs (**Nolan Casey**, Aime Leandre, Aline Abayo)

The re-established cricket club is doing well. The department is a little concerned about keeping students engaged during the winter months. They asked the council to offer suggestions for indoor sports/activities.

5. Strength Training & Conditioning (**Ethan Forcade**, Jenn Sheppard, Jack Aniello)

This department is full of fun and diverse students. One concern is that it is often difficult for students to enforce policies and rules to their peers. “Strong Husker” or similar activities are being reviewed. As Josh Bruno is becoming more familiar with his position, he is looking to bring some of the activities back. Josh Bruno asked the council to specifically define the operating hours so he can share that information with his employees.

6. Technology (**Taylor Schendt**, Nolan Casey)

This department has recently purchased 17 computers to replace older computers. They are working to make improvements to the WebTrac platform to ensure efficient use. A challenge has been that the employees can't meet in person; therefore, responses are a little slower than preferred. They asked the council to provide feedback regarding the WebTrac updates.

7. Wellness & Fitness Services (**Monica Babcock**, Aline Abayo, Ellis Johnson)

This department is also working to improve technology since that is the main source of communication right now. They are fully staffed for the first time in several months; however, self-generated income revenue has been lower than budgeted. Spirit week is November 16-20 and Group fitness free week is November 15-24.

II. Unfinished Business:

A. Update for Mini-Sessions and Winter Break hours.

1. Monday, November 30 – Thursday, January 21 operating hours are finalized:

- Campus Rec Center, 11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., M-F; and 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday
- Outdoor Adventures Center, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday-Saturday
- Recreation and Wellness Center, 5:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., M-F; closed weekends
- Dec. 24-Jan. 3 will have further reduced hours

B. Strength Training & Conditioning areas will increase the reservation time allotments from 50 minutes to 80 minutes beginning Monday, November 30.

III. Ellis Johnson made and Ethan Forcade seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, President Schendt adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Meeting:

December 1, 5:00 p.m., General Meeting via Zoom

December 15, 5:00 p.m., End of Term gathering, TBD