Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2018 5:30pm
Rec Lobby Meeting Room

I. Call to Order:
5:31pm

II. Roll Call: Rafe Kossak, Tony Price, Wyatt Gvernsey, Ryan Coval, Alec Michaels, Dan Rummel, Annie Mulvany, Jasmine Wilson, Joshua Walters, Nicole LaRocque, Lee Silbert, Margie Rodgers, Patty McConnell

III. Changes/Approval of Agenda Items:
Not enough voting members present to have quorum.

Rafe: Explained how meeting are run using Robert’s Rules of Order.

Tony: A Statement of Rec Board policies and bylaws are online. Rec Board is an extension of CUSG. Voting members make decisions on facility use and budgets. Personnel decisions made by staff. Conversation around the status of CUSG and restructuring.

Lee: Has the Chancellor not come to a decision on this?

Tony: There’s been conversation with student leadership this summer, but no communication around timelines, etc.

Rafe: Not a whole lot of information right now, so the Rec is doing business as usual and will prepare as information is released.

Tony: The Rec Board operates as a decision making board.

Patty: Last time we approved policy bylaws was Oct 25, 2016. We usually revise bylaws every two years, so CUSG’s decision would come at a good time for making policy updates.

Rafe: Public forum to hear about programming.
IV. Reading & Approval of Minutes:

Not enough voting members present to have quorum.

V. Public Forum:

No public forum

VI. Old Business:

Alec: What is the update on cleaning stations?

Patty: The compost stations will be arriving in about 2 weeks.

Alec: What is the update on the snack station?

Patty: We ran a month pilot in April. Partnered with Housing and Dining Services. HDS provided the food and staffing. The operating hours changed three times so not very consistent. The Fueling Station was not as successful as we hoped. Items that we thought would be purchased were not, protein for shakes. Asked HDS to provide food at Guest Services but it requires a permit. Looking at offering healthier vending machine options in the future.

Tony: Pilot used department funds and we don’t have dedicated funds for the snack station. The Rec would have to provide temporary funding Guest Services. We need to break even and not lose of funds. We are happy to revisit.

Patty: Some of the top 10 items sold included Muscle milk, Naked Juice, RX Bars, whole fruit, hard boiled eggs.

Alec: How did it go with Intramural Hockey providing real officials?

Rafe: Certified officials for IM hockey went great.

Tony: No fights, less ejections. Approval for competitive officials in all hockey leagues.

Nicole: Competitive leagues will have 2 officials and Rec leagues will have 1 official. Each hockey team will be assessed an additional fee to self-subsidize the officials pay.

Nicole: Patty did you get a significant grant for the compost stations?

Patty: An $8,000 grant for compost stations was awarded to the Rec from the E-Center.

Tony: There are a number of department improvements for indoor and outdoor facilities that align with our mission and values. We will share the improvements and also where we plan to go.
Lee: Was that HR Service Center change enacted?

Tony: The marketing change was enacted this summer. Annie and Steffen transitioned to a Student Affairs marketing team. Working with health and wellness. Still providing support to Rec Center. How do we make requests for marketing and communication needs? Annie will be responsible for health and wellness content. Office hours in the morning for Annie and Steffen in the afternoon. They are fully transitioning over, but we still make requests using the jot form. They will help us be more aware and aligned with health and wellness. Annie and Steffen have done a great job.

Annie: Getting health and wellness out in the SA division, but working together so departments are not offering or promoting redundant information.

Tony: Haven't lost any staff. Still working on relationship with HR Service Center. Adding new timekeeping software called Kronos. Should integrate better with HCM. Evaluating and assessing while working the kinks out.

Nicole: Old business on club banners.

Annie: Banners for national championships for club teams. A new sample of the material is passed around. Years can be added without ruining the material or making a new banner. Three vendors recommended this material.

Nicole: Need to finalize this banner today because it must be ordered for the Banquet on 10/26. Asst. women’s lax coach will be speaking on being a club athlete.

Rafe: Can’t vote because we don’t have quorum. Perhaps an email vote?

Nicole: Do we really have to vote on material since it was already voted on and approved?

