Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

Nov 15th 2011

ARC Large Conference Room

Attendees: Brad Bridges, Amy Sponsler, Andrew Hohn, Marianna DiVietro, Frank Niu, Emily Stevens, Paul Nation, Erin Olson, Alexander Lakocy, Lauren Polke, Zachary Matseshe, Roshan Ali, Michael McGarry

Guests: Gary Miller, Sean Veal, Michael Danielson, Bill Williamson

I. Introductions
   A. Welcome
   B. Robyn Deterding has a prior commitment and will not be attending today. We thank Associate Director Gary Miller for stepping in and presenting the director updates on Robyn’s behalf.

II. Approval of 10/18 Minutes
   A. Made correction to date
   B. Minutes Approved

III. Committee Liaison
   A. We have been instructed to create a committee liaison that sends in reports to the student senate president.
   B. Michael will make form and turn it in.
      1. Someone needs to fill it out for each meeting.
      2. How about Frank, our Chair?
      3. Sounds good.

IV. Director Updates (Gary Miller)
   A. ARC Family Assistance Center
      1. We are partnering up with other campus units to establish the ARC as an emergency center.
      2. Coordinating with the Dean of Students Office, UIUC Police, U of I Counseling Center and Red Cross.
      3. The ARC would be utilized as a meeting center for students and families in the event of a natural disaster or campus event.
      4. Our building would be staffed by CREC employees as far as building operations. Then Counseling Center staff would coordinate with families in time of crisis. Long run would be Red Cross volunteers/employees in case of prolonged use.
      5. Biggest purpose would be to create large information and meeting center for all families to come to if there is an incident on campus that brings family looking for their children.
B. Campaign for a Smoke Free Campus
   1. Campus Rec is still assisting student group as they develop a smoke free campus campaign.
   2. Campus Rec and McKinley both lending support.
   3. Current objective is to develop student committee and timeline for action. (Looking to gather large amounts of feedback from campus community.)
   4. We are looking to follow the path of other Big Ten universities such as Iowa, Indiana, and Michigan.
   5. Big focus on accommodating current smokers and hopefully directing them to health cessation programs through McKinley.
   6. Campus Rec is just advising and lending some resources, this is a student backed initiative.

C. Athletic Director
   1. Robyn is continuing to work with the new Athletic Director.
   2. Opportunity to further relationship with Campus Rec.

D. Confiscated ID’s
   1. We constantly have students and community members who have not paid the correct fees to access the building.
   2. The UIUC police say that if someone tries to use an I-card that is not theirs that it must be confiscated.
      a. Using someone else’s ID is considered fraud.
      b. The I-Cards are property of the university, not necessarily the students.
   3. We allow UIN Lookups to help when student forgets I-Card.
      a. Allowed to do twice a semester. Need UIN and government photo ID.
      b. We have already had over 1700 lookups this semester.
      c. Doing a lookup takes employee time away from doing regular duties.
   4. We want to get everyone who is authorized into the building in, but the number of students who forget or choose not to bring their I-Cards is a constant problem.
   5. Students complain about the tight “security” and rules about I-Cards/Photo Ids, but then also say that they do not want the facilities to be too crowded. If we did not have strict policies, then more unapproved users would get into the facility taking away from our students’ use.
   6. Looking into other entrance methods:
      a. Index fingers
b. Handprint
c. Eye Scans
7. These techniques are being used by other schools nationally, but Card Swipes (assuming everyone has their card) have proven to be faster.
8. Question: Clarification on how it is now?
   a. I-Card gets you in
   b. No I-Card: can use government photo ID and UIN to get in twice per semester.
   c. If you have used up your two lookups, you can buy guest pass or come back with I-Card (go to I-Card office if needed).
   d. No photo Id or I-Card, you will not be able to get into the facility, even if staff member knows you.
9. Question: Doesn’t the picture show up?
   a. The picture only shows up if the I-Card is swiped, typing in the UIN does not pull up any picture.
   b. We cannot use any picture other than government issued photo ID…Facebook doesn’t count.
10. Idea: Can you have a standalone computer for patrons to fill out UIN Lookup form?
    a. That could potentially work to help staff.
    b. The patron’s identification will still need to be checked, and many patrons seem to forget their ID’s. Will explore further.
    c. We don’t like sending people home…tell people to bring their IDs!
11. Question: After I swipe in, if nobody is in line behind me, how long does my picture stay up on the screen?
    a. The picture will stay up until someone else swipes in unless staff member clears with press of computer key.
    b. Usually is not a problem due to amount of activity.
    c. Look into advising students to clear picture during times of less patron activity.

