

Recreation and Wellness Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Friday April 8, 2022 : 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Attendees: Marie Turchiano (RAW), Dr. Marisa Bisiani (AVP), Juliana Hise (SHAC), Terrell Amparado (RAW), Marlene Kasman (RAW), Alexa Rinaudo (Student Health), Emma Cardona (Office of Student Life), Alex Birchmore (Club Sports), Natalia Skonieczna (Commuter Student Association), Mona Ramonetti (UEC/Staff representative)

I. Introductions: (Marie) Marie welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room and on zoom. Announced that this is the last advisory board meeting during this academic year.

II. Staff Updates: (Marie)

- Assistant Director of Fitness and Wellness has been hired. Erin Maurno was a graduate student at SBU teaching fitness classes and working at the challenge course. Her start date is 4/25.
- A manager will be hired to oversee the weekend programming which will be expanding. Budget is \$16k/month.

It was discussed that the students enjoy the off campus trips and taking an opportunity to do something or go somewhere that they otherwise may not have. Dr. Bisiani mentioned that SEA is also doing off campus trips. Marie said the department of recreation and wellness would focus on “active” and sports related trips such as the ones we have done this year which includes: whitewater rafting, rock climbing and hiking, New York Nets, New York Islanders, Great Adventure, paintball and bowling. A nominal fee is charged to the students for each trip.

III. Facility and Field Updates

- a) South P Field Complex and Facility – Canvas pictures of club sports have been ordered for the walls. Furniture has not been delivered yet.
- b) Intramural fields – No news since last month’s report. Waiting on quote from Landtek to move ahead on field rehabilitation.
- c) Recreation Center – Renovating our student area. Students use space for administrative work or to study. Opening up the area to provide space to work, eat and relax. “Happy employees are good employees”. We could not run the rec center without our student employees.

Wood courts are being redone during shutdown week. Every 9-10 years it is recommended that all the varnish be taken off and freshly resurfaced with new lines. October 17, 2022 is the buildings 10 year anniversary.

University shuts down buildings across campus after graduation for maintenance for approximately one week.

The multi-purpose room is being used during the summer as a covid testing site.

- d) Chiller project completion date is 4/25. Chiller is working but air conditioning won't be turned on until the university turns it on across the campus.

VI. Recreation Center Area Updates

- a) Aquatics (Marie)

Mens' locker room still closed.

- b) IM (Thomas) Current IM sports are: outdoor soccer, badminton and volleyball.

Numbers are returning to pre-covid participation with more unique participants than before.

Upcoming off campus trips – Hiking and Rock climbing

Glo-yoga for distressing before finals – Friday 5/6.

- c) Club Sports (Thomas)

Clubs are busy now that they are travelling again. Ultimate Frisbee is participating in sectional and regional tournaments.

- e) Fitness (Terrell) - Classes and personal training are doing well.

- f) Staff (Marlene/Terrell) – We have over 30 students graduating. In collaboration with the career center, we had a job fair and over 160 students participated. The career center attended one of our staff meetings to speak to the students about resume writing, interview skills, internships, volunteer positions and transferrable skills (GROW).

V. Open Agenda

- Q) Will the chiropractors be back? Hopefully in the fall

Marie thanked everyone for their participation in the advisory board and for the privilege of providing a beautiful facility and fields along with programming that makes the students proud of how we are spending their fees.