Recreation Advisory Council (R.A.C.)
Meeting #1 – September 28, 2020; 4-5pm
Virtual/Zoom

The Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) serves as a liaison between Campus Recreation and the university community, focusing primarily on how to achieve the mission and vision of Campus Recreation, improve facilities/programs/services, and advocate for the recreation, health and wellness needs of the campus community, according to the RAC By-Laws. In its advisory capacity, RAC has responsibility for reviewing long-range strategic and programmatic plans, budgets, and facility developments/renovations as well as initiating recommendations to department administration.

Agenda

1. Introduction of all attendees

2. About this committee – Troy
   - Meeting LAST Monday of each month at 4pm – the meetings will be recorded and the link will be sent out to all members. The notes will be put up on the website. Each meeting we will focus on one area of Campus Recreation. The October meeting we will go over the budget and fees of Campus Recreation, our Business Manager will be attending to give an overview and answer questions.
   - Virtual for fall 2020, unknown yet for spring 2021
   - Elections next meeting – October meeting
     - Prior to the meeting you should have received this agenda, the RAC by-laws and a Campus Recreation Organizational Chart to give everyone an idea of how large the department is when we are at full operation

3. Campus Recreation (CREC) Updates:
   - Right now we oversee 2 main facilities the Main Rec at 6th and Highland and North Rec by the Honors Village that opened just over a year ago and with Covid we just opened it up on 9/22.
   - The 3rd facility that we will have oversight of is the Bear Down Gym as part of the Student Success District and it will come online in 2022. BDG is in the process of being evacuated all the offices are being moved to the new Bartlett Success Building south of BDG. Then BDG will pretty much be gutted and renovated – a future meeting will be to go over all of the details on BDG.
   - We also have quite a bit of outdoor space The Lee & Sandy Davis Bear Down Field, Robson Tennis Courts, Rincon Vista Fields including the Outdoor Rec Challenge Course.

4. COVID impacts: closure on 3/17; Opening up; How we continue to stay open; https://rec.arizona.edu
   - We closed on 3/17 and began working remotely from home through the summer and started to prepare to open.
   - We opened the pool the beginning of August and then the outdoor weight room – we moved weight room equipment from inside to outside under a tent in the courtyard near Outdoor Rec on the 7th Street side of the building as well as on the Pool Deck. We operated those for about 3 weeks on a reservation
system. That went very well so we opened the main rec center on 8/14th and the North Rec in the evenings. The hours for both locations are shortened at this point.

5. County and university exclusion
   a. The main focus for the summer was to get open and still be manageable with CDC Guidelines as well as the State, National and Red Cross Guidelines. We had to make modifications in the building as well such as number of people allowed in the building, spreading out equipment, closing the cabanas, one directional traffic flow, mandatory Masks in the building. We developed a re-opening document that is very detailed and was approved by the University, the city, the county and the State that along with all of the work we did prior to opening has allowed us to open and to have the exclusion to remain open when other Gyms have had to close and when the University had the “stay at home directive”.
   b. As of last Friday 9/25 we have had 10 cases of students that have tested positive and about 50 that were considered exposed and no cases of Covid-19 have been transmitted through the use of the Rec Center. The tracing process has not traced anything back to the Rec Center.
   c. All of our staff is using the Covid Watch App and the Wildcat Well Check each day and at this point we have only had one staff member test positive.
   d. Once a staff member is positive they are required to stay home and quarantine and anyone who has been in contact has to go get tested and cannot come back to work without a negative test result.

6. Staffing – professional staff and student staff
   a. The professional staff are participating in the University mandated furlough and or have a reduction in hours that equate to a 15% pay cut for all of the professional staff. With the furlough and reducing hours across the board we have not terminated any staff – professional or student during this period. Last year we had 500 student staff and with students either graduating or not coming back to campus or not coming back to work we are down to about 260 -270 student staff but all of the original positions are still filled.

7. Programs
   a. We have very little revenue coming in on the auxiliary side as we are not charging any program fees – any programs we are running are free to all students and members and we do not have plans to charge for the rest of the semester.
   b. We have moved a lot of our programming outside and have been doing online / virtual classes since mid-March
   c. The Outdoor Rec equipment rentals are now open and the Bike repair is also open
   d. Over the summer our youth camp went virtual and we did a lot of rentals of robotic kits
   e. Our intramurals programs are not able to run normal sports so we are doing e-sports, cornhole and other socially distance games that can be outside or very small groups.

8. Budget – highs and lows for FY 21
   a. We will go over the budget next meeting but we are projecting right now to have a little less than a $3 Million dollar shortfall in funding to Campus Recreation.
   b. We are purely auxiliary which means we do not get any funds from the state or the University. All of our funding comes from student fees (75%), programming fees, memberships and rentals.
   c. There are 3 student fees the Health & Rec Fee which we share with Campus Health, the Bond Fee which pays the mortgage and building expenses and the small program fee. These fees make up about 13 million or 75% of our budget the remaining 25% we raise through primarily membership charges to faculty, staff and alumni.
   d. We do have a form online for students to request a fee refund – and so far we have had over 500 requests for refunds for the H&R fee and over 1000 requests to refund the Bond and Program fees.
We are going through the refund requests individually, each one is based on the student classification to see if they qualify for a refund based on the University guidelines. Basically a student must be listed as an online student not as a Campus student taking online classes. If a student does receive the refund for the H&R fee that means that they will not have access to the Rec Center AND Campus Health as that fee covers both areas.

9. Health and Recreation Advisory Fee Committee
   a. The H&R Fee Advisory committee is very similar to this committee that is student run and is focused on what he funds from the H&R Fee goes towards for both Campus Rec and Campus Health. This committee meets several times a year and James Foster (who could not attend tonight’s meeting) is the representative from the H&R Fee committee on the RAC.
   b. The H&R Fee’s first meeting is on Saturday and James will have a report next month

10. Thanksgiving Break and over the holidays – many unknowns as of yet
    a. A lot of students will be going home – we will be open we just do not know what hours or specific details of each facility, we hope to have more information at our next meeting.

11. Bartlett Academic Success Center
    a. This is the new building behind (south) of Bear Down Gym and that is not funded in any way by Campus Rec. but we will be managing along with (BDG).
    b. This will be open early 2021
    c. We will have oversight and will be managing the building

12. Bear Down Gymnasium renovation and impact on CREC
    a. We will go over Bear Down Gym and the Student Success District in detail at a future meeting

13. Other

14. Constituent Questions/Thoughts/Comments
    a. Will staff after Thanksgiving (such as Outdoor Rec) be fluctuated into other areas of Campus Rec since programs like the bike repair and trips will not be going on so that they can maintain hours?
       i. The number of hours and needs will be dependent on what buildings are open and for what times. It
       ii. We have had discussions about utilizing student staff in different parts of the Rec Center to maintain hours. It will also be dependent on how many staff are still in town and want to work.
       iii. We will communicate prior to the Thanksgiving break

15. Next Meeting – Monday, October 26th at 4pm – Zoom
    a. Need to fill positions for the year – Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to run the future meetings. – please see the by-laws.
    b. We are in a fluid situation and we have and will continue to “pivot” as needed so please see our website at rec.arizona.edu for the most current and up-to-date information.
    c. Please share what you have learned with your organizations and constituents and bring back any questions they may bring to you.

16. Adjournment

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