V. Policy Review – Michael Danielson (AD, Student Development)
A. Developed Student Committee
   1. Wanting to get students involved in policy review/formation.
   2. Do the policies make sense? Could they be changed?
   3. Having multiple meetings with students to cover all areas of Campus Rec operations.
B. Discussions driven by Students
   1. All 8 subsets of employment are represented.
   2. The only pro-staff members are Michael Danielson and Kristina Pettigrew (Assistant Director, Member Services)
   3. The committee is designed this way so we are getting the students’ perspectives.

C. CRAC’s Involvement
   1. Eventually, new policies or adjustments will be brought in front of CRAC to discuss.
   2. We will make additional recommendation to Director.
   3. Patron’s will have say as well as review process progresses.

VI. Advisory Committees
   A. Committee Involvement
      1. Michael: many of us are on other advisory committees. We will start having a time during each meeting we can update each other on other campus happenings that are relevant to Campus Rec.
      2. I am on Public Safety Committee for example, I will try to report on anything that affects CREC or community members.

VII. Lunch Bunch – Frank
   A. Chancellor Wise joined the lunch.
   B. Talked about the best ways to take the University to the next level.

VIII. Staff Training
   A. To highlight our student staff training, we had early morning safety training for all facility management staff of the weekend.
      1. It was mandatory for all FM staff.
      2. Covered CPR, First Aid, Conflict Resolution, and Tornado Warning.
      3. This is all in addition to our staff’s annual certification classes.
      4. All divisions of Campus Rec have comparable training sessions.
   B. Comment: I was here during the last tornado warning and the staff did a good job.
   C. Discussion: What happens with tornado warning?
      1. Our student staff is updated about tornado watch and warning from NOAA weather radio that is always on at member services.
      2. They announce watch/warning over PA system, and then warnings will show up on some TV’s, ellipticals, and treadmills.
      3. Patrons are highly advised to go to safe designated area in the building, otherwise they can leave. Activity areas are closed.
   D. Suggestion: Turn up PA volume downstairs at the ARC.

IX. Member Perks
   A. Let me know if you still need your CRAC membership perks.
X. Comments

A. Question: Parking in the lot by the ARC?
   1. This is a University parking lot and we unfortunately do not have control over it.
   2. It is free after 5 pm and before 8am with no parking 2-6am.
   3. Any concerns can be taken to the Parking Advisory Committee.
   4. If this lot was free during day, many people would abuse the lot and use it for other reasons than the ARC.

B. Question: Why is there sometimes music in the pool area and sometimes not?
   1. There should not be any.
   2. Gary will look into it.

C. Question: How is Group Fitness schedule determined?
   1. AD of wellness determines it.
   2. Based off of popular times matched with availability of instructors.
   3. Is it similar to other schools? Answer: we have developed our schedule based on Big Ten norms, we will reevaluate and compare to other Big Ten schools before the spring schedule.

D. Question: Shower curtains cleaned in locker rooms?
   1. Gary: We do clean them but we also replace them regularly.
   2. It is bad when the surfaces are wet and then get pushed together (curtain bunched up to one side).
   3. Comment: Maybe put signs up for people to close curtains when finished.
   4. This might work, we will explore further.
   5. We will ask building staff.

E. Discussion: Comments of Campus Rec
   1. Valuable section of Campus Rec website.
   2. Allows patrons to comment, and allows CREC staff to respond and explain policies.
   3. There used to be a comment box upstairs.
   4. CRAC used to be more involved with these comments.
   5. Suggestion: Make comment link larger on website.

XI. Next Meeting Date

A. Our next CRAC meeting will be after the winter break.
B. Thank you for your work this semester!