**Campus Recreation Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, October 12, 2018 12:00pm – 1:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Jay Souza (Committee Chair), Marie Turchiano (RAW), Marlene Kasman (RAW), Durron Newman (RAW), Laura Fitzgerald (RAW), Thomas St. John (RAW), Kate Valerio (RAW), Jennifer Yang (Club Sports), Michael Cochrane (Intramurals), Justas Lauzadis (Graduate Students), Pamela Pfeil (Professional Staff), Yuanynan Yang (Chill), Mona Ramonetti (Faculty), Kimberly Deodat (Student Employees), Fallon Gilbert (SHS)

1. **Welcome:** Jay welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. **Recreation Updates (Jay)**

a. New Turnstiles are up and operational

b. 37 new treadmills were installed on October 8, 2018. Most equipment is replaced every three years due to the expiration of the warranties. Once the warranty expires, the cost to fix these machines is extremely high. Approximately $350,000 is spent annually replacing equipment.

**3) Fee Discussion**

a) We are an auxiliary and operate with undergraduate student fees along with transportation, student health services, technology, and athletics. Alumni, Faculty, Staff, graduate students and a limited number of affiliates pay to use the facility. The Broad based fee for the Recreation Center is the lowest of the five. We are proposing and will be voting on a 5% increase. Jay invited the members to ask any questions/comments.

Q. Why is it required for undergraduate students to pay through their tuition and not graduate students?

A. Many years ago, GSO requested that they not be included in the broad based fee stating that many Graduate students are not on campus. Currently GSO reimburses graduate students who do pay for a membership $75/year.

Q. Can it be an opt-in option for graduate students when paying their tuition?

A. Jay is looking into that option.

Q. What is the likelihood of getting the 5% and what is the process?

A. Jay submits the request to finance who then proposes all of the units request to SUNY.

Jay Souza proposed a 5% increase to the current broad based fee for the 2019/2020 academic year. A vote was taken and members were 100% in favor of a 5% increase.

**4) Recreation Updates**

**a. Challenge Course (Marie)**

* We have increased the participation by greater than 50% this semester compared to last semester.

**b. Facility and Pool (Jay)**

* Currently they are in week two of swim lessons. After only 72 hours, all Level one spots were filled.
* 10/20 – Homecoming – There is a dedication ceremony at 10:30 on the field complex where Field B will be dedicated to Peter Baigent.
* The new climbing wall upstairs in the Recreation and Wellness Center has three different routes which is changed every month.

**c. Intramurals and Club Sports (Tom)**

* The new manager of Intramurals, Travis Liu, is starting on October 18th. Travis comes to us all the way from Hawaii.
* Due to the rain, IM has had to cancel and reschedule five nights which is approximately 40 games.
* Fall sports being offered – Volleyball and 4V4 basketball
* For the 2nd year, in conjunction with Aquatics and Fitness, there will be an indoor triathlon. Tentative date is 12/7/18.
* Fifteen clubs are travelling this weekend.

**d. Marketing and Student Staff (Durron)**

* At this time, there are no open positions for student staff.
* Marketing staff has been busy doing table events at the Health Fair, SAC lobby and they will be at Homecoming.

**e. Fitness (Laura)**

* This semester, Fitness started using a free app, Atleto, to sign up for fitness classes. Atleto is a free internal social connection application. Almost all classes have been filled this semester which may be due to the ease of using the app as opposed to registering on a computer.
* New classes offered this semester are cardio-kickboxing, advanced TRX and spin and circuit.
* All four tiers of Pink Gloves Boxing are being offered this semester and all have the maximum number of participants.
* Hell Week – 10/24 – 10/31 – Students are required to attend one fitness class each day and participate in 3 out of 5 popup challenges. The first 25 to complete this will win a t-shirt.

**f. Health Education (Kate)**

* First SHAC (Student Health Advisory Committee) meeting of the semester is on October 16th
* October 24th is Pharmaceutical take back in the SAC lobby
* Organ Donor Day drive was very successful
* The Recreation and Wellness Center participated in National Coming Out Day by having a table in the lobby.

**5. Comments/Suggestions/Feedback**

Q. Does the Department of Recreation and Wellness do any community outreach?

A. We do in conjunction with many other departments on Campus such as CPO, CAPS, and LIACC. Also, community groups rent space/fields from the department which is a good way to introduce them to the campus. Membership to the Recreation Center is not open to the community.

Q. Who are the groups of people walking through the building?

A. High School recruiting groups, FYS 101 classes

Q. Does the department use 25 live?

A Yes, the department uses 25 live to reserve the space. Stony Brook University opened up 25 live to groups to reserve space however, within the department, first Fitness, Intramurals and Health Education reserve their needed space. Next, Clubs, going directly to Tom St. John, reserve theirs.

After that, the space is open to the campus to reserve.

Q. What can students do if someone is trash talking during their workout?

A. Find a coordinator in a blue shirt and speak to them. During the day, Durron Newman is also here to speak to and at night they can ask for the evening supervisor.

Q. Why must you have an id to get in?

A. This is a strict policy which we enforce. You are required to have your SBU ID on you at all times. If you try to enter the Recreation and Wellness Center without your id three times, a block will be put on your account and you must speak to Durron Newman to have it removed.

Q. What is the policy returning equipment?

A. If you do not return equipment that you signed out and it is lost, you must pay for it.

Q. Since fitness classes are full, will additional classes be added.

A. Fitness classes and Intramurals are funded by USG and therefore limited to that budget.

Comment: The International Student Organization is working with Health Education to translate many of the flyers and schedules that are in the Department of Recreation and Wellness. The organization has found that most of the international students do not use the same social media applications that American students use. Also, they usually do not check websites because of the language barrier. ISO is using “We Chat”, an application many international students are already familiar with and which is a combination of Facebook and Instagram. ISO currently has 120 students in a We Chat Group and they are working to increase that number and translate much of the important information around campus.

ISO started this project translating flyers and schedules into Chinese but it would like to expand it to other languages.

**Next Meeting is Friday, November 9, 2018 12pm - 1pm in Room 125**