

**University Recreation & Wellness Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 2/14/2020

**Time:** 9:00am

**Location:** University Recreation and Wellness Center (MP 7)

**Attendees**

Amelia Kreiter - Chair, All Campus Representative  
Dr. George Brown - Ex-Officio, Recreation and Wellness  
Karen Lovro - Budget Subcommittee  
Kenzie Maybrun - At-Large Representative  
Anneke Duin - At-Large Representative  
Raymond Muno - Civil Service  
Peg Hanssen - Civil Service  
UJ Bhowmik - Minnesota Student Association  
Kevin Ross - P&A Staff Representative  
Emily Hauck- Professional Student Government  
Katherine Chicoine - Housing & Residential Life  
Rennato Alarcon - International Student and Scholar Services  
Brandi Hoffman - Faculty P&A, School of Kinesiology  
Andrew LaFortune - Interfraternity Council  
Tyler Vongphachanh - Multicultural Greek Council

**Staff Advisors**

Rahul Rajan - Recreation and Wellness

**Guests**

Luke Day - Recreation and Wellness  
Eric Paredes - Recreation and Wellness  
Beth Asfahl - Recreation and Wellness  
Mark Joekel - Recreation and Wellness  
Mikayla Miller - Recreation and Wellness  
Julie Faulkner - Recreation and Wellness  
Jessica Couillard - Recreation and Wellness  
Cody Mikl - Recreation and Wellness  
Eric Dussault - Student Unions and Activities

**Regrets**

Molly Hynes - Minnesota Student Association  
Mackenzie Boivin - Vice Chair, Special Position to the Board  
Melvin Coleman - National Pan-Hellenic Council  
Otit Mayo - Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence  
Jaime Medina - Recreation and Wellness  
Caroline Pavlecic - Panhellenic Council

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Amelia Kreiter called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

**II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The January 24, 2020 meeting Minutes were distributed to all attendees. Ms. Duin motioned to approve the Minutes, with a second from Ms. Hauck. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the Minutes was passed.

**III. Introductions**

Chair Kreiter welcomed the group and invited all attendees to introduce themselves and state their term limits.

**IV. COGS Intramural Petition**

Chair Kreiter invited Mr. Scott Petty from The Council of Graduate Students (COGS) to discuss with the board about their intramural participation petition. Mr. Petty briefed the board about the COGS and specifically about a particular group of students who are pursuing their PhD thesis also known as Advanced Status PhD (ABD) students. He mentioned ABD students take one credit while pursuing their thesis and do not pay student services fees. He said the petition was to offer exemption for the ABD students to participate in intramurals without purchasing a RecWell membership. He also mentioned these students would be part of a team with two thirds students who pay students services fees and one third would be represented by ABD students.

Mr. Hoffman asked if the ABD students want exemption from RecWell membership and the intramural registration fees. Mr. Petty responded that they would pay intramural registration fees and want exemption from the RecWell membership fees.

Ms. Duin stated she agrees that ABD students have a challenge but also mentioned exemption from membership fees would lead to potential misuse of the RecWell facilities as students might access the facility for other purposes outside of intramurals. Mr. Petty said he draws a parallel with SUA policies where groups can be formed with one third non-fee paying students.

Ms. Kreiter asked Mr. Eric Dussault if SUA incurs any cost to compensate for the one third of members who do not pay student services fees. Mr. Dussault said the policy says groups cannot have more than one third non-fee paying students and this policy was added to allow non-students, faculty and staff to be a part of the group. Mr. Petty added there is infrastructural support to these groups and would like RecWell to consider the same for the petition.

Ms. Couillard mentioned that all students using RecWell services must purchase a membership in order to maintain consistency across the board. She also mentioned intramural programs are highly subsidized by student services fees and it would not be fair to allow non-full-time students to participate without purchasing a RecWell membership.

Ms. Hoffman asked how many semesters would PhD students be under the ABD status. Mr. Petty responded saying PhD students spend one third of their time on campus under the ABD status.

Mr. Muno mentioned other non-fee paying students and other groups could ask for a similar exemption and would need more justification in terms of this petition.

Ms. Hauck mentioned if we come up with an exemption for ABD students, it should also apply for other non-fee paying student groups on campus.

#### **V. Student Service Fee Committee Presentation**

Chair Kreiter invited Mr. Eric Paredes and Ms. Karen Lovro to share the Student Services Fee Finance Sub-Committee updates. Mr. Paredes distributed the presentation to all attendees and noted the following:

- Requesting no increase in student services. This results in the department absorbing \$250,000 in terms of fringe cost and pay increases
- Department is actively working to improve student staffing efficiencies and organization of purchase
- Department will be increasing membership fees for payroll deduction.

Mr. Paredes also highlighted the different RecWell services, student staff, and usage demographics in the presentation.

#### **VI. Dome Security and Training Process**

Chair Kreiter invited Mr. Rahul Rajan to share the updates in regards to the dome security and training process. Mr. Rajan said the dome had been accessed by a lot of community members and non-fee paying students through the emergency doors. To counter this RecWell installed alarms and crash bars on all emergency doors and retrained all front desk staff to enforce more strict policies. He mentioned RecWell is taking assistance from UMPD security monitors during busy open recreation hours on Fridays and Sundays. RecWell is also planning to fence the dome fields in summer so patrons access fields through the front desk which would be helpful in maintaining a secure facility.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Chair Kreiter called for a motion to adjourn. Ms.Hoffmann motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Ms.Duin . With no objections, the motion to adjourn was passed at 10:04am.