

CAMPUS RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2017-2018

MINUTES – Thursday, 11/2/17

1. Welcome

- Those in attendance were: Committee Members – Colin Dietz, Mitchell Fransen, Jenny Lee, Patty Pyrz, Rebecca Seymour, Alex Sune, Jeanette Weider, Jordan Weidler. Campus Recreation and/or Student Affairs Staff – Marcus Jackson (ex-officio), Doug Boyer, Terry Elmore, Lowa Mwilambwe. Committee Support – Robyn Camp. Non-Committee Person(s): Bill Williamson
- Marcus welcomed Lowa Mwilambwe to the meeting. Lowa is one of the three Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs. He is the Director of Auxiliary Units (Campus Recreation, Housing, Illini Union, McKinley Health Center, Parking, State Farm Center). Lowa stated that Campus Recreation is successful because of our students and encouraged CRAC members, especially student members, to keep providing feedback.

2. Review / Approve September 2017 Minutes

- Minutes were reviewed and approved. Only exception was to note that Bill Williamson was in attendance at the September meeting.

3. Open Question Forum

a. Non-committee members will have time (5 minutes) to ask questions or voice concerns.

- Bill Williamson brought up the following:
 - What is our protocol when staff is requested to change TV channels? Also requested that all televised Illini games be turned on in our facilities.
 - Requested revisiting Silver Sneakers/Lifetime Fitness policies.
 - Thanked Campus Recreation for advertising and holding the racquetball clinics.
 - Has found instances on our website when error messages are received, i.e. older CRAC minutes, Hall of Fame Banquet.
 - Requested more info on our website regarding Pickleball.

4. Old Business

a. TV Stations at Campus Recreation Facilities – Update

- Campus Recreation staff is looking through historical information to find the survey that was sent to students and Campus Recreation members a short time after the ARC opened. This survey included questions regarding TV channels. Lowa Mwilambwe also expressed interest in finding out how and to whom that survey was disseminated.

- Marcus Jackson reached out to other Big 10 schools inquiring about TV channels shown in their facilities. It was found that eight of the schools televise channels similar to us, i.e. sports channels, news channels, and Campus Recreation marketing info.
- Campus Recreation hopes to send out a new survey this semester. Some of the Big 10 schools have requested info regarding our results when available.
- Member Comments – Could we not display any news channels? Would that hurt us? Do we need public televisions in our facilities?

b. R&R Projects – Timeline Update

- The proposed FY 19 R&R projects (as noted in September minutes) were presented to the R&R Committee on Tuesday, 10/31/17. We will receive information in January 2019 as to which projects are approved. Projects within the \$250K-\$2.5M range (all of our projects are within this range) average 21 months from programming to construction, which will mean completion dates of Summer 2019 for those projects which receive approval.

5. New Business

a. Rec Sports Presentation

- Marcus Jackson shared his PowerPoint presentation regarding facts, figures, general information about Campus Recreation. This presentation will be sent via email to CRAC members. Discussion items following presentation:
 - How much do utilities cost Campus Recreation? How long will it take to recover our investment on recommissioning? How much was that investment?
 - Is there anywhere at Campus Recreation to provide feedback? Answer: Yes, on our website.
 - What is the project in-process at the near the tennis courts at First and Gregory? Answer: The band tower for the Marching Illini.
 - Does Campus Recreation look at demographics, i.e. student fees vs. paying members? Do we have a comparison of Campus Recreation vs. other Big 10 schools? Answers: Yes, and we will provide more information at an upcoming CRAC meeting.

b. Outdoor Pool Closing – Doug Boyer

- General Operational Information: We do not drain the outdoor pool during the winter months. A portion of the water is kept in the pool for weight to keep pressure on the liner so that the sub-ground does not heave and seize. We keep a bubbler in the pool so that the water does not completely freeze. Pool will be cleaned in late March/early April.
- General Schedule Information: We make every attempt to establish consistent guidelines by using historical weather patterns, average heating degree days, etc. Outdoor Pool is open from the end of April (the Monday after the fourth Sunday in April) through the end of September (the last Sunday in the fall which falls closest to October 1). This is much longer

than most pools, which is typically Memorial Day through Labor Day. If the temperature is 60° and above, the outdoor pool will be open (barring thunder, lightning, etc.).

- Discussion Items:
 - This fall, the pool closed 10/1/17. Also this fall, the outside temperature was 75-80° a week after the pool closed. If this occurs in the future, should we be more flexible and extend the outdoor pool hours based on the forecast (keeping the 60° mark in place)? Most members are in favor of this.
 - A major factor in not extending the outdoor pool hours this year was because the pumps for the indoor and outdoor pools needed to be replaced, and we were on a hard schedule for this. The pumps being replaced were the original pumps to the IMPE Building.
 - We are researching an app, RainoutLine.com, which would be able to publish/push out information for changes in pool hours, closings, etc. Some members are also still in favor of keeping some of this information on dry-erase boards at the pool locations.
 - It was also noted that our Indoor Pool hours are determined, in part, by sharing that space with DIA. They use that space for the swimming and diving teams from 2:00-5:00 PM weekdays.

c. Future Agenda Items

- Suggestions:
 - Making exceptions during Green Hours in our facilities when special events are scheduled, i.e. Latina/o Family Visit Day. When lights are out in some areas of the buildings like hallways, it gives an impersonal feel.
 - How can we reach out to students who don't typically use Campus Recreation facilities?

6. Questions/Comments/Concerns

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, November 30, 2017, 4:00, ARC Large Conference Room