Tony: How expensive is it?

Annie: Inexpensive, around $300 per/banner.

Tony: Low cost and if we need to re-do the banner in a few years it shouldn’t be a problem.

Annie: I can send an email out with cost.

Rafe: I Think it’s awesome and a great idea.

Nicole: We set aside $5,000 and Rec Board approved the banner.

Rafe: Is that it for old business?

Varsha with UGGS arrived 6:04pm and introduced herself.
VII. New Business:

None

VIII. Chair’s Report:

Rafe: I don’t have anything to report, thanks for being here. For new folks, this is an introductory meeting. Please come again in 2 weeks and we will have everyone present. We should have a tri exec here.

Lee: The Rec Center Board webpage has all these documentations and it’s a good idea to read through them.

Patty brings up Rec Board website.

Patty: Rec Board policy and bylaws are on webpage.

Tony: What do you do if you want to become a voting member?

Rafe: We just discuss it at the Rec Board meeting. You’re supposed to submit an application and been on Rec Board for one year. Scott was a voting member and he just stopped coming and was going to replace with Alec Joga but he left too. If you want to be a voting member, talk to me.

Patty: Question about being ratified.

Rafe: Varsha needs to be ratified

IX. Director’s Report:

Tony: Had a very productive year with facilities and services. First year was a learning curve on connecting with colleagues around campus and it’s been a good year. We had a lot of change. We didn’t expect to close the pool the week before fall semester started. Significant change in Student Affairs. The Rec is a part of health and wellness and we report to Jennifer McDuffie. It’s been pretty productive with how we want to look using the 6 dimensions of wellness. It includes occupational as a dimension and introduces Career Services. Athletics will also be in the mix. A mental health awareness campaign is beginning. Will continue to look at additional events and programs that meet our student’s needs. A lot of students are coming in with special needs and the Rec Center is a hub not just for meeting physical needs, but for emotional and social as well. The Rec is looking forward to a CUSG resolution. We are looking to see where the shared services piece ends up. Have a new vision and mission being implemented. Working with Annie on getting mission and vision printed and promoted. Will be focusing on access and equity. Looking for scholarships for students who can’t afford to go on an OP trip or purchase a BeFit pass. Looking for way to secure funding for students to go on an experience that they can’t afford. Planning to do a campaign for faculty staff to give donate money to scholarships for student success. Hoping to have scholarships funded and ready to go by next Fall. Racquetball courts are...
underutilized and will be tracking numbers for possible functional fitness space, possibly a ninja warrior like environment. Also looking at E-sports. What are we doing with E-gaming/sports on this campus? Looking at whether that space could be used for gaming.

Lee: How many racquetball and squash courts are there?

Tony: We have at total of 5. One is for squash and 4 for racquetball. Looking to keep 2 courts and possibly one court that can have a movable wall for squash. Planning to develop a strategic plan for facilities. We are looking at a holistic space in Will Vill and will continue to make improvements.

Rafe: On that note - that is the direction we are trying to move with this board. We talked about changing the spaces around. I think it's important that we give input on what the space is best used for. I am interested in gaming, but I think the Ninja Warrior space could be good. Holistic wellness is important. What is it that students want and how can we bring those voices to be heard.

Varsha: Is it concrete that the Rec Board is not going to be here in the future if changes are made.

Rafe: No, it's not concrete but almost became a reality until a group of CUSG students spoke up and were heard.

Tony: If the Rec Board becomes more of an advisory board, I still want to run as usual. We have real conversations around decisions that are critical and what is the best for our students and how we serve them.

X. Executive Team Reports:

Dan: Had a busy summer, we got water back in the pool. Kittredge did a punch walk for 2 new turf fields that have been replaced. Have been getting great feedback. Annie, Patty and I have been on a committee for the new wall art. This project is almost complete and the CU colors look amazing.

Annie: Carried on the “find your fit” theme and added “Be” statements that relate to health and wellness.

Tony: It’s institutional pride as well, including Ralphie on the walls. Received positive feedback.

