**Campus Recreation Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, October 14, 2016 12:00pm – 1:30 pm**

**Attendees:** Jay Souza (CREC), Marie Turchiano (CREC), Marlene Kasman (CREC), Chris Anguita (CREC), Tom St. John (CREC), Leslie Boyce (CREC), Chris Parks (Faculty/Staff), Tajmin Begun (CREC Employees), Stephen Megos (Intramurals), Saba Khalid (Fitness), Amanda Brennan (Sports Clubs), Jana Gjini (SHAC), Heath Marton (Senate Committee on Education), James Vassello (CSA)

1. **Welcome:** Jay welcomed members and everyone introduced themselves. He announced Laura Fitzgerald will be starting on November 1, 2016 as the Assistant Director for Fitness and Wellness Programs. He also reminded everyone that these meetings are open to the general SBU Public who would like to attend.
2. **Facility Updates** (Jay)
   1. **Water Fountains** – All have been replaced with bottle filling stations
   2. **Entrance** – Waiting for contractor
   3. **Locker Rooms** - Replacing floors with an epoxy that will be slip resistant and the ceilings that are mold resistant (Date TBD)
   4. **Lobby** – New furniture, charging stations and television’s that will be used for marketing (Date TBD)
   5. **All Gender restrooms** – replacing urinals with stalls that will have higher and lower partitions (Date TBD)
   6. **Equipment** – We have new elliptical machines that have internet access and a “Zero Runner”, which the marketing team is ready to promote
3. **Intramural and Club Sports Updates** (Tom and Chris A.)
4. **Program Updates**
   * 1. **Intramurals**

Last night outdoor intramurals finished. Indoor sports will be starting next week

* + 1. **Events**
* 10/18 – Free throw and 3 point basketball competition
* 10/22 – Flag Football Championship (SBU, Farmingdale, LIU)
* 10/28 – Halloween Movie featuring Ghostbusters. Providing popcorn and cotton candy
* 11/4 – Brooklyn Nets/Charlotte Hornets
* 11/20 – Turkey Trot

**c) Other**

Chris A. was interviewed by the Campus radio station regarding the elimination of gender based rules in the Intramural program

1. **Challenge Course/Low Ropes** (Jay)

Course will be a 12 Element course and will be completed by Thanksgiving

1. **Wellness Challenge** (Jay)

Open to 1000 people. Registration will be open until 10/28 first to students and then faculty and staff. Challenge will run from 11/2/16 until mid-May 2017. Will be open to individuals and or teams. Everyone will receive a Fitbit and all activity will be tracked through a portal. Points will be awarded by doing a fitness class, walking, attending a specified event, etc. Prizes at the end. This is a collaborative program with Campus Rec and Healthier U.

1. **Pool** (Jay)

Will open tentatively during the Spring Semester. Will have open rec swim times Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday evenings and Monday through Friday at noon. Currently, it will be included in undergraduates’ recreation fee.

1. **Discussion**
2. **How are we doing?**

Chris P. Complemented the space and the free weight room. He asked about having a quiet space where people can do yoga and bring their own mats. Jay said in the past they have opened up rooms and there was a security issue. Leslie said new stretching mats have been ordered to replace the blue ones.

Steve said he has heard negative feedback that the Intramural seasons are too short but understands the staffing issues and weather.

Amanda asked if there was any way to know when the turf field was free for her Club Soccer team. Tom suggested she look on 25 Live.

Jay added that every year we participate in a benchmarking random survey.

1. **Broad based fee** (Jay)

Student fees pay for the Campus Recreation facilities and fields. This covers staff, equipment, repairs, etc.

Programming – Intramural Sports and Fitness Classes is supported by USG. Due to decreases in funding support, we had to modify our programs: fitness had to cut approximately 10 classes per week and the number of teams was capped by Intramural Sports.

Currently students pay $82.00/semester. Jay proposed to the board that he would like to propose and $8 increase for next year since we did not get an increase last year. Even if the increase is approved through the University, the State can still reject it.

Minimum wage is going up $1.00/hour on January 1st. All student staff receives this increase. In 2021 minimum wage is going up to $15.00 per hour. In addition to staffing, the equipment constantly needs to be repaired or replaced and with the addition of the pool, which Campus Recreation is funding for the first semester, staff needs to be hired. We are currently looking for lifeguards.

Discussion among the board was to request the $8 increase to keep staff and maintain the quality of the Campus Recreation building. Question by Heath M. and answered by Jay, hours would have to be cut, staff would be cut, machines wouldn’t be replaced as quickly. This would not be fair to the students who would like even more hours in the facility.

1. **Other**

* Heath M. questioned the approximately paid members

Faculty/Staff – Monthly memberships is approx. 800

Annual memberships is very small

Grad students – A few thousand

* Research foundation and students who take the optional health insurance can get a reimbursement for gym membership
* We will be selling Gatorade protein bars in the vending machine at Campus Rec.

**Next Meeting is November 11, 2016**