

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

Date: 10/11/2019

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
Giovann Alarcon Espinoza - International Student and Scholar Services
Kenzie Maybrun - At-Large Representative
Anneke Duin - At-Large Representative
Raymond Muno - Civil Service
Peg Hanssen - Civil Service
Melvin Coleman - National Pan-Hellenic Council
Kevin Ross - P&A Staff Representative
Karen Lovro - Budget Subcommittee
Kim Rosenfield- Professional Student Government
UJ Bhowmik - Minnesota Student Association
Otit Mayo - Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence

Staff Advisors

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

Guests

Cody Mikl- Recreation and Wellness
Luke Day - Recreation and Wellness
Eric Paredes - Recreation and Wellness
Mark Joekel - Recreation and Wellness

Regrets

Molly Hynes - Minnesota Student Association
Brandi Hoffman - Faculty P&A, School of Kinesiology
Gerry Weber - Interfraternity Council
(Vacant) - Housing & Residential Life
Sydney Crims - Multicultural Greek Council
(Vacant) - Civil Services

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The September 06, 2019 meeting Minutes were not distributed to attendees. Mr. Brown said we will review the meeting minutes at the November 01, 2019 meeting.

III. Introductions

Chair Kreiter welcomed the group and invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

IV. Review Constitution

The constitution was distributed to all attendees to review for edits.

Chair Kreiter highlighted the main edit, "In the event that Board positions are not filled within one month of vacancy, the Board will actively recruit potential new representatives and recommend them to the appointing body for approval." Chair Kreiter also mentioned that this was added to counter the situation if and when all student members graduate at the same time.

Mr. Muno suggested term of associate members and termination should end in May to keep the constitution consistent.

Mr. Ross wanted to discuss the term limits for non-student board members. After a detailed discussion, the board agreed to have a one-year interval after serving two consecutive terms before being eligible to serve on the board again.

Mr. Ross asked why the board had two civil service representatives and only one P&A representative and suggested the board should consider having two P&A representatives due to the fact P&A has close to 6,500 members. Mr. Brown said the board would consider the change in future edits of the constitution.

V. Staffing Updates

Mr. Brown said the department has extended an offer for the Assistant Director of Aquatics position and the search for the Fitness Director and Account Specialist position are in the initial screening process.

VI. Civil Service Position Selection

Chair Kreiter introduced Ms. Peg Hanssen as the new Civil Service Representative.

VII. Facilities Updates

1) Dome Inflation

Chair Kreiter invited Mr. Rahul Rajan to share the dome inflation update with the board. Mr. Rajan gave the following updates:

- The dome inflation dates (October 18-21, 2019)
- RecWell have decided to use ROTC and Sport Club's support to inflate the dome and have moved away from using Department of Corrections crews

2) West Bank Fields

Chair Krieter invited Mr. Luke Day to share the West Bank Fields updates with the Board. Mr. Day briefed the history of the West Bank Fields and mentioned it is being used by Intramurals, Sport Clubs, and rentals. He shared that the department wanted to turf and dome the field, but due to the current soil condition, the financial implication was close to \$8 million. He shared that the department is instead looking into getting a new irrigation system to maintain natural grass. He also shared that the department is currently installing new fences and renovating the support building.

Mr. Muno asked if the fields had official facility signage. Mr. Day responded he would look into it and if there is not a sign, the department would inquire on one immediately..

VIII. Finance Updates

Chair Kreiter invited Ms. Karen Lovro to share financial and budget reports with the Board. Ms. Lovro said the finance team is currently reviewing the budgeting structure and looking to come up with better tools to help program managers track revenue. She also mentioned the department is looking to finalize FY21 by the end of December so the department would be equipped to ask for an increase in fees if needed.

Mr. Brown added saying, “The main goal for us is to be less reliant on student services fees.”

IX. Special Committee Updates

1) OSA Mental Health Committee

Chair Kreiter invited Ms. Kenzie Maybrun to share the OSA Mental Health Committee updates. Ms. Maybrun shared that the demand for mental health resources on campus has increased exponentially in the last year. She said Student Counselling Services and Boynton Health current appointment wait times are three weeks and one week, respectively. Ms. Maybrun also mentioned students preferred Counselling Services as it was free for students. She also shared that President Gabel has pledged to increase the resources for students in the coming years and that the University is currently working on creating a holistic system to help students called “You at the University of Minnesota.”

2) Food Steering Committee

Chair Kreiter shared the update from the Food Steering Committee. She said that the University is reviewing options of other vendors and a self-operated model for the dining halls and cafes around campus as Aramark’s contract is coming to an end. She also mentioned Aramark’s contract was extended two years so that the University could do a feasibility study and have time to transition to another vendor/model.

X. Announcements

Mr. Alarcon Espinoza and Ms. Duin shared their concerns about the department’s Intramural program. Mr. Brown said the department would appropriately review and address these concerns in future meetings.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Kreiter called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Duin motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Alarcon Espinoza. With no objections, the motion to adjourn was passed at 9:56am.