

# Campus Rec Advisory Board - September 20, 2024

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Campus Rec fee increase facility updates

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## Meeting Information

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- Date & Time: 2024-09-20 12:03:37
- Location: Walter J Hawrys Campus Recreation Center - Multipurpose Room
- Attendees: Marie Turchiano, Director of Recreation and Wellness, Thomas Lail, Associate Director of Recreation and Wellness, Marlene Kasman, Assistant Director of Budget, Erin Lail, Assistsant Director of Fitness and Wellness, Wyatt Cushman, Assistant Director of IM & Sport Clubs, Christina DeAngelis, Manager of Soocial Programs and Events, Kevin Craig, Esports Coordinator, Sasha Kagan, Fitness Student rep, Mona Ramonetti, Faculty/Staff rep, Chris Stella, Sport Club rep, Vincent Hu, Intramural rep, Myles Moore, student employee rep, DanielShrestha, Esport rep, Ana McMahon, Undergraduate Student Government rep

## Meeting Notes

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### 1. Discussion on the allocation and impact of the Recreation and Student Life fee increase.

- **Introduction and Purpose of Meeting**

The meeting began with introductions of the Campus Rec Advisory Board members. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the allocation of funds from the Recreation and Student Life fee, which supports campus facilities and programs.
- **Broad-Based Fee Increase**

Marie Turchiano announced a fee increase for the campus rec and student life fee, the first in over four years. The increase is 18.20*annually, raisingthefeto*194 per undergraduate student per year.
- **Impact of Minimum Wage Increase**

Marlene Kasman highlighted the impact of minimum wage increases on the budget, noting that student payroll has risen significantly due to wage hikes.

### Conclusion

1. The fee increase will support facility maintenance, staffing, and program expansion, including the growing eSport program.
2. The increase in minimum wage has necessitated budget adjustments, particularly in student payroll.

## 2. Campus Facility and Program Enhancements

- **Student Enrollment and Facility Usage**

The discussion highlighted that student enrollment and facility usage have surpassed pre-pandemic levels, with daily student numbers reaching 2,400. The increase is attributed to a larger freshman class and improved facility numbers.

- **Staffing and Promotions**

Wyatt Cushman was promoted to Assistant Director of Intramurals and Sport Clubs, and there are vacancies for the Manager of Intramural and Sport Clubs and Manager of Student Personnel. Christina is temporarily handling additional responsibilities in the area of student personnel.

- **Facility and Equipment Updates**

The gym floor and fitness studios were resurfaced in the summer, new strength equipment was installed, and a pendulum squat was added based on student feedback. The facility maintains a three-year equipment replacement plan.

- **Esports Program Development**

The Esports Broadcast Program is fully operational, and the team is competing in multiple leagues. The program has expanded to include open hours and is hosting a major tournament.

- **Fitness and Pool Programs**

The fitness program offers 50 classes per week, and the pool operates twice daily. Efforts are underway to fill staffing gaps and offer themed fitness classes to attract more participants.

- **Intramural and Club Sports**

Intramural sports have strong participation, with 25 officials and numerous teams. The department is hosting the NIRSA Region 1 Soccer Championships and has multiple club events planned.

- **Staff Development and Training**

25 new staff members were hired, and training sessions received positive feedback. Professional development and community-building activities are being emphasized.

- **Budget and Financial Transparency**

The budget discussion emphasized transparency and the impact of a \$2 minimum wage increase. Financials are open for review, and spending is focused on needs rather than wants.

- **Beyond the Brook Program**

The Beyond the Brook program offers trips and shuttles to local areas. Despite initial cancellations due to flooding, alternative trips are being organized.

## Conclusion

1. Student enrollment and facility usage are higher than pre-pandemic levels.
2. Efforts are ongoing to fill staffing vacancies by the end of the semester.
3. Facility and equipment updates are ongoing to ensure high standards.
4. The Esports program is growing and gaining recognition.
5. Fitness and pool programs are running smoothly with plans for further engagement.
6. Intramural and club sports are thriving with high participation.
7. Staff development is prioritized with successful training initiatives.
8. Budget management is transparent and focused on essential needs.
9. The program is adapting to challenges and offering alternative experiences.

### 3. Campus Facilities and Meeting Schedule

- **Athletic Spaces and Facilities**

discussion ongoing with recreation outdoor spaces athletic including tennis courts and multi-activity spaces. There are delays due to other projects, but efforts are being made to move forward, particularly with smaller areas.

- **Meeting Schedule**

The schedule for upcoming meetings, with two more in the fall and three in the spring.

## Next Arrangements

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- [ ] Fill staffing vacancies by the end of the semester
- [ ] Host NERSA Region 1 Soccer Championships in November
- [ ] Replace ellipticals in December
- [ ] Organize Beyond the Brook trips and shuttles
- [ ] Next meeting on October 11th, followed by meetings on November 8th, February 14th, March 14th, and April 11th.