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. WELCOME all members!
2. Update on how you all are doing?
3. Vaccine opportunities for students/groups, etc. 16 and older started today; Phase III starts 3/29
   a. Plenty of vaccine opportunities and encouraging all student staff and all students to get their vaccinations
   b. We did have one staff who had been vaccinated for over a month test positive for Covid
   c. We are reminding all of our staff and patrons to stay vigilant, continue to wear masks, social distance and stay safe.
   d. The new variant that has been reported in Tucson is creating some issues / problems; however, the vaccine is showing about a 90% effective rate. In that those who have been vaccinated and get Covid get a much less severe case
   e. The link to get registered is on the State Covid site and also on the UA Test, Trace, Treat website and is fairly easy to sign up for a vaccination spot
4. Changes in ASUA and GPSC leadership
   a. The ASUA Elections are going to be held either today or tomorrow
   b. GPSC elections will be late April
5. Update on positive cases at the Rec
   a. One professional staff member mentioned earlier other than that we have not had any other positive cases in about 2 and a half weeks
   b. We were a little worried after Gov. Ducey lifted the Mask mandate that there were reports of bars being packed and people not wearing their masks and concerned on what will happen on campus in the next couple of weeks of whether there will be an increase in cases.
   c. Due to that and the new variant we have stalled on expand numbers (patrons allowed into various areas at any given time) and hours more than what we already have (see below). If we get reports back that students are not getting sick or that Covid cases are not increasing then we will look at increasing the number of patrons allowed.
6. Campus Recreation (CREC) Updates:
   a. Expanding hours/staffing discussions – NorthRec and main rec info
      a. We did open up North Rec starting on the 15th to open at 12pm noon and that has gone really well.
      b. On the 22nd we opened up the North & South Gyms here at the Main Rec for some one on one use.
      c. We did open up the showers and towel service here in the Main Rec
d. We are still dealing with some issues of patrons not wearing masks although it hasn’t been as much of an issue as it was earlier in the year.
   i. Again we were worried with the Governor’s announcement but as of today people have followed the policy and been wearing their masks

e. There has not been one case of Covid that has been tracked back to any exposure here in the REC Center.

b. Budget updates
   a. Troy and Alicia (our Business Manager) met with the University’s budget team to discuss the remainder of FY21 and next year FY22’s budget last Friday.
   b. We are still worried about the auxiliary fund which is the account that we really haven’t had a lot of revenue coming into because as you are aware we weren’t offering programs (that we were charging for) and we weren’t offering memberships during the shut down
   c. There is a discussion for FY23 on a possible student increase in the H&R portion of the fee. This discussion has been ongoing for about a year now. When the fee was initiated in 2012 with the thought that it would increase to stay with the times about every 5 years. It did increase a little bit in 2017 and the next increase was to be in 2021 / 2022 which would be FY22 as we enter in July. With knowing Covid and all of the situations that involved we didn’t want to do that to students as they were coming back to raise the fee again. Raising the Fee is decided on by the H&R Advisory committee. The committee will be meeting at the end of April and there will be some discussions about moving forward because they need to plan now for FY23 and what the budget will possibly look like so that changes and rolls forward we will keep RAC representatives in the loop on where that goes and where it ends up.
   d. Question – Do you know the percentage the fee will go up by?
      i. Right now the range that is being looked at is anywhere from $50 to $150 not sure of the actual percentage calculation they have done 5 models looking at $50, $75, $100, $125 and $150 they did look at one for $200 but immediately eliminated that one due to the overall cost.
   e. Follow up Question – Is there an opt out option?
      i. As long as they meet the criteria that is posted on the website - Living outside the US, or if they are classified as Online only (all classes are online) they can apply to opt out but not everybody that applies is able to opt out. There is more information on the website under fee waivers at https://rec.arizona.edu/membership/student-fees
      ii. So as an example we had 302 people apply for refunds and we had 114 that were waived so about a third qualified to be waived/refund

c. Programs updates – we have regular fitness classes going on right now – All which have been approved by the University Safety Incident Command group. Our goal is to keep everyone distant and safe so the F45 classes are being held in the MAC Gym to optimize maximum distance and ventilation
   • Fitness classes; F45, Cycle and a few others
   • Intramural sports and sport clubs –
      o Intramurals has several things going
      o We do have some clubs that are actually active and participating in competitions. Men’s Rugby (no issues with their traveling), Men’s Lacrosse have both been approved (although Lacrosse has had some Covid issues so their games the last 2 weeks have been cancelled) Rodeo is the 3rd sport that has been approved and has not had any issues.
   • OR aspects – we have had some day trips
   • Rec Spa changes
      o We have found that we are not able to make money with RecSPA so we are farming that out to a 3rd party / private party who will be coming in and renting the space from us and managing it.
We can make as much renting it out as we can by providing the service ourselves and it seems to be a better model for us to rent out. The price point for the massages will be the same so that will not change. That will be online for the Fall when students come back

- Tents outside; Smart Moves
  - The tents were put up way back in June and we moved part of the weight room out there; however, if things continue as they are the weight room equipment will be moving back into Smart Moves however the tents will stay up for shade areas for the summer to help with A Camp
  - A Camp has been approved to host 72 kids and we will be using the tents for lunch

7. Facility updates – NorthRec, Main Rec, Bartlett/Bear Down Gym/SSD
   a. The testing at North Rec is still going on doing about 8000 Covid testing a week right now with the possibility of slowing down the testing in June and hopefully stopping in July so that we will get the North Rec Gym back
   b. The main rec is open and since August we are over 430,000 participations - as a comparison we are normally at 1.4 million participations so we are way down but the obvious reason is that we were close for some of that time and we are limiting the number of patrons allowed and we just have not had the same numbers coming in as a lot of students have stayed home or online but we are seeing some increase in the number of people using the REC
   c. Troy met with the Bartlett Facility and BDG last week. The Bartlett building is complete but a lot of the components that will be in that facility are still working remotely and have not moved in yet, though it should be open 100% in the fall.
   d. For Bear Down (Gym) and the Bartlett Facility Campus Rec will be managing both buildings
   e. Bear Down is not Bear Down Gym any more just Bear Down as it is much more than a gym facility. The completion date is still early December with the full opening coinciding with Classes in January of 2022. We are hoping to get a look in there during our April meeting but not sure if that will be possible will keep you updated.

8. Proposed Summer Hours for REC: The hours below have been confirmed
   - Main Rec
     - M-F 6am – 10pm
     - Sat 8am – 8pm
     - Sun 8am – 10pm
   - NorthRec
     - M-F 6am 2pm; 4pm – 8pm
     - Sat 8am – 5pm
     - Sun 8am – 5pm
   - Fall Hours – TBA (most likely back to midnight closures)

9. Constituent Questions/Thoughts/Comments

10. Next Meeting – April 26 @ 4pm (last meeting of the year)

11. Adjournment