Recreation and Wellbeing Advisory Board (formerly the Recreational Sports Board)  
Combined Annual Reports for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

I. Statement of Committee

In 2019, the Recreational Sports Board was part of a reorganization in the Office for Student Affairs. Under the umbrella of University Health and Wellbeing, the shared governance committee is now called the Recreation and Wellbeing Advisory Board, or, for short, the Rec Well Board. Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.48 will be updated with the new name and functions. There were no reports for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, or 2018-2019.

II. Activities

2019-2020

- The Rec Well Board met six times in 2019-2020
- The Board monitored progress on completion of the Nicholas Recreation Center (The Nick). Schedule setbacks were caused by city utility work and contractor errors, with further impact due to COVID-19. Completion had been expected early in 2020, but the various problems resulted in a fall 2020 completion.
- The Board was given several presentations on the evolving design of the Natatorium’s replacement. The 3-lane track received the most attention. Rec Well staff worked with a runner's club to do the best possible within budgetary constraints.
- The COVID-19 pandemic had a wide range of negative impacts on Rec Well facilities, programs, and finances. From facility closures initially to later use of a number of Rec Well facilities for COVID-19 testing and vaccination, the pandemic severely limited Rec Well operations, along with causing a substantial loss of revenue and the inability of students to work. Rec Well staff made enormous efforts to develop virtual programming.

2020-2021

- (Oct. 20th/2020) Mario F. Trujillo is voted as the new Chair of the board. The Nicholas Recreation Center opened on 9/28/2020. All facilities were operated at 25% capacity. The New Natatorium is expected to be opened in spring 2023.
- (Nov. 4th/2020) A 20% decrease from SERF to Nick usage has been recorded, and it is a result of the much larger square footage of the Nick. To mitigate Covid-19 infection risks, air recirculation was increased.
- (Jan. 6th/2021) The Nielsen Tennis Stadium & the Shell were named as testing sites. Community members were not allowed into buildings. Widespread campus testing strategy began.
- (Feb. 3rd/2021) The natatorium building was demolished. Construction for the new Natatorium began in late February.
- (March 3rd/2021) With badger apps and frequent testing available, the facilities were allowed to increase their capacity limits to 50%.
- (April 7th/2021) Membership change: 4-months and 12 months memberships phased out (motion unanimously passed). Only the recurring option and a 1-month option remain.
Flexible cancellation policy remains in action. Price of membership stays roughly in par with what students pay from their segregated fees ($381.95).

- (May 5th/2021) Annual reports were discussed. We had two pending reports from 2019-2020 and the current one from 2020-2021.

For other items discussed and of interest to the committee, see the Recreation and Wellbeing Annual Report for 2019-2020

III. Financial impact on Rec Well

Three additional meetings were scheduled with a subcommittee of the board to discuss budgets for Rec Well facilities.

1. Revenue shortfall was estimated to be approximately $1M during the budget subcommittee meetings. This shortfall was due in part to impacts in the following areas:
   a. Intramural sports fees.
   b. Group fitness revenue.
   c. Personal training.
   d. Locker rental.
   e. Membership revenue.
   f. Special events.

2. In a more recent communication (Sept. 2021) from the director of Rec Well, Aaron Hobson, the overall actual losses were closer to $470,000. Additionally, approximately $350,000 were received in reimbursements from hosting testing and vaccination clinics in Rec Well facilities. Other cost reduction measures including hiring freezes, reduced expenditures, and elimination of professional travel. Future Issues

V. Summary/Recommendations

The Rec Well Advisory 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.
Proposed changed to Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.48

6.48. Recreational Sports Board—Recreation and Wellbeing Advisory Board

Faculty are appointed by the Committee on Committees; academic staff, university staff, and student members are selected according to procedures established by their shared governance system.

MEMBERSHIP. The Recreational Sports Board shall consist of the following members:

A. Membership (16 seats):
   1. Three faculty members appointed for 3-year terms
   2. Two academic staff members appointed for 3-year terms
   3. Two university staff members appointed for 3-year terms
   4. Seven student members appointed for 1-year terms
   5. Director of the Division of Recreational Sports, ex officio, nonvoting
   6. Representative of the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, ex officio, nonvoting

Chair: The chair shall be chosen by the committee from among the faculty members appointed pursuant to section A.1. The committee may also, at its discretion, appoint an academic staff member, a university staff member, or a student appointed pursuant to A.2, A.3. and A.4. to serve as co-chair.

Other membership notes: One member representing the committee (selected from among current or recent past membership) will serve on the Campus Planning Committee (FPP 6.28), to be appointed annually.

B. Functions:
   1. Advises on the development, programming, staffing, maintenance, and financing of Rec Well recreational sports facilities for faculty, staff, and students.
   2. Initiates actions in matters of budget and personnel for the chancellor.
   3. Monitors, reviews, and evaluates university services provided by Rec Well, or activities that employ Rec Well facilities that originate from entities external to Rec Well, which may include outside review of membership and rate card pricing.
   4. 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.
   5. Reports annually to the official governance bodies representing the faculty, academic staff, university staff, and students. Note: this is covered by FPP 6.02
   6. Participates actively in the development of fiscally responsible Rec Well budget and approves it for recommendation to the chancellor. The involvement of at least one student member is required in this function.
VI. Rec Well Board Membership

2019-2020
Faculty [term ends]
Cliff Thurber (chair), Geoscience
Michael Thomas, Bacteriology [2020]
Mario Trujillo, Mechanical Eng [2023]

Academic Staff [term ends]
Mary Trevelen, Ag & Appl Econ [2020]
Katie Effertz, DCS [2022]

University Staff [term ends]
Tracy Chynoweth, Athletics [2020]
Michelle Berry, WSLH [2022]

Students
Abigail Grant
Nathan Evers
Morgan Grunow
Madison Johnson
Grace Kenefick
Leslie Olson
Landon Tselepis

Ex officio, Non-voting
Jason King, Athletics
John Horn, VCFA

2020-2021
Faculty [term ends]
Mario Trujillo (chair), Mechanical Eng [2023]
Paul Peppard, Pop Health Sci [2024]
Nathan Sherer, Oncology [2021]

Academic Staff [term ends]
Katie Effertz, DCS [2022] also on the Campus Planning Committee, 2021-2022
Sarah Marcotte, SOHE [2023]

University Staff [term ends]
Michelle Berry, WSLH [2022]
William Clifton, Chazen Museum [2023]

Students
Abigail Grant
Kevin Jacobson
Abigail Neuber
vacant
vacant
vacant

Ex officio, Non-voting
Aaron Hobson, Rec Sports
Jason King, Athletics

Friend of the Board
Gary Mitchell, SMPH/Medicine

University Recreation and Wellbeing statements

Mission: We move Badgers to play hard, get fit, and live well.
Vision: To build a movement of healthy habits through inclusion, education, innovation, and connection.
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