I. Welcome and Introductions

Robyn Deterding, Director, called the meeting to order at about 4:05 p.m. She welcomed the old and new members of the committee and thanked them for being willing to serve. Each member was asked to introduce himself or herself and describe how they used the Campus Recreation facilities. The primary facility used was the ARC with others using CRCE.

II. Advisory Committee

A. Purpose. Deterding discussed the purposes of the committee. They include reviewing DCR policies, fees, and programming costs. It is likely that subcommittees will be formed to consider certain topics. The committee is intended to represent the students and faculty/staff who use the DCR facilities.

B. Perquisites. These are offered to the members of the committee to recognize their service. The members were asked to review the list and indicate to the DCR staff what their selections are.

C. Student Chair. One task of the committee will be the elect a student chair. Those members who are interested should send an application to Robyn Deterding by the deadline of 5 p.m. on October 26.

III. Presentations

A. Turf Fields (First Street and Gregory Drive). Deterding described the cooperation between Housing, the Marching Band, and Campus Recreation that went into the building of the new fields. What was expected to be a $3.3 million project was completed for only $2.3 million. The fields are open at 9 a.m. for drop-in hours Monday through Friday. Supervision begins at 2:30 p.m. One next step is for the Marching Band to find a donor to enable a tower to be built.

B. BNAAC move to former Outdoor Center. The Outdoor Center was free once these activities moved to the ARC. As a result, it became available for the Bruce Nesbitt African-American Cultural Center (BNAACC) which has a 5-7 year contract with DCR for their home base. The Center was renovated for BNAACC with the support of a grant from the Provost’s office. DCR maintains use of the garage area for equipment storage.
C. **Ice Arena.** Lead Assistant Director Dave Bagger presented a thorough review of the status of the ice arena. He noted that we could hear the air compressors since they are now up and running. The rink is planned to open in about two weeks. The main problem as always is the long run feasibility of the Ice Arena. For example, it is unlikely that the current temperature system will make it to the end of the school year. Thus, a feasibility plan has been prepared so that the situation can be brought to the attention of campus leadership as effectively as possible. The plan includes two options: Option A is a renovated Ice Arena and Option B is a completely new arena with 2 sheets of ice. Bagger also discussed how a portable refrigeration system may be necessary over the next few years as repairs are being made.

IV. **Comments from CRAC Members**

A. **Availability of Comments on Campus Recreation.** Williamson reported that he is now receiving by email the “Comment on Campus Rec” submissions and the replies from DCR staff through a “no-reply-blog@Illinois.edu site. As a member of CRAC, he finds this a useful way to obtain background on aspects of DCR of which he is ignorant. He wanted other CRAC members to be aware of this resource. He noted that it is not onerous since there are usually only two or three such reports each month. Those interested in having access to this information should contact the Director’s office.

B. **Access to Televised Illini Games at the ARC.** In the past, there have been occasions when a televised Illini game has not been on any of the wall TV sets in the ARC especially during the basketball season. This contrasts with the thorough coverage of the Word Cup on those sets during the summer. It was requested that a policy be established to be sure the televised Illini games are on ARC TV sets, particular at least one in the lobby.

C. **New Revolving Doors at the ARC.** Deterding replied to a question about their effect on energy use that they are saving energy as well as keeping cold air out and warm air in during the winter (and vice-versa) during the hotter months. She noted that users should not touch them while entering since they move more slowly after being touched.

The meeting adjourned at about 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Campus Recreation Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the Large Conference Room at the ARC.