**Recreation and Wellness Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, September 24, 2021 : 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Marie Turchiano (Committee Chair), Dr. Marisa Bisiani (AVP), Thomas Lail (RAW), Mona Ramonetti (Faculty/Staff), Beyonce Dennis (Fitness), Pujan Patel (USG), Matt Jacob (Intramural Sports), Aiden Boehm (RAW Student Staff), Natalia Skonieczna (Commuter Association), Juliana Hise (SHAC), Emma Waechter (Aquatics), Ric McClendon (Dean of Students)

**I. Introductions:** Marie welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room and on zoom. She thanked everyone for coming to the first meeting of the academic year.

Marie explained that the advisory board was the forum for students to come forward with suggestions, comments or concerns from their peers regarding the Campus Recreation Center. In addition, undergraduate students pay a broad based fee every semester and the advisory board is the forum for them to see where their money is being spent.

**II. Staff Updates:** **(Marie)**

Thomas Lail joined us this month as the Assistant Director of Intramurals and Club Sports. Thomas came to Stony Brook from Syracuse University.

Job is currently posted for Manager of Student Personnel.

**III. Facility and Field Updates (Marie)**

1. South P Field Complex and Facility – After running an extensive Covid testing site, the State turned South P back over to us during the summer. The floor in the building needs to be replaced along with repairs to the grass and a water main.

The locker room and office are being renovated and upgraded for the club sports teams. Upgrade and renovation includes paint, new furniture and the new floor.

1. Intramural fields – Field hospitals occupied the fields during Covid. They were just completely removed. 10 year plan was to turf the fields. Waiting to get approval to proceed.
2. Recreation Center – Due to high use, custodial staff is back to working 24 hours per day seven days per week. Estimated cost $550000.

Wood Courts and wood floors in studios will be resurfaced during Winter break. Day lockers are being renovated.

Chiller replacement is still in progress. Total project costing $1.8 million. Should be completed 12/31/21.

New Equipment – All treadmills and elliptical will be replaced this academic year. Total cost appx. $600,000. Current equipment is no longer under warranty. We receive a small trade in value for old equipment or it is given to the residential gyms on campus.

A new cross fit apparatus will be installed soon on the second floor. Due to the weight, an architectural firm had to come in to analyze the weight.

New equipment already in place this year is a versa climber, net platforms, and a push pull sled.

**IV. Student Life (Ric McClendon and Marie)**

New campus programs being offered

Rec Center brought back Off Campus Trips. Went white water rafting in August and rock climbing and hiking last week/ Going to Six Flags Frightfest on 10/29 which sold out in 5 minutes. Upcoming trips include “Blood Manor” which is Halloween themed three course dinner and drinks served in a decorated restaurant, Tanger, Brooklyn Nets and NY Yankees in the Spring.

**V. Recreation Center Area Updates**

a) Fitness/Aquatics/Challenge Course/Marketing (Marie)

Fitness – 29 classes are being offered this fall. Prep class is being offered in October for new instructors.

Pool – Open swim is Monday – Friday 3x/day.

Challenge Course – Remains closed. Area needs to be weeded and poison ivy removed. We have not had access to the area due to the field hospitals. Hoping to resume in the spring.

b) Intramurals (Thomas) – Up and running on South P fields. Current sports are flag football and soccer with 30 teams. Includes 500 participants - 450 unique participants.

c) Club Sports (Marie)

All sports are back operating either at South P or in the Recreation Center. Covid testing site is on the Mac Courts from 8:30am – 4:30 pm limiting access. Teams are allowed to compete however other schools have cut programs due to funding issues. Ultimate Frisbee is hosting a tournament in October with 15 teams.

d) Staff (Marlene) – Fully staffed. Recreation Center in total has 167 student workers.

**V. Open Agenda**

Q) Do we have the same number of student workers now as we did before covid?

A) We have less students but not due to covid. Students expressed that they weren’t getting enough hours so we cut staff to allow the workers to pick up more hours.

Q) Can the time to register for a fitness class be reduced from 7 days to 48 hours? Classes are showing as full but many people are not showing.

A) Will talk to Laura and reduce time plus add back the system if the patron does not show for three classes, they can no longer register for classes.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2021 from 12pm – 1pm.