



## **Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5:30pm

Rec Lobby Meeting Room

**I. Call to Order**

5:35pm

Rafe - I am calling the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call**

5:36pm

Rafe - Please make sure you're signed in.

Attendees: Lee Silbert, Nan Lu, Diba Mani, Ryder Scheifele, Nicole LaRocque, Pauline Olivas, Dan Rummel, Ryan Coval, Rafe Kossak, Annie Mulvany, Alec Michels, Alek Joga, Emily Carroll

**III. Changes/Approval of Agenda Items**

5:36pm

Rafe - Any changes to agenda? No.

Ryder - Motion to approve the agenda.

Alec - Second.

Lee - Call to Question.

Rafe - Discussion.

Diba - Acclamation.

**IV. Reading & Approval of 10/17/2017 Minutes**

5:37pm

Nan - Motion to approve the minutes from 10/17/17.

Lee- Second.

Ryder - Call to Question.

Alec - Discussion.

Rafe - Acclamation.

V. **Public Forum (15 minutes)**

n/a

VI. **Old Business**

n/a

VII. **New Business**

5:37pm

a Facility Reservation Requests

Patty - I have 3 facility reservation requests for us to review; 2 of them are reoccurring. The first is the Chinese Spring Festival which is the most important festival in China. Rental companies will be bringing the equipment, staging, tables and chairs. They are requesting the lower gym (3 courts). It will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, this spring, 5pm-8pm. Set up will start at 2pm. They are anticipating 600 attendees.

Nan - This is essentially the Chinese new year.

Rafe - Is there a full calendar of all scheduled events?

Patty - I have not added these new events to the calendar. I can send it to you or bring to the next meeting.

Rafe - Any questions about the Chinese Spring Festival? No. Motion to approve.

Alec - Second.

Ryder - Call to question.

Diba - Discussion.

Rafe - Acclamation.

[by vote, 5 - 0, pass]

Patty - Relay for Life is the next event. We've done this event for many years. This spring it is scheduled from 7pm on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> to 7am Saturday April 14, 2018. They are requesting the lower gym, 3 courts and some other facilities after the building closes. There will be about 500 participants. It will start with an opening ceremony and a processional around the track. There will be food, drinks, etc.

Rafe - Motion to approve Relay for Life.

Diba - Second.

Ryder - Discussion.

Alec - Call to question.

Rafe - Acclamation.  
[by vote, 5 - 0, pass]

Patty - I have another event that's different and a new request. This group wants to bring about 50 kids to the gym. They will be staying on campus and want to reserve the competition pool. Usually they rent Clare pool however, they want to use the pool earlier in the day (outdoor pool can't be rented before 7pm) and they want all the kids to use the pool (which would exceed the capacity of the outdoor pool). It is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 8pm. This is outside Rec Boards voting season since it's a summer session, but the competition pool is usually not reserved for exclusive use, so I wanted to bring this to the Rec Board for approval.

Rafe - How will this impact users?

Patty - The outdoor pool and Clare will be open for lap swim, so there should be little to no impact.

Rafe - Any questions? No.

Nan - Move to approve this request.

Rafe - Show of hands for a vote? 5-0, pass.

#### VIII. **Chair's Report**

5:48pm

Rafe - I received an email from someone asking about Women's Self Defense classes. The class currently cost \$15, but this user thinks the class should be free for any woman. This is important for the campus climate. If it were free, more women would participate. What are your thoughts?

Diba - How many classes are offered? What does it cost? Who teaches it? How much is the instructor paid?

Nicole - It used to be offered 2x weekly for a 5 week stretch. It's offered for anyone who identifies as a woman. Now it's 2.5 hours on a weekend, two or maybe three classes per semester. The instructor is paid \$20 per hour. We offer this class with an acquaintance assault focus. We are about to max out our capacity for this class. If we make the class free and put it under inclusive Rec, it would become open to any campus member. Sometimes a sorority will pay for an instructor for a private session.

Annie - We had over 20 registrants at the last class.

Diba - If this is an issue of money, I think we could waive it, but it seems like this is about inclusion.

Nicole - This is similar to situations where a depressed student wants to take fitness classes, and we cover the BeFit Pass to help their mental health and support their success all over campus.

Rafe - I agree this is a similar situation.

Nicole - I'll ask Denise if she's interested in doing this. This instructor has a great reputation and always has a packed class. He can't teach any more classes because his schedule is maxed out. It's very hard to find and retain an instructor who meets our standards.

Rafe - Sounds like there's a lot of uncertainties with this.

Nicole - Yes, but I'm happy to ask Denise about it. Maybe we can offer at a reduced cost, such as \$5.

Rafe - How hard would it be to do a survey on this? This email is just one data point. Is there a way to raise awareness and collect data about this issue?

Diba - We can do a survey, but the odds of getting a reasonable response is low.

Nan - People will reasonably support lower fees, but that doesn't mean they will sign up.

Nicole - I'm happy to ask Denise and we can look into it further and pilot a new approach. What are other ideas?

Diba - If it's not about the money, it's about inclusion, and if this instructor is maxed out, it might be worth looking for another instructor, perhaps a female instructor. Some females might be more interested in taking a class from a woman. Maybe that one class could be a free class and the others keep the \$15 fee.

Lee - This also sets an interesting precedent. If there are more requests like this, we will have to treat them fairly.

