

RFAB Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2020
ICA Conference Room

In Attendance:

Meri Yedigaryan – Chair, Member-At-Large	Bassel Hatoum – Revelle College Representative
Tazio Capozzola – Co-Chair, Member-At-Large	Michael Ostertag – Graduate Student Association
Gabe Avillion – Triton Athletes Council (TAC)	Macey Rafter – Alumni Representative Council
Deema Al Saied – Associated Students	Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Kaitlyn Willoughby – Associated Students	Alysson Satterlund – Guest VCSA
Jennell Encizo – Muir College Representative	Gregory Thein – Public Member
Haven Ahn – Marshall College Representative	Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Divneet Kaur– Sixth College Representative	Corey Robinson – Director of Events & Operations
Nina Vo – Eleanor Roosevelt College Representative	Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation

1) **Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m.** (with quorum)

2) Open Group Forum:

Jannell suggested a partnership with MOM (Muir Coffee Shop) for the Peets space and having them review the license to keep the price point low and keeping it an independent coffee house and the revenue could be spent on something the students want for next year's RFAB Board to vote on. Two benefits would be revenue and student employment.

3) Approval of Minutes: February 3, 2020 – Minutes approved without objections.

Gabe motioned to approve. Brooke seconded the motion.

4) Sustainability Event Update:

Over 400 metal straws were given away and UCSD won. Jessica said that there was great participation and continued partnership to educate folks on recycling and sustainability. Parents wanted the straws, but we had to tell them they were only for the students.

5) Visit with Alysson Satterlund, VCSA

Meri introduced Alysson Satterlund to the Board. We went around the room introducing ourselves, giving our name, organization and major (if, Undergraduate Student). Alysson said that though out UCSD she works with Faculty partners, parents, community, non-profits and it helps her to meet with students so they can tell her what to keep in mind as it relates to recreation for students. Alysson asked the Board "if I was going to be speaking with a donor, what are tings that I can brag about that you are doing?":

Bassel mentioned what RFAB did to get the Rec Activity Pass for students for \$25 per Quarter to have over 60 Fitness & Yoga classes a week, register for exciting Rec Activity Pass trips including kayaking, hiking, and snorkeling, and a wide variety of Rec classes like aerial silks and archery – to better meet the need of students, reduce the price and the cycle of input/output of information to make it happen.

Tazio, who has been on the Board for 2 years, said that it has been enlightening to see our impact on Campus. To see what previous Boards have done and what we are doing to make Campus stand out. Such as the new Canyonview project and how we serve our students. “My friends are impressed by the impact our votes on stuff that effects my friends.”

Gabe said that being able to shape the development of facilities at Canyonview, and at the RIAMC Annex and to play a role and communicate with our respective organizations.

Meri said that she has been on the for 4 years. She started as a Marshall College Representative as she worked with AS to get students to focus on not just being a student but making the best of life while here on campus.

Brooke said that with the current facility outdated, the new Canyonview would mean a lot to show case for the D1 movement and that would increase of involvement at Canyonview.

Gregory said that it would be a great improvement to showcase out aquatic facilities.

Michael said that a big part of the GSA population reluctant to come to RIMAC because they need to walk up the big hill on the way here.

Tazio doesn't think that people know about all of the activities that are offered at Canyonview. There are a lot of classes and having a new building will be exciting!

Meri says that she goes to CV to study and to tan and thinks it would be beneficial to make it a place for students to relax on campus.

Alysson asked what are 3 benefits that a new CV will bring?

Gabe said that when they (TAC) took a trip to visit other Rec departments at other colleges nearby, those colleges had nice facilities and it would be great to have a new rec building going into D1.

Alysson next asked “what would you like the rest of campus to know regarding the value of Recreation with regards to wellness and the community?”

Tazio mentioned that Recreation services every single student. The campus is growing and the affiliation with sports. People might not realize everything that Recreation offers to campus life. The new Canyonview will be a great way to spark interest and the new building will be a symbol of a new direction and upward trend for a modernizing Department.

Regarding the transition to D1, Gregory asked what does that really mean to us as a school for all 8 colleges and getting more athletic pride? – Highlight sports, and how well we are doing in sports because we so focused on academics!

