I. Welcome and Introductions

A. Welcome. Jessica Gentry, Associate Director, called the meeting to order at about 4:03 p.m. She welcomed the attendees and asked each individual to introduce himself or herself.

B. Approval of the Minutes for the October 14, 2014 Meeting. The minutes for the meeting of October 14, 2014 were reviewed. A motion was made (Hahn) and seconded (Cohen) to approve.

II. New Business

A. Introduction of new staff. Gentry noted that two new staff members were attending the meeting. She asked them to introduce themselves.

   1. Melissa Waller, Media Specialist. She indicated that she had joined the staff in May and would be working in such areas as the DCR web site.
   2. Diane Dean, Associate Director of Financial Operations. She indicated that she had joined the staff in mid-September.

B. Budget Review. Dean presented a PowerPoint summary of the Campus Recreation Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Some of the highlights when comparing the actual FY14 budget with the proposed FY15 budget included: an anticipated slight surplus for FY15; a slight drop in the income from Student Service and General Fees; a significant decrease in “other expenses” given there would be no major non-mandatory fee transfer for FY15; and the unexpected costs/loss of revenue for the Ice Arena due mainly to the increased maintenance and the closure in July and August.

C. Fitness Equipment. Baxter presented a thorough review of the fitness equipment purchases in 2014 which totaled over $768,000. He discussed and answered questions about some of the new equipment that had been purchased. He presented a table showing the replacement plans for the various pieces of equipment. He noted that most machines are kept for the number of years on their warranty, thus saving on maintenance costs. He also noted the advantage of having three equipment supervisory staff to fix the equipment in-house. His final document was an inventory of the fitness equipment at the DCR facilities. This included the fact that there is a total of over 42 tons (84,145 pounds) of weight that can be lifted at the ARC.
II. Old Business

A. Introduction of Gym Wipes System. Baxter presented a document summarizing the what has occurred during the conversion from the “gym valet” system (rags, spray bottles) to the “gym wipe” system (individual wipes) for the fitness floors. The problems with the former system included (a) its labor intensity and (b) the lack of cleanliness due to the cross-contamination from the rags and spray bottles. Users have complained about the new system particularly because they have to go further to get the wipes. Baxter noted that they expect the complaints to diminish as they add more stations and signage; provide clearer information on the use of the wipes; and people get more used to the system.

B. TV Coverage of Sports at the ARC (and CRCE). Williamson reported briefly that he was working with Deterding in hopes that a policy can be set up to provide TV coverage at the ARC of sporting events such as Illini games as was done for the World Cup games during the summer. It was noted that one advantage of having an explicit policy would be for staff when they have users “demanding” that sets by changed to “their” stations. The staff could quote the policy to deny these demands.

C. Fee Structure and Locker Rental Policies at CRCE. Williamson mentioned briefly some questions and concerns he had about these two issues. He noted that the DCR staff members have indicated they will be looking into them between now and the spring meetings.

The meeting adjourned at about 5:05 p.m. Gentry indicated that the staff at the Nesbitt Center would be available to give a tour of the facility for those interested.

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The next meeting of the Campus Recreation Advisory Committee will be in the spring semester after spring semester schedules are considered.