Recreational Sports Board Annual Reports for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017

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I. STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS
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1. Advises the administration concerning the development, programming, staffing, maintenance, and financing of recreational sports facilities for faculty, staff, and students.
2. Initiates actions in matters of budget and personnel for the Chancellor.
3. When issues related to academic matters develop, decisions shall be restricted to a subcommittee consisting of the faculty members of the committee. Disputes about identifying issues as academic shall be resolved by the University Committee.

II. CURRENT OR PAST YEAR’S ACTIVITIES

- 6 Recreational Sports Board Meetings
- Highlights for 2015-2016:
  - The 2015-2016 new additions to the Division’s strategic initiatives were: 1) Engagement, Inclusivity and Diversity, 2) Student Development, 3) Facilities Master Plan, 4) Technology to Improve Efficiencies, 5) Supplemental Funding Exploration
  - Budget: requested significant increase to student segregated fees  
    - ($8 Master Plan plus $1.85 student wage increase), to be implemented in FY17
  - Rec Sports Master Plan: (ongoing) The plan, approved by a Student Referendum in the Spring 2014 was discussed at length and addressed at every Board meeting. This includes, but is not limited to: architect selection(s), budget, design renderings, engagement from key stakeholders (students, athletics, etc.), surge planning, and timelines.
    - Projects with movement:
      - Near West Playfields
      - SERF project
  - Division Spotlight presentations: These focused presentations are aimed at keeping members of the Board informed of ongoing activities and initiatives with the division.
    - Maintenance and Special Projects
    - Member Services

III. CURRENT ISSUES OR CONCERNS

- Quorum: The Rec Sports Board continued to struggle with regular board member participation – just to make quorum. Weak attendance occurred at most meetings which was particularly challenging being the first year with new configuration of the Board that featured expanded student membership.
- Finances: Budget concerns continued to challenge the Division, much like the rest of

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campus. There are growing concerns about current and future maintenance and repair of
gardens, both now and in the future. As state dollars continued to decline, so does the ability
of Rec Sports to properly plan for and fund needed maintenance.

- Facilitiess: The SERF Pool closed briefly in March of 2016 due to a crack (25 yards long and
1/8-1/4” wide) discovered at the floor-wall seam. The pool was losing 40,000 gal/day.
Ground-penetrating radar was used to ensure pool integrity and a temporary hold was used to
get through until SERF is torn down, as scheduled within the Master Plan.

IV. FUTURE ISSUES

- Space will continue to be an issue for recreational users as Rec Sports moves into the
execution phase of the approved Master Plan. The surge plan noted above is intended to
provide alternative spaces for users while major facilities are not available. The impacts to
recreational users will be monitored during SERF closure and subsequent construction with
possible future adjustments to the surge plan to mitigate the impacts of the outage of this
facility on our users.

V. SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Recreational Sports Board will continue to work closely with Division of Recreational
Sports staff and campus administration to consider long-range recreational services to benefit
the campus community.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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Douglas Reindl (co-chair), ENG/Engineering Professional Development
Earlise Ward, NUR/Nursing

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II. **CURRENT OR PAST YEAR’S ACTIVITIES**

   - 8 Recreational Sports Board Meetings
   - Highlights for 2016-2017:
     - The 2016-2017 strategic initiatives for the Division were: 1) Execute strategies outlined in the Engagement, Inclusion, and Diversity (E.I.D.) VCFA Initiative to improve representation in our division; 2) Focus on student development.; 3) Continue to advance the approved Master Plan.; 4) Explore new technologies to improve efficiencies.; 5) Identify sources of supplemental funding.
     - Rec Sports Master Plan (ongoing): Continued progress on the Master Plan, approved by a Student Referendum in the Spring 2014 was discussed at every meeting. This includes, but is not limited to: budget, design renderings, engagement from key stakeholders (students, athletics, etc.), surge planning, and project timelines.
       1. Projects with movement:
          - Near West Playfields, nearing completion
          - SERF project, prepping for closure/demolition
          - Natatorium/Gym Unit II, pre-design
     - Division Spotlight presentations: These focused presentations are aimed at keeping members of the Board informed of ongoing activities and initiatives with the division.
       1. Instructional Programs
       2. Competitive Sports
       3. Member Services
       4. HR & Admin
     - Expansion of Instructional Programs
       1. Summer 2017: first Rec Sports Summer Camps and Youth Clinics programmed
     - Expanded focus on assessment
       1. Member Survey Completed
          - 700 Responses
          - Overall very positive, but does identify a few areas of focus to improve upon
          - Barrier for non-users: time
          - Strong takeaway: positive impact on mental wellbeing
          - Future goal: Intentional Programming
- Nielsen Tennis Stadium Instructor Reclassification
- Segregated fee increase: $5
- Divisional Name Change: University Recreation and Wellness
  1. To be implemented with opening of new building(s)

III. CURRENT ISSUES OR CONCERNS

- Quorum: Similar to FY16, the Rec Sports Board struggled to make quorum at most meetings.
- CRSC transfer: Athletics announced decision that Camp Randal Sports Center (CRSC) will be transferred to Athletics upon completion of the current Rec Sports Master Plan.
- Financial: There are growing concerns about current and future maintenance and repair of existing Rec Sports facilities, both now and in the future. As State dollars continued to decline, so does the ability of Rec Sports to properly plan for and fund needed maintenance and larger cost capital repairs.

IV. FUTURE ISSUES

- Space will continue to be an issue for recreational users as Rec Sports moves into the execution phase of the approved Master Plan. The Division is executing a surge plan that involves repurposing space in both Ogg Hall and the Natatorium for users while the SERF is demolished and the new facility is built. The impacts to recreational users will be monitored during construction with possible future adjustments to the surge plan to mitigate the impacts of construction on our users.

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