Nicole - Lee brings up an important issue. Lots of students could make similar arguments. But this could fit with some of our women empowerment initiatives.

## IX. **Director's Report**

6:04pm

Rafe - Tony is sick today, so I am presenting in his place. Associate Vice Chancellor Kambiz Khalili is taking a position at the University of

Michigan. He resigned last Friday and will become the VP of Student Affairs at Michigan. Christina Gonzales will announce our new reporting authority by the end of the week.

Pauline - An interim person may be assigned until the position is permanently filled.

Rafe - That's all Tony has.

## **X. Executive Team Reports**

6:06pm

Dan - I just returned from a trip, so I don't have news on the pool. The construction documents for the pool are still being submitted. We meet next Tuesday.

Nicole - George is participating in the Diversity summit tonight, so he wanted me to let you all know.

Rafe - The Diversity Summit is in the UMC in the Glen Miller Ballroom.

Nicole - There is one more full day left.

Annie - We did not win the Pac 12 Challenge, but we did take 2<sup>nd</sup>. We're starting an educational campaign on how to stay healthy at the Rec Center. There will be some promotional materials going around (memes). There are some new disinfecting "guns" staff will be using on the hard-to-clean equipment called Germinators.

Rafe - I've noticed paper towel stations often are empty.

Annie - There will be a different focus each month, like being courteous.

Patty - I'm presenting this spreadsheet that looks at a comparison between the different options for cleaning gym equipment. Catie conducted a study 4 years ago. We plan to replace those paper towel stations with something nicer. We are potentially looking at another product with the Rec logo. This spreadsheet shows why we use the product we do, and what it would cost to move to a different product. The Wipex brand says they're compostable, but they aren't fully certified yet. As far as your comment Rafe, I can look into that and try to figure out an interim solution.

Dan - Yes, we've been talking about that internally too.

Patty - Other questions or comments?

Lee - What was the motivation for this?

Patty - The Health and Safety Chair brought this topic up out of concern for students during the flu season.

Nan - Why would different products encourage students to clean?

Patty - Wipes would be easier for sure.

Lee - I would be a fan of changing the product if the behavior was already there.

Patty - Yes, definitely. The stations already need to be updated, so we're trying to time it right.

Rafe - What's the cost of washing the towels daily?

Patty - I'm not sure, but I can look into it.

Rafe - A lot of spas and gyms give out towels, and then those towels follow the patrons around the gym and acts as a barrier between the patrons and the equipment.

Patty - It's definitely free for patrons, and some people do use the towels as you suggested. Operationally it would be very difficult to launder more towels than we do currently. It would take additional machines to keep up with this demand.

Dan - We tried giving away towels without any accountability and we lost most of them.

Nan - Budget is coming up. This year we have been asked to prepare a 1% decrease scenario. The decrease would require us to still fund the minimum wage increases for students, and also find \$108K in cuts. The increase in minimum wage will cost about \$100K to \$125K. December 12th we will read the capital budget for the first time. The other readings will be in spring semester. The meetings for readings could be twice weekly. Our deadline is Feb 1st. It is customary for a Rec Board member to do a training in the Spring semester for the budget. Is anyone interested? I'll spend an hour prepping you. Ryan, are you interested?

Ryan - Yes, I am interested.

## **XI. CUSG Report**

6:20pm

Ryder - Each voting member is required to have a certain number of hours of training about cost centers. The trainings take about 20 minutes online and you must receive 80% to pass. I will send the link to Rafe and look at the upcoming deadlines. Some of the topics are

diversity and inclusion. The trainings also includes Robert's Rules of Order and some other topics about conducting meetings.

Nan - A few years ago, there were concerns about information being passed down within CUSG elected officers between years, so an audit was done that identified some key information all members should know. This is why we have these trainings.

Ryder - CUSG also audits the by-laws every so often. We review Rec Board by-laws and policies every other year. Regarding the Sport Clubs recognition project, we've reached out to all the clubs and heard back from about 10. Those with lots of awards are responding, like cycling, swimming and diving, men's lacrosse, and crew. There's a wide variety in the types of awards, so we want to determine how to present them in a way that looks good. We will also set a cut-off date for teams to respond.

Rafe - Perhaps you can also give priority to teams that respond in a timely manner. There will also be a need to cycle new awards. I'm sure there are creative minds on campus who would love to help plan this project.

Ryder - We also need to give the teams a contact for getting their awards in the case.

Nicole - Each club has a pro staff coordinator, so that person can be the POC. Turnover for staff is minimal. The coordinators report to Annie and the social media team, so they could also help publicize awards.

Rafe - This seems to be underway. When will we start talking about constructing?

Ryder - We'd like to wait a few more weeks to allow teams to reply, and then once we have enough feedback we can talk about construction.

Nicole - For construction, Dan must be involved. For aesthetic of the building, Annie and Patty are involved. For Sport Clubs, Bryan is involved. Nan has to be involved for funding. Keeping them all in the loop will make this a sustainable project.

Rafe - Definitely. I would love to see this happen.

Nicole - I would encourage Ryder to contact Bryan about this project so he can get his staff to support this effort.

## **XII. Announcements**

n/a

**XIII. Adjournment**

6:37pm.

Rafe - Motion to adjourn.

Ryder - Second.

Alec - Call to Question.

Lee - Discussion.

Rafe - Acclamation. Meeting adjourned.