

Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2008

4 PM, Large Conference Room, ARC

Attendees

CRAC Members: Spencer Anderson, Elise Beis, Meredith Brinegar, Jimmy Danzy, Robyn Deterding, Rebecca Galardy, Morgan Hartman, Hijun Kim, Debbie Liu, Karen Paulsen, Sarah Pucci, Cristina Rebellon, Sam White

Professional Staff and Interns: Tessa Hile, Jacqui Iorio, Gary Miller

1. Introduction: Everyone shared how long they had been on the committee.

2. Year in Review: Robyn Deterding, Director

- Because the ARC was planned nearly 8 years ago, some of the original plans for the building are no longer relevant. For example, the “student organization” room is not currently in use; however, the ARC would like to make it into a game room.
- The Wellness Center, a campus program housed at the ARC, is now 1 year old. Hopefully, a Wellness Director will be hired soon that will work part time with students and part time with the faculty/staff.
- The Illini Grove was recently acquired by the ARC. New lighting and new picnic areas have been added, and the Grove path has been replaced—it is an even better place for faculty and students to host picnics and grill.
- Campus Recreation has participated in 3 major conferences within the last year:
 - 1) Facilities Institute—Faculty and staff from other universities across the country toured the ARC, CRCE, Ice Arena, etc.
 - 2) Lead On Student Conference—Our region includes Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and part of Canada.
 - 3) Big 10 Conference
- Previous Campus Recreation Director Jesse “Tony” Clements retired last year after 37 years with Campus Recreation.

- 86-88% of students use Campus Recreation facilities, but Campus Recreation is always striving to attract the remaining 12-14%. Campus Recreation has tried to do so through targeting the cultural houses, Rehabilitative Services, and International Services.

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

- The Budget Request Summary will be presented to SFAC on September 10th.
- FY09: The ARC had a net cash flow of \$63,000. Although greater profits are expected in the future, Campus Recreation is pleased with this number because they didn't know what to expect in terms of staffing and utilities of a brand new building. The ARC experienced two "surprises"— Event & Retail Sales revenue was 17% less than the projected revenue and the Utilities went \$300,000 over budget. Campus Recreation also doesn't have a lot of control over total fixed mandatory expenditures. Fixed Mandatory Expenses constitute about 50% of the entire budget.
- FY10: Campus Recreation will be very conservative when projecting Event & Retail Sales revenue. Additionally, the Utilities budget will be increased from 1.5mil to 1.8mil because of the increasing cost of steam.
- FY11: The 2011 budget will be presented on Thursday, September 10th at the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) meeting. Maximum increase parameters have been set by the SFAC. Campus Recreation is asking for a 3% increase in payroll, 10% increase in utilities, and 1% increase in student fees. Campus Recreation is also trying to keep costs down through in-house sustainability efforts and using federal work study for as many students as possible. So far the SFAC, which was given a tour of the ARC a week ago, has not asked any questions about the FY11 budget.
- Tessa is available to answer any and all budget questions.
- Q&A:
 - i. Q: How does the ARC plan to finance machine replacement?
A1: Brian Baxter has a 3-5 year plan for machine replacement. This has already been budgeted for under Total Variable Expenditure. The first round of machine equipment at CRCE was replaced after 5 years.

A2: All units contribute to an R&R funds. Some of this money is put towards large budget items.

4. Goals/Strategy I: Robyn Deterding, Director

- CRAC members are expected to bring important matters to Campus Recreation's attention as well as make suggestions.
- CRAC faculty members are from units that collaborate with Campus Recreation.
- If any CRAC members have questions about member "perks", Robyn can answer them.
- Strategic Planning Draft: This draft highlights the areas to focus on within the next 3-5 years. The professional staff went on a retreat to create a strategic statements of goals and devise a plan to achieve these goals. This is a "living document" that will be reviewed within in a year so that necessary changes can be made. Gary Miller is working on assessing whether progress is being made towards achieving these goals.

5. Committee Chair Position: Robyn Deterding, Director

- 1 or 2 committee chair members will be chosen.
- These chair(s) make the agendas, run meetings, meet with Robyn 20-30 minutes before each meeting to discuss the agenda, and attend Lunch Bunch (a lunch with all of the chairs of Student Affairs advisory committees).

6. Future Meeting Dates: Elise Beis, Director's Intern

- Meeting dates for September, October, and November will be set once everyone submits their availability.
- Preferences should be turned into Elise by 5pm, September 10th.

7. Questions, Comments, Suggestions

- Q: Can Campus Recreation post a schedule of times when soccer fields are reserved?
A: The field supervisor should already do this. We will contact Terry Elmore to bring this to his attention.
- Q: Can Campus Recreation offer intramurals on the weekends?
A: Terry Elmore would also know about this.

- Q: What percentage of faculty and staff use the ARC? Are efforts being made to make the ARC more attractive to faculty and staff?

A: A lot of staff and faculty come during the early morning, the 11 am-1pm lunch hour, and the early evening when fewer students are present.

- Q: Depending on their fitness level, some people feel self-conscious exercising in front of others. Is there a way to assist people who feel this way?

A: The ARC is divided into many different areas to make patrons feel more comfortable. Campus Recreation Center-East was also designed to accommodate more female users than male with the fitness equipment design.

- Q: Current status of Intramural teams is no longer available on the website. Can this be fixed?

A: We will try to get this fixed— and we're also making more of an effort to encourage women to participate in intramurals.

- Q: The IFC has been talking about setting up Greek intramurals. Could Campus Recreation offer intramurals geared towards the Greek system? I also think there should be a greater variety of intramurals, especially ones that make better use of new facilities i.e. water polo.

A: We will look into it.

- Q: Can information on what services and events Campus Recreation has to offer be made more readily available to incoming freshmen?

A: This is handled during Block Party, Quad Day, Taste of Nevada, and Freshmen Orientation initially etc.

- Q: How is the student laundry service doing that is located in the Wintergarden?

A: The company isn't affiliated with the ARC—we have contract that allows them to use our space in return for a percentage of their revenue.

- Q: How many people use bracelet monitors to track their progress when working out?

A: Not as many people are using them as we had hoped. We would like to increase their usage during personal training sessions as well.

- C: I would like to compliment the free sessions offered about how to use the free range motion machines.

- Q: What exactly will CRAC be doing this year?
A: A variety of things. We will be sharing what's new with Campus Recreation with you; you will be sharing your ideas with us; we will break into sub-committees; we may have a presentation from the "Green Team"; we will be discussing converting the sport club room into a games room; we will discuss a new babysitting program for students and faculty, etc.
- Q: Will we get advanced copies of the agenda for future meetings?
A: Yes, we will try to send them out the week before. Sorry about getting today's agenda out so late.
- C: I do not think intramurals are competitive enough.
- Q: Could we do more about educating students on Campus Recreation programs?
A: In addition to our normal advertising, we try to speak to classes to inform students.