Michael asked about having required PE course. Jennell said that Muir/CAPS give vouchers for free Rec classes. They promote mental/physical health and she suggested that Recreation promote both of these issues via CAPS with a collaboration and connection of resources.

Meri said learning about the classes; yoga teacher training and other certification programs; being able to try new things like aerial silks and she doesn't think that students know about these opportunities.

Alysson said that she doesn't think they do a great job of communicating opportunities with students. They have hired Ian Wright, a full-time student-centered staff member to work with all folks on campus to get these benefits out there. Alysson will get Rich and John in touch with Ian to coordinate new social media directions/direct communication with students.

Rich Thinks the most exciting thing about RFAB is the impact it has on the Recreation and ICA Departments.

Earl said the impact of RFAB on campus is at a critical time during 2020, between the growth of student beds and the trolley coming to campus, and a world class student-centered university. These 2 units are more student focused than any others on campus. Earl's new personal agenda is wellbeing and mental health issues. Factoring in the pressure cooker of high-end academic environment, we don't value the impact of wellbeing as we should. A great remedy that can help with mental health that we should be utilizing is Recreation. The main point to this to the groups is to take a holistic approach to student-centered wellbeing, and kudos to all of us, as we expand Recreation, growth of campus and move to D1.

Bassel hears complaints about things not being student centered (like academics, HDH, etc.) but not at Rec and ICA. It feels like the input given here benefits the students, and we appreciate it.

Alysson said that she appreciates and thanks Earl and Rich for their dedication and hard work. She also said that we need to connect folks with time and people with needs and it helps her to meet with the students to get an idea of health and wellbeing outside of the classroom.

Alysson asked if there were any questions for her? Michael asked, with transition to D1, most grad students are not interested. What have other colleges one to get grad students involved? Families of grad students are not the traditional 18-22-year-olds.

Jessica said that she is to meet with the president of GSA to see what kind of marketing they can do.

6) Canyonview Team Project Update – Rich Mylin

Next week the CV Project Team will be sending out invites to the meetings, if the project stays on time. Julie or Rich will send any updates.

7) Referendum Update – Rich Mylin

AS and GSA have approved the language of the new referendum and now it is with UCOP. If it is recommended that we keep the new language, we plan to stay on the April ballot. If they require us to change the language, then we will plan to be on the special ballot (week 7, 8 or 9).

Gabe suggested that we have a conversation with Ian Wright, the new student-centered communications person – so that he can make sure the students are understanding the message and language.

Rich recommends that we give AS \$5000, a neutral fund, for them to use to inform students and make sure they get the correct information. This will be an investment. Michael seconds the motion to give AS the money to get out the vote effort. Greg asked how much is in the AS Election budget? Deema doesn't know but she can find out. Meri will share this information once we get it.

8) Annex/Retail Update – Rich Mylin

Shake Smart to move in the first or second week of April. Santorini Grill will be in the larger space and take over concessions. Maybe starting in June, but 100% to be open in Fall Quarter.

Rich mentioned a new union contract. Article 5 – outsourcing of employees. What does this new policy mean? It may have chase Target off of campus.

9) Meeting time for Spring Quarter

Meri will be emailing a doodle poll to find the best time for the meeting. Most likely it will be Monday mid-morning/early afternoon. Please respond to the poll ASAP. Also remember that it is your responsibility to send a proxy to the meeting if you can not attend. We are to yet sure what the fiscal impacts will be. The next question is “what do we want to put in the Annex if retail won't work?”.

10) Athletics Updates - Cory Robinson

10 of our team are in the top 25 team of the nation. Third time was the charm for UC San Diego Tritons, defeating Cal State San Marcos for the first time this season, in the game that mattered the most. The Tritons avenged two regular-season losses to the Cougars by earning their second-straight CCAA Tournament title Saturday night at RIMAC Arena.

11) Recreation Updates – Rich Mylin

Julie or Rich will send an email to the Board when the pit is open. The heat was fixed on 3/15/20. Start thinking about Covid 19. The total numbers and hand sanitizing strategies. E need to give information out without panic. Think about how we will message student – please email your ideas.

12) Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Next meeting March 30, 2020 from 12-1PM

This will be a virtual meeting – Zoom invite coming soon