

Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Board

February 18, 2021

Location: ZOOM Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Cheek, Christopher Hinkle, Don Howard, Jim Hunsaker, Dianah McGreehan, Dr. Meungguk Park, and Sarah VanVooren

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Appleby, Eli Hoover, Cathie Mieldezis, Jeff Miller, Erik Oberg, and Elyse Weller

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18TH MEETING:

Guests

Savanna Ashbaugh, Fitness Coordinator – gave updates about her area at the REC:

-Group Fitness (fall semester) had 20-27 classes a week in-person. Attendance was a little over 1,000 people total. Guests were happy about all of the precautions that were taken.

-Worked with the Student Center in November to make 16 workout videos released online weekly – received great feedback.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDGJZL2Evmo&list=PLoZow5gFIQLep2hmF5euiGYsf4c7XLcdr>

-Personal Training took a bit of a dive with participation and lost staff members

-FITBodapp was introduced this semester – 108 sign-ups!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQDw7eFEikU>

-Group Fitness is now scheduled in 3-week increments with COVID and snow days.

-Personal Training is going really well this semester – students are back. Will now have certified trainers.

-Fitness Dept is working with Marketing to release exercise videos for stability or mobility every Wednesday.

Victor Martin, Competitive Sports Coordinator – gave updates about his area at the REC:

-Fall semester recap – offered basketball, volleyball, bags, tennis, etc. – masks mandatory and social distancing required

-COVID challenges – most clubs make money through bake sales – unable to do so

-Still have COVID guidelines in place for Spring semester

-TV added in REC that will display updates. Will add dry erase boards to notify sports clubs of schedules/notifications.

Facility Updates

COVID Guidelines – New Tier III:

- Masks are still mandatory while exercising (patrons used to be able to remove masks while exercising – no longer able to remove mask while in the building).
- IDPH Sports List – list of sport categorized by risk: lower, moderate, higher risk sports.
 - We've allocated one court for basketball – just shooting, no games allowed for now. Our staff has had issues with basketball players not wearing masks.

Facility Hours – Back to normal business hours. They are listed online (<https://rec.siu.edu/hours/>). We're seeing about 800-1,000 visitors a day at the REC – attendance numbers are rising.

West Gym – Updates:

- Turf is down in the gym – yay!

- Batting Nets: At Purchasing – been delayed and it is out of our hands
- Pickleball Courts/Nets: Complete! The nets are portable. There are open pickleball hours on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. We’ve observed about 16-24 people playing during open hours thus far.

Central Fitness Studio – The wall padding was removed recently and Marketing has designed a mural for that space (mural not up yet).

Arena Tennis Courts: Spring 2021 – Was approved by the Chancellor! Purchasing decided that we need to obtain two more bids – working on that now.

The courts configuration is below:

- Court 1: 4 pickle ball courts and nets
- Court 2: 4 pickle ball courts and nets
- Court 3: 2 Futsal/Hockey
- Court 4: Tennis
- Court 5: Tennis
- Court 6: Volleyball

*Courts can be transformed into a large space for outdoor events

State Minimum Wage

Minimum Wage Increase Schedule – Current minimum wage for student employees is \$10/hour. With the implementation schedule listed, Corné said RSS is continuing with efficiencies in place. 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~~
- ~~January 1, 2021 - \$11.00~~
- **January 1, 2022 - \$12.00**
- January 1, 2023 - \$13.00
- January 1, 2024 - \$14.00
- January 1, 2025 - \$15.00

Purchases

Chlorine Pumps for pool – We have been waiting for our pump to be delivered and installed for quite some time now. We have been manually been doing this, which is a lot of work. We ordered an extra pump this time so we don’t have to wait for it to arrive next time.

Snow/Ice Removal equipment – we’re looking into purchasing our own equipment. Our building opens early and we sometimes need to tend to our sidewalks and walkways before Grounds can get to it.

NIRSA

The entire university has access to the NIRSA Conference this year. All are welcome to register and attend – it’s free! Just sign-up at this link: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa2021>

Alumni Association

Worked with the Alumni Association to make this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ntm76KuIMyU&t=20s> We have given the Alumni Association several REC passes to provide to alumni – to give back.

Equipment Purchases

In May 2021, we plan to purchase:

Step mills (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDYh12RbCVc>)

9 station cable (<https://lifefitness.com/facility/products/signature-series/adjustable-cable-crossover>)

Versa climbers (<https://www.roguefitness.com/commercial-ts-versaclimer>)

Echo Bike/Assault Bike (<https://www.roguefitness.com/rogue-echo-bike?icid=slider>)

Staffing

Morgan Carvalho, Facilities Coordinator, moved to the east coast for another job opportunity. We have two other Coordinators that are interviewing at other universities for advancement and we support them.

- Corné has assumed Morgan's duties for now until we plan to hire a replacement.

Memberships

Sales are down compared to previous years, as expected, due to COVID. We are currently at about 170,000 membership sales for the year.

Events

- Intramural: You can find our intramural sports event schedule here: <https://rec.siu.edu/programs/intramuralsports/>
- Spring 2021 Programming –
 - Try Scuba: 10 students signed up
 - Saluki Pickleball Tournaments (August 6-8th)
 - Waiting for approval for the following events:
 - RECYourBody
 - King Tut Strut in summer at campus lake
 - TON – September – full Olympic triathlon

Partnerships

Athletics:

- Swimming, Soccer, Softball, Baseball Practices, Golf, Track & Field, Football
- Swim Meets – Four meets scheduled in March
- MVC Swimming Championships moved from FEB to April 2021
- Track and Field: Indoor Practices
 - Track Meet: Success! Monitored and closed the gym just for the meet. Everyone wore masks and socially distanced. No spectators. Very well done!

TON:

- Partner: Film Festival <https://www.mountainfilm.org/tour/films>
 - Fall 2021

Foundation – Discussed the following with Sara Daly and Kate Hanson:

- Tennis Court Renovation

- Climbing Cave
- Naming Rights

Constituency Feedback

- No feedback was given.

2020 MEETING DATES:

- ~~Thursday, September 17~~
- ~~Thursday, October 22~~
- ~~Thursday, November 19~~

2021 MEETING DATES:

- ~~Thursday, February 18~~
- Thursday, March 18
- Thursday, April 15