Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

Oct 18th 2011

ARC Large Conference Room

Attendees: Robyn Deterding, Brad Bridges, Harley Johnson, Amy Sponsler, Lisa Kinderman, Andrew Hohn, Frank Niu, Emily Stevens, Paul Nation, Erin Olson, Alexander Lakocy, Zachary Matseshe, Roshan Ali, Michael McGarry

Guests: Gary Miller, Sean Veal, Erik Riha

I. Introductions
   A. Welcome to new CRAC Chair Frank Niu.
   B. Individual introductions of new attendees

II. Approval of 9/20 Minutes
   A. Made corrections to bulleted
   B. Clarified TV vs. digital signage question
   C. Minutes Approved

III. Director Updates
   A. Michael DeLorenzo
      1. Michael has moved from Associate Vice Chancellor/Director of
         Auxiliary Services to his new position as Associate Chancellor in
         the Office of the Chancellor.
      2. The search for his position will begin in the spring.
   B. Student Fee Committee
      1. Campus Rec student fees were approved.
      2. We had no increases.
         a. CREC has gone 3 years without any increase in student
            fees.
         b. We are looking at possible increase for next year.
      3. Question: Are they intending for CREC fees not to increase?
         a. Not necessarily.
         b. Unlike other divisions on campus, we are able to revenue
            generate which helps keep student fees constant.
         c. We end up helping other parts of campus with funding as
            well.
   C. Gary Miller Updates
      1. Each year we put a % of our budget into University R&R (Renew
         and Replacement) Fund.
      2. We then have to make requests to the University for certain
         projects that we wish to remodel at our facilities.
3. This year we are presenting three projects:
   a. Remodeling of MP 6 to be better utilized for large events.
      (MP6 is our largest revenue generator)
   b. Resurfacing of 6 tennis courts and basketball courts by Illini Grove.
   c. Replacing the south half of the gym 1 floor.
4. Question: Is there a strategy to the way they are presented?
   a. We do prioritize our requests.
   b. They may grant all of them or deny all of them.

D. New Athletic Director
   1. Robyn met with him.
   2. Campus Rec has important relationship with athletics.
      a. Swimming and Diving are big users of our facilities.
      b. They also utilize our buildings for their athletic camps.
      c. We also would like to use some of their facilities for some intramurals and other events.
   3. Memos of understanding
      a. Negotiate agreements between Campus Rec and DIA
      b. Who does what, who pays what
4. Question: How does DIA feel about swimming and diving?
   a. They would like their own place to practice, but they rarely have any issues with our facilities or staff.
   b. We maintain not only the pools they use but also the swim team locker room.

IV. Campus Rec By the Numbers – Erik Riha
A. Usage Numbers
   1. Across the board, facility usage has been increasing year to year.
   2. Some of the numbers are skewed during the time that we built and opened the new building.
   3. Programs such as Learn-to-Swim and Intramurals have also been increasing.
B. Usage Break Down
   1. We are able to break down to the usage information into academic year, sex, number of swipes, and more.
   2. The most notable finding is that freshman class uses our facilities the least.
      a. This is partly because students come into the university with credits that classify them as sophomores.
      b. But the overall trend is something that is seen among many campus recreation departments.
V. Lunch Bunch
   A. Frank Niu will be our representative at Student Affairs “Lunch Bunch”
      1. This group meets with Vice Chancellor Renée Romano on the first
         Friday of every month.
      2. Discuss student affairs issues that are campus wide.
   B. CRAC is represented by Frank.
      1. He will report back to us on campus issues.
      2. We can give information to him to prevent on the behalf of
         Campus Rec.

VI. Swim Hours
   A. Patron Issue
      1. Some patrons have asked why we are unable to open up the pool
         between 8am and 11am during the weekdays.
      2. Particularly interested in lap swimming during these times.
   B. Campus Rec Reasoning
      1. The daily usage in our facilities prior to 11:00AM is less than 10%
         of the usage we get throughout the day making the addition of
         hours during this non-peak usage time difficult to justify.
      2. We have reservations in the pool during the 8:00AM-11:00AM
         time to accommodate academic endeavors through the kinesiology
         department, so the pool would not always be available to be open
         at this time.
      3. With the number of hours and high usage that our pools receive
         between 11AM-10PM daily we do need to reserve time through
         the day for cleaning to take place. Generally this is done during
         the 8-11AM time window.
      4. The cost to open Freer for these hours would increase our aquatic
         personnel budget by $14000 per year. ARC would be nearly
         $20,000 per year to add these hours.
   C. Committee Thoughts
      1. Is it possible to keep pool open until 9am?
      2. The additional hour might help more people utilize the pool.

VII. Comments On Campus Recreation
   A. On the bottom right hand corner of the Campus Rec website
      (www.campusrec.illinois.edu) is a link titled “Comment on Campus Rec”.
   B. This is a good resource to think of discussion topics and see posted CREC
      responses to different patron issues.

VIII. CRAC Member Perks
   A. Your CRAC member perks are coming!
   B. Email me dates for hockey games if applicable.
C. Your passes will be good through the spring semester.

IX. Next Meeting Date
A. Our next CRAC meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th, at the ARC

X. Questions, Comments, Concerns
A. Question: Why is the side door by the swipe-in desk at the ARC locked and alarmed?
   1. It corresponds with the pool closing.
   2. The walk way does not get snow removal and ices easily.
   3. Also, when that door is opened in the winter, cold air rushes in right through the main swipe/member services area rather than up by the main entrance which is further away from patron activity areas.

B. Question: Is it possible to get a weekly membership for a member of the service home on leave?
   1. We only sell memberships by the year, semester, mid-semester, weekend, or daily.
   2. Some exceptions can be made depending on the circumstances.
   3. This is at the discretion of the director of member services and all requests must be made through that position.

C. Question: Why are the clocks throughout the building sometimes different and incorrect?
   1. This is a constant problem we face.
   2. The only university staff that can change the time on the clocks are U of I Facilities & Services.
   3. We put in requests but do have to wait for their availability to adjust the times.
   4. We are looking for alternative solutions.

D. Thank you for your time! We will see you at the third and final meeting of the semester.