

## Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Board

March 5, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Appleby, Clay Awsumb, Elizabeth Cheek, Christopher Hinkle, Don Howard, Jim Hunsaker, and Jeff Miller, Sarah VanVooren

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patrice DeBlois, Laura Halliday, Erik Oberg, and Elyse Weller

**WELCOME:** Corné opened the meeting and introduced Clay Awsumb. Clay is our newest board member representing SIU's Graduate and Professional Student Council. We are so happy to have him on board.

### MINUTES FROM MARCH 5's MEETING:

#### *Facility Updates*

Becker Storage Room – Termites have invaded a small space of the Becker storage room. The treatment is not covered in our current service to prevent bugs, so we'll have to shell out \$2,500 for treatment. ☹️

Base Camp – Now OPEN! We are working on getting involved in next years 'Day of Giving' to raise funds for a new Climbing Cave. The climbing cave would live in a converted racquetball court and would be more accessible to members, as it doesn't need staffing like our existing climbing wall and will be open all hours.

West Gym – As discussed in last month's meeting, we are working to install a 10,000 sq. ft. removable turf will be used by Athletics when needed and rented out to customers when not in use by students/members. <https://fieldturf.com/en/products/detail/portable/>

- The Athletics Department is ready to jump the gun on making changes for the install of the turf, but a Memo of Understanding (MOU) needs to be in place before any work begins.
  - Athletics would like to install floor to ceiling nets around turf, as well as new lighting in the gym.

Tennis Courts – As mentioned in February's meeting, we want to remove 6 tennis courts and repurpose them for other sports, such as pickle ball, floor hockey, volleyball, and futsal. The court configurations are below:

- Court 1: 4 pickle ball courts and nets
- Court 2: Volleyball/Basketball lines
- Court 3: Hockey/Futsal
- Court 4: Hockey/Futsal
- Court 5: Activity Court 1: Shuffleboard court, 4 square, cornhole lines, 2 @ spike ball court,
- Court6: Activity Court 2: dodge ball court:

#### *Staffing Updates*

- Morgan Carvalho will be leaving the Rec Center in late April – we are sad to see her go, but excited about her new adventure.
- Program Coordinator – we will get a jumpstart on advertising for Morgan's position, which will be revamped a bit. We would like this position to focus on revenue generating programs and social media content for the REC.

### **State Minimum Wage**

Minimum Wage Increase Schedule – Current minimum wage for student employees is \$9.25.

With the implementation schedule listed, Corné said RSS is continuing with efficiencies in place. Each RSS area has allocated student hours and Member Services will have reduced hours this summer during non-peak times. During membership renewals, regular hours will resume. An increase in membership prices is not being considered at this time, but it is an option, if needed.

○ ~~January 1, 2020 - \$9.25~~

○ July 1, 2020 - \$10.00

○ July 1, 2021 - \$11.00

○ July 1, 2022 - \$12.00

○ July 1, 2023 - \$13.00

○ July 1, 2024 - \$14.00

○ July 1, 2025 - \$15.00

**\*\*With such a drastic increase in minimum wage, Corné is discussing the idea of raising the working wage for Personal Trainers from \$16/hr. to \$20/hr. in hopes to compete with private entities that are able to hire trainers at a higher rate (which may force us to raise our personal training prices). We have a high demand for personal trainers, but have a hard time finding them.**

### **Purchases**

Queenax - <https://www.precor.com/en-us/commercial/strength/queenax>

There was a snag with the installation of this new machine, so the installation date has been pushed back a week – now to be installed on March 18<sup>th</sup>. A Queenax Master Training will come to our campus to train our trainers/students on how to properly use the equipment. This is a volunteer training event, but lunch will be provided and participants will receive a certificate.

### **Staff Awards**

We had about 20 seniors vote to host a Sunday brunch for this year's celebration. Dates will be released once they are set.

### **WSIU Trade**

A trade has been established between the REC and WSIU – REC advertisements for free memberships.

### **Mission Control**

We have received a free trial for the fall semester for a software platform for online gaming. We are hoping this will bring a lot of foot traffic to our facility.

### **ROTC**

We sent a quote for space usage to ROTC and they denied it. Unfortunately, we will not be working with ROTC in the fall. Maybe things will work out in the future.

### **Needs Assessment**

Receive feedback on our facility/customer service/etc. from patrons, campus, and board members.

### **SIU President**

Vice Chancellor, Lori Stettler, met with Dr. Daniel Mahony last week. We are hoping he is really involved with the REC.

### ***Equipment Purchases***

- Step Mills - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDYh12RbCVc>
- 9 Station Cables - <https://lifefitness.com/facility/products/signature-series/adjustable-cable-crossover>
- Versa Climbers - <https://www.roguefitness.com/commercial-ts-versaclimer>
- Echo Bike - <https://www.roguefitness.com/rogue-echo-bike?icid=slider>
- Pool Lift - <https://www.kiefer.com/pal2-chair-lift>

### ***Memberships***

Initiatives – This month's initiative is 25% Off 10 Visit Pass (\$45 instead of \$60). Offer valid March 1 - 13, 2020. The membership specials may be found here: <https://rec.siu.edu/memberships/membership-specials.php>

HR Meeting – We are working on getting a letter included in the HR Welcome packet for new staff members – offering entire family one free month membership. Hopefully will begin in the fall.

Free Week – Each semester, all faculty and staff will get a free week at the REC!

Electronic Member Packet – this packet will now be available in print form, as well as electronically emailed to new members.

### ***Dates of Importance***

- 3/1 – Rec UR Body Triathlon (27<sup>th</sup> year – indoor)
- 3/3-7 – MAC Swimming and Diving
- **Spring Break Hours:** <https://rec.siu.edu/hours/>

Saturday, 3/7	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.* MAC Meet
Sunday, 3/8	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday 3/9 - Friday, 3/13	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 3/14	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 3/15	1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- We are hosting an Idea/Innovation Lunch at the REC on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon – board members are invited.

More events may be found here: <https://rec.siu.edu/events>

### ***Constituency Feedback***

N/A

### **2020 MEETING DATES:**

- ~~Thursday, February 6~~
- ~~Thursday, March 5~~
- Thursday, April 9