University Recreation & Wellness Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/17/2020
Time: 10:00am
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees
Amelia Kreiter - Chair, All Campus Representative
Dr. George Brown - Ex-Officio, Recreation and Wellness
Mackenzie Boivin - Vice Chair, Special Position to the Board
Raymond Muno - Civil Service
Peg Hanssen - Civil Service
Kevin Ross - P&A Staff Representative
Emily Hauck - Professional Student Government
Katherine Chicoine - Housing & Residential Life
Caroline Pavlecic - Panhellenic Council
Erin Falline - Panhellenic Council
Rennato Alarcon - International Student and Scholar Services
Brandi Hoffman - Faculty P&A, School of Kinesiology
Andrew LaFortune - Interfraternity Council
Karen Lovro - Budget Subcommittee

Staff Advisors
Rahul Rajan - Recreation and Wellness
Jaime Medina - Recreation and Wellness

Guests
Eric Paredes - Recreation and Wellness
Beth Asfahl - Recreation and Wellness
Mark Joekel - Recreation and Wellness
Julie Faulkner - Recreation and Wellness
Darren Nelson - Recreation and Wellness

Regrets
Molly Hynes - Minnesota Student Association
Anneke Duin - At-Large Representative
Melvin Coleman - National Pan-Hellenic Council
Otiti Mayo - Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence
UJ Bhowmik - Minnesota Student Association
Kenzie Maybrun - At-Large Representative
Tyler Vongphachanh - Multicultural Greek Council
I. **Call to Order**  
Chair Amelia Kreiter called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**  
The February 14, 2020 meeting Minutes were distributed to all attendees. Ms. Hoffman 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. **Member Check-In**  
Chair Kreiter welcomed the group and invited all attendees to introduce themselves and state their term limits.

IV. **Dining RFP**  
Chair Kreiter briefed all attendees about the new dining RFP. She mentioned that the committee is exploring options since Aramark’s contract will be expiring in two years. Some of the options that are being looked at are signing with a new vendor, resigning Aramark, or becoming self-sustaining. She also mentioned the committee is looking at closing multiple retail locations and substituting them with vending machines. Dr. George Brown added that the retail location at the RecWell Center which is currently being outsourced to French Meadow will be under the same RFP and will explore other options. He mentioned that it is cost effective for RecWell to work with Dining instead of going self-sustaining. Ms. Beth Asfahl said RecWell is working with contract administration and exploring options to include the concessions booth in the Aquatic Center.

V. **Current State of Operations**  
Dr. Brown briefed all attendees about RecWell’s current state of operations due to the pandemic. He said RecWell was effectively shut down as of March 16, 2020. He said RecWell staff have been meeting virtually two times a week and everyone is working on different projects and providing patrons with valuable resources. He highlighted the following:

- Communication with all patrons is ongoing and is being updated regularly.
- Center for Healing and Spirituality has given access to their resources free of cost and every RecWell member has been directed to those resources.
- RecWell fees have been refunded to all students and patrons who have requested retroactively from March 16th, 2020. $2.2 million have been refunded.
- Since all summer classes are online, RecWell will incur a loss of $375,000 in student services fees.
- RecWell is projected to have a revenue loss of $1.6 million from fee based services which includes rentals, lockers, youth programs, etc. The estimated total revenue loss for RecWell comes to little over $4 million.
- Student staff will be paid through the end of the spring semester.
- Eight RecWell staff have been deemed essential during the shut down to oversee facilities and operations.
- RecWell is working on student staffing efficiencies and looking to implement the changes as soon as possible.
- RecWell currently has seven full-time position vacancies.
- All summer programming and events have been cancelled for the summer semester including youth programs. Golf course might reopen pending Governor Walz’s orders.
Dr. Brown stated RecWell is taking cues from the public health department at the University of Minnesota and will decide the re-opening of the facilities accordingly.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Kreiter called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Peg Hanssen motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Rennato Alarcon. With no objections, the motion to adjourn was passed at 10:57am.