

Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, August 28, 2008

4 PM, West Conference Room, ARC

Attendees: LaWanda Cook, Mike McDonough, Cristina Rebellon, Alyssa Ramirez, Judith Martinez, Paul Cruse III, Jen Themanson, Scott Havlir, Tessa Hile, Tony Clements, Ashley Rodriguez

1. ARC Move: Tony Clements, Director

- This past summer, the Division moved into the ARC, leaving the Strata building that it had been residing in over the past several years. The actual move went smoothly, although switching spaces required patience and cooperation by the entire staff.
- Due to the immense addition of space after the renovation, the ARC is being monitored for usage patterns, as it will truly be born-of-use.
- The distributed system between CRCE and the ARC allows for users to take advantage of both facilities, or find their niche at one specifically.
- Based on information that the Division has from CRCE and previous IMPE, usage patterns typically show that January/February/March is the busiest time period, but the large crowds at the ARC (already) suggest a change in usage.
- What was once a more compact operation has become an expanded system, attracting and serving avid and novice users alike. An example of this is seen in the increase of users getting sick in the ARC facility; although this appears to be a negative change, it shows that more recreation-inexperienced individuals are using the space.
- After the addition of square footage at the ARC, the University of Illinois now has an impressive ratio of 42,000 sq ft of strength and conditioning space to 42,500 students on campus. This is one of the best ratios in the nation!

- Q&A:
 - i. Judith: Are students knowledgeable about the strength/conditioning space:student ratio? A: This was just recently developed to use in the future when students ask for more. Great point that it will be a great tool to use for admissions!

2. Campus Recreation Budget: Tessa Hile, Assistant Director of Financial Operations

- FY08: Expenses included projects such as: Field Turf, Illini Grove, Tennis Courts, new equipment for the move to the ARC
- FY09: Significant increase in utilities, which is expected to be a 30-40% increase over the next year (based on the much larger facility). There is a large attempt to manage the utilities and expenses, including the appointment of a professional staff member to oversee utility usage.
- The budget is combined, including all units of Campus Recreation
- Q&A:
 - i. Cristina: What is the large deficit? A: This was expected because of the new facility. Took from the Fund Balance, with intent of replenishing in the near future.
 - ii. Jen: Are there any green actions that the Division is taking to save money? A: Changes in lighting, Big 80 energy at CRCE, Field Turf, etc. We will talk about this more in detail at a later date.

3. Overall Division Goals

- Green plan, technology, branding
- Branding: new facility requires Campus Rec to establish itself and monitor how community responds. The ARC makes the Division an extension of the University, rather than just a part of it. It requires a new set of allegiances, new ideas and collaborations and that everything needs to be defined because of the competition from the Union, I-Hotel, etc.

4. Committee Chair Position

- This student will work closely with Tony and Ashley in planning agendas for meetings, representing the Committee at various campus events, etc.

- See additional attachment if interested in applying. Applications are due by next **Wednesday, September 3.**

5. Future Meeting Dates

- It seems like Wednesdays work best for the majority of the Committee. For those who were not at the meeting, there is an attachment with potential future meeting dates. Please review it and send your preferences to Ashley at **arodrig5@illinois.edu**

6. Important Upcoming Events

- **Students:** Committee Chair applications are due by next **Wednesday, September 3, 2008.** If you are interested, review the additional attachment for required information. Also, keep in mind that the first commitment of the Chair is next **Friday, September 5,** for
- **Students:** The Student Fee Advisory Committee Presentation is on **Wednesday, September 10, 2008,** from **3:30-4:00.** Student CRAC presence is welcomed, so please email Ashley at arodrig5@illinois.edu if you are interested in attending.
- **All:** Locker rental begins on **September 15, 2008.** If you are interested in renting a locker at the ARC, please register in the lottery, which can be found on the website, www.campusrec.uiuc.edu, by **September 14, 2008.**
- **All:** The Dedication of the ARC is on **October 10, 2008** from **2-3 PM.** All CRAC members are welcome to attend. Please email Ashley at arodrig5@illinois.edu if plan to attend this event.