

Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

4 PM, Large Conference Room, ARC

Attendees: LaWanda Cook, Bill Goodman, Pat Szuta, Becki Galardy, Dan Marcus, Cristina Rebellon, Sheena Johnson, Alyssa Ramirez, Paul Cruse III, Scott Havlir, Kirstin Phelps, Tony Clements, Kristin Duitsman, Gary Miller, Doug Boyer, Ashley Rodriguez

1. Courtside Café and 201 Express: Doug Boyer, Assistant Director – Retail Services and Outdoor Facility

- The Café is run by a local vendor called Uncommon Grounds. Since the vendor is local, they are extremely flexible and adaptive to staffing concerns, etc. Currently, hours of operation are 11a-8p Monday – Sunday; however, they can easily open early or stay open later if demand changes.
- The Café has been a great opportunity for staff, as they have the option to remain in the facility for a meal or snack. Likewise, they have already and hope to continue to provide catered lunches to groups in the facility.
- 201 Express is the 400 sq.ft. convenient store which is located in the Winter Garden. We have struggled to maintain consistent hours and identify peak usage times, but as of now it is open 10a-8p Monday – Sunday. We also have some items available for sale at the Member Services Desk in order to accommodate users.
- Currently, there are 100 snack and pro items available for sale, and we have an ongoing list of items that is frequently reviewed. We have done a yoga mat promotion, which was very successful, and we hope to provide different offerings in the future.
- There will soon be a meeting with the Marketing team in order to discuss the best techniques to publicize and direct more users into the store.
- Q&A

- i. **Pat** – Have other campuses established similar stores? Is there a model that we have followed? **A:** UT-Austin was the most successful example for us, but we are not sure if we will ever get to that scale. We will continue to focus on what users want and determine size and direction from that.
- ii. **Scott** – What are the peak hours for the Café? Is it doing as well as anticipated? **A:** Lunch and dinner are peak times, but the Café is doing very well. In general, the Café is very low risk for Campus Rec because the vendor pays monthly rent.
- iii. **Becki** – Does Campus Rec receive any profit from the Café? **A:** No – because this was a new venture, the contract states that the Vendor receives all profits. Thus, Campus Rec provides the Café as a service to users; however, there is always the possibility that the contract will be changed down the road.

2. Group usage of the ARC: Kristin Duitsman, Lead Assistant Director – Facilities

- The additional space has allowed us to accommodate more groups on a more frequent basis. The ARC has hosted many events and groups including: La Casa Orientation, Asiantation, Business Career Fair, Law School Orientation, Office of Women’s Programs, etc. Future events include: Latina/o Family Visit Day and the Justin Spring Gymnastics Invitational, as well as events with volleyball, basketball, residence halls, philanthropies, club sports, etc.
- The much-needed additional basketball courts provide opportunities for larger events during open rec hours, and this also prevents staffing dilemmas.
- Q&A
 - i. **Alyssa** – Have there been issues with club sports and storing equipment? **A:** Although we do have a great deal of space at the ARC, it is difficult to exceed expectations when it comes to storage space – not for lack of effort, though. We are trying to

accommodate as many groups, in the most effective way, as possible; with the patience and cooperation of everyone involved, the issues will be resolved.

- ii. **Pat** – Why are there no bumper plates for the power lifters? Is seems like a safety issue. **A:**
- iii. **Becki** – Has Campus Rec had to turn any groups away from using the ARC? **A:** Not really; the only problems that have come up are when groups request a specific date and time. However, the majority has been flexible to change the date in order to still be able to use the ARC space.
- iv. **Alyssa** – Would the facility be available to host late-night events with the Provost for new or incoming students? **A:** We are open to any new opportunity that is suggested, as we truly want this space to be born of use. Any opportunity that involves recruitment and retention is particularly exciting, and we would love to dialogue with any group interested in using the facility in order to give insight into the specific space that would best suit the request.
- v. **Tony** – To note, we want to stress that the ARC is a shared facility, with many shared processes. The people who seldom come to the ARC represent a greater percentage of the user population than those who come on a regular basis; therefore, we need to have a way to draw these people into the facility. We will take everyone's opinions and concerns into consideration, and give everyone a bit of what they want and expect in this facility. If there are concerns from a group, please feel free to bring these issues to the table, as we truly desire to make this facility an enjoyable space and to have a place for everyone.

3. First Lunch Bunch: Paul Cruse III

- This is a group of students that meet monthly to discuss campus issues, listen to interviews, etc. The main issue discussed at this meeting was the forged GDI / Greek email sent from Chancellor Herman's account. We

spoke about the security of services at the University, as the person(s) who sent the email have not been identified. The method of which the email was sent was very abstract, which ultimately means that the individual may never be discovered.

4. Punch List: Gary Miller, Associate Director

- While the overall punch list is longer, there are about 25 items that the Division is currently working on to complete. (If you would like a longer, more detailed list than what follows, just let me know and I will be happy to send it to you. -Ashley).
 - i. Roof above the pool to-be finished on October 9.
 - ii. Roll-down door on the track to-be completed in about 3 weeks.

The problem is that it was not wired for power or hooked up to the fire alarm, which would be a significant hazard in the case of an emergency.
 - iii. The clocks and PA system are officially working.
 - iv. The desk on the Upper Level to be down-sized in order to provide more stretching space for users.
 - v. Meeting to discuss flooding issues / prevention of future problems is scheduled in the near future.
 - vi. To save energy, the light-timers to the overhead lights on the Colonnade will be changed so that they are only on from dusk – dawn.
- Q&A
 - i. **Alyssa** – The pressure is low to the water fountains on the Upper Level. **A:** Easy fix; it's added to the list!
 - ii. **LaWanda** – During the winter months, will there be a barrier on the ramp entering the facility? The front has a very steep slope and could be very dangerous when it's icy. **A:** Good insight; we will certainly look into that.
 - iii. **Scott** – Will people stop chaining their bikes to the railings / benches when more parking is available? **A:** We realize that there

are safety and aesthetic problems that have been created from bicycles parking directly in front of the entrance. Once more bicycle parking is provided (which will begin immediately following the discussion with the landscape architect), bicyclists will be given time to adjust. Campus Rec will make efforts to encourage parking at the racks, but if the behavior continues, the University will step in and enforce parking.

5. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will take place on:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008