Tony: Talked about the facility renovation. Very aggressive design for zero waste building and obtaining Leed Platinum. Had problems with humidity on ice rink and pool walls. Been able to work with Facilities Management and original engineers to resolve. Dan has been instrumental in repairing and resolving these issues.

Dan: Vendors meeting every week about the recommissioning. Finding pipes were installed backwards; got it fixed last week. The vendors all want to get the
building working the way it should. Summer was one of the hottest and building was cool. Didn’t have a lot of humidity, hoping to make tweaks for better operation. Looking at putting fans in the ice overlook ceiling to replace the box fans on floor. Not going to be as noisy and keep windows clear. Replace drywall as needed. Been a long process. Clare pool - dealing with issues on pool deck. Might have to replace drains in pool deck. Any questions?

Lee: Are they still going to renovate Ramaley and will it affect Rec Center?

Patty: Renovations start January, 2019 and will take Sewall field offline.

Dan: Looking to add outdoor water spigots at Business field, Lower Field and Will Vill that will be available for anyone.

Tony: Got brand new LED lights and were installed in turf gym and basketball courts. Most of that project was subsidized.

Dan: Looking at utility reports, energy and electricity use is down, especially turf gym, upper gym and lower gym. Light harvesting in the Rec and if lights are off it’s because there’s enough natural light.

Annie: Theming project should be completed this month. Next we’re trying to focus on upping numbers on Instagram. We are at 4,100 followers, up from Connect at the Rec. Start following if you aren’t.

Nicole: Connect at the Rec was awesome. Had a good partnership with RHA. Had an oasis on the tennis courts and e-gaming trucks which was new. RHA loves inflatables. This year we did volleyball, basketball, table tennis on the upper court and received good feedback. Find your Fit carnival - new initiative to roll out wellness efforts. Good steady flow of students. Another summer thing - Special Olympics. Partnering with Sig Tau and working with unified sports. Have a intro game in October and games in Spring. Another new health fair - Take Care Street Fair on Sewall 9/25. Inclusive Rec Summit is in February, 2019. Climbing gym sold 781 passes. Be Fit sold 642 passes. IMs are selling passes for $20 a semester and $35 for annual. Sold 40 passes and 30 annual passes.

Patty: Present numbers for Rec center facility access for main rec. This year we closed at 12pm on Wednesday because we had connect at the rec. The last couple of years the numbers are pretty comparable.

Wyatt: When do the years end?

Patty: These counts are for actual swipes into the building for first week of classes. Any questions?

Varsha: Are these the usual numbers?

Patty: Yes, always busy the first week of classes. The Rec closed for 24 hours this year for Connect at the Rec and area training. More sales were made
earlier in the week this year because students moved in earlier and people planned ahead.

Dan: Do these numbers include tours?

Patty: No.

Wyatt: I'm curious in annual data. I would think there's more visits over the year.

Patty: the numbers for the last couple of year are very close from year to year.

Tony: Over a million visits between main Rec Center and Williams Village.

Wyatt: If the numbers are staying the same are the students on campus and deciding not to come?

Tony: Trending about 3% and we don't know if students are deciding not to come to the Rec.

Rafe: Data swipes - trends might be students staying longer versus coming twice a day. There's a lot of different possibilities as to why our data isn't correlating with the enrollment numbers. E-sports growing, maybe more students not coming to the Rec.

Tony: We just drafted our first comprehensive assessment plan. Looking to have focus groups, surveys to find out what experiences are within the Rec. Where do we go from here around improvement? How do we make people feel welcome and comfortable.

Josh: Can we look at the assessment plan?

Tony: It's just been approved, we can share it. If you have any questions about it, let me know.

Patty: We've had more security cameras installed, we're at 95% complete. Marcus Wirth has a big screen with about 24 cameras on screen at once. He watches these for safety and security. They have been helpful in various situations.

Tony: Added an assistant athletic trainer. Students can go 3pm-8pm to the Training room to get assessed. Part time trainer will support club sports.

Patty: send facility requests to RecRequest@colorado.edu

XI. CUSG Report:
No Report

XII. Announcements:
None

XIII. Adjournment:
6:57pm
Motion: Ryan
Second: Alec
Acclimation: Rafe