University Recreation & Wellness Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/2/2020
Time: 8:30am
Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees
Mackenzie Boivin - Chair, All Campus Representative
UJ Bhowmik - Vice Chair, Professional Student Government
Dr. George Brown - Ex-Officio, Recreation and Wellness
Karen Lovro - Budget Subcommittee
Adam Negri - Council of Graduate Students
Danielle Sorenson - At-Large Representative
Breanne Krzyzanowski - Civil Service
Peg Hanssen - Civil Service
Kevin Ross - P&A Staff Representative
Brandi Hoffman - Faculty P&A, School of Kinesiology
Andrew LaFortune - Interfraternity Council
Caroline Pavlecic - Panhellenic Council
Huburt Midagu - Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence

Staff Advisors
Rahul Rajan - Recreation and Wellness
Kaiti Goff - Recreation and Wellness

Guests
Linda McKee - Recreation and Wellness
Luke Day - Recreation and Wellness
Mikayla Miller -Recreation and Wellness
Cody Mikl - Recreation and Wellness
Eric Paredes - Recreation and Wellness

Regrets
Kenzie Maybrun - At-Large Representative
Tyler Vongpachanh - Multicultural Greek Council
Katherine Chicoine - Housing & Residential Life
Rennato Alarcon - International Student and Scholar Services
Vacant - Minnesota Student Association
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Vacant - National Pan-Hellenic Council
I. **Call to Order**
Chair Mackenzie Boivin called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
The September 11, 2020 meeting Minutes were distributed to all attendees. Ms. UJ Bhowmik motioned to approve the Minutes, with a second from Mr. Peg Hanssen. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the Minutes was passed.

III. **Introductions**
Chair Boivin welcomed the group and invited all attendees to introduce themselves and state their term limits.

IV. **NCAA and Aquatic Events**
Chair Boivin introduced Ms. Linda McKee and Ms. Kaiti Goff for some information on Aquatic Events. Ms. McKee began by explaining how rentals were how Aquatics initially opened since that was allowed under Minnesota Department of Health guidelines. To further support the local swimming and diving community, they have been hosting virtual swim meets with one team at a time, limited numbers of athletes, and no spectators. Looking forward to the Women's Big Ten Championships, they said there has been no decision but the meet date would likely be pushed back. For the Learn to Swim program, it will begin next week. They have limited the class sizes and any physical interactions that the instructors have with the students. Ms. Goff continued by talking about a proposal to have invitational meets, still with limited numbers but with more teams at one time. Also, even with all of the changes happening in Gopher Athletics, we still plan on having some virtual meets for the Swimming and Diving programs.

V. **NCAA and Dome/Fieldhouse Events**
Chair Boivin introduced Mr. Rahul Rajan to speak to the changes happening in the Dome and Fieldhouse. Mr. Rajan began by announcing that the Dome has opened to all students for open rec by reservation only. Clubs and intramural teams have also begun practicing in both the Dome and Fieldhouse. With Gopher Women’s Soccer season being pushed back to winter, the team has reached out about having their practices and competitions in the Dome. They are working with the team to ensure that the games will not overlap with open rec time. Mr. Rajan also gave some updates regarding the Fieldhouse that’s been open for a few weeks. There is open rec but no large groups for scrimmages or matches yet. It is still no-contact and masks are required at all times. Finally, Mr. Rajan mentioned the history wall that has been added to the Fieldhouse to commemorate all of the history it holds on our campus.

VI. **Maroon and Gold Sunrise Updates**
Chair Boivin introduced Mr. George Brown to give updates on the Maroon and Gold Sunrise plan. The new curfew established by the Sunrise Plan has made RecWell need to close facilities at 8pm. This allows student employees to be home by the 9pm curfew. The shortened hours have caused a density issue in the evenings. Evenings are RecWell’s busiest time of day so more people have to fit into a shortened period of time. In addition to open recreation, this has also prevented some programs. Most of the programs at RecWell happen in the evening as well.
VII. Patron Usage
Due to some technical difficulties, Chair Boivin passed it on to Ms. Kaiti Goff for Lap swim patron usage. Ms. Goff explained that Aquatics is now using a lap swim reservation system similar to the Group Fitness signup. Under the current MDH guidelines only one swimmer is allowed in each lane. While the time slots began by being one hour in length, they switched to forty-five minutes to allow more patrons into the pools. Cooke 15 and the Natatorium have been very busy since they reopened. Cooke 10 and St. Paul Pool are seeing fewer patrons and sometimes no patrons. This could lead to reduced hours for those pools.

VI. Maroon and Gold Sunrise Updates Continued
When Mr. Brown’s technical difficulties passed, he continued his updates. RecWell is reliant on students to keep their doors open. While students have been incredible and helpful, they can only work if they remain healthy. This could have an effect on RecWell hours in the future.

VIII. COVID Testing
Mr. Brown spoke about the partnership between RecWell and Boyton Health. RecWell is happy to support them by providing space during this time when they need it most. The South Courts of the North Building of the Rec Center have already been closed off entirely. Black sheets are over all of the windows for privacy and HVAC has been evaluated to ensure the air is not shared with the rest of the facility. Facilities Management will conduct cleaning of this space. While it is not up and running yet, Boyton is working to have all the staff and supplies to hopefully open next week. Once open they will be able to conduct 40-50 tests per hour.

IX. Committee Updates
A. Mental Health Board
Chair Boivin introduced Mr. Brown to go over the meeting with the Mental Health Board. The board is trying to bring more Mental health awareness, especially with COVID and the Election coming soon.

B. Food Steering Committee
Chair Boivin said we are still hoping for a representative to attend Food Steering Committee meetings.

X. Announcements
A. SHAC - We are still hoping for a representative to attend SHAC meetings.

B. Finance Updates
Mr. Brown introduced Ms. Karen Lovro to discuss finance updates. Student Service Fees only dropped .7%. Our membership sales, locker sales, and facility rentals are down 80%. To recoup this amount, RecWell has decreased spending by 47% so far in this fiscal year. There will be furloughs to some staff but it doesn’t bring many savings. RecWell is also trying to reduce some campus cost pool shares since they are sharing space with Boyton.

C. PE Announcement
Brandi spoke up about PE classes and the struggle to offer them. She gave a shout out to Rahul, Jaime, Linda - advocated for SCUBA to start early, Luke, Ben, and Jessica. Serve lots of students and she appreciates Recwill for working with PE this year.

XI. Adjournment
Chair Boivin called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Peg Hanssen motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Kevin Ross. With no objections, the motion to adjourn was passed at 9:22am.