RFAB Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2020
Zoom Conference

In Attendance:

Meri Yedigaryan – Chair, Member-At-Large
Tazio Capozzola – Co-Chair, Member-At-Large
Gabe Avillion – Triton Athletes Council (TAC)
Deema Al Saied – Associated Students
Jennell Encizo – Muir College Representative
Divneet Kaur – Sixth College Representative
Nina Vo – Eleanor Roosevelt College Representative
Brian Chris Donovan – Revelle College Representative
Michael Ostertag – Graduate Student Association
Kevin Sweeny – Graduate Student Association
Macey Rafter – Alumni Representative Council
Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Michele Palmer, Fiscal Manager, Recreation
Corey Robinson – Director of Events & Operations
Jessica Roswell – Assistant AD, Marketing
Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation

1) Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m. (with quorum)

2) Open Group Forum
Nina asked if the Rec fees would be returned for this quarter since students can’t use the facilities.
Rich said that there were no conversations about specific to reduction in fees or refunds. Rich said that Rec will continue to add to the virtual programing and the fees also go to maintaining the buildings, fields, other sports facilities, debt service.

3) Approval of Minutes: March 30, 2020 – Minutes approved without objections.
Heidi motioned to approve. Macey seconded the motion.

4) Budget Overview:
Michele Palmer, Recreation Fiscal Manager, gave an overview of the FY19-20 Recreation Budget to prepare the Board to review the FY20-21 budget that Michele is currently finalizing – which RFAB will vote on Week 7. This way we can compare last year’s budget to the current budget to see what has changed. Michele shared her screen which showed the spreadsheet that was send with the meeting announcement. This is a budget summary; a portfolio of Rec funding. RFAB has oversight for funding with regards to the RIMAC Fee and the Canyonview Fee (which are sources for collecting revenue), but we appreciate your input on the entire budget. Everything we spend is detailed within the document. Core funds are State funded but filtered back to us (for example, funding shared with ICA, such as funding for Sports Club); there are also self-supporting activities, like events, rentals of space and memberships. The best way to view this document is look at the fund numbers at the top of the spreadsheet and then look through the line item by line item. This shows how we pay for everything and how we organize and use the funds that we have.

Below is a key to the budget documents. This should help you understand what you’re looking at. If you have any questions at all don’t hesitate to reach out to Michele (mpl Palmer@ucsd.edu). She is currently working to get the 20-21 budget draft out to you roughly mid-week.
**Types of Expenses:**
- Sub1: Full time staff salaries
- Sub2: Student, part time & instructors
- Sub3: Supplies and Expenses (services and stuff)
- Sub4: CAP list (One-time projects/improvements/equipment purchases)
- Sub5: travel, professional development, vehicle maintenance /fuel, entertainment

**Funds:**
- 20000A: Students Svcs fee (state funding)
- 99100A: General Fund (state funding)
- 20252A: shared ICA referendum dollars, partially dedicated to Sports Clubs program
- 20271A: RIMAC facility fee
- 20270A: Canyonview facility fee
- 62510A/62518A/73240A: Self-supporting/revenue generation
- 69720A: UCOP “be smart about safety” funds, this money is not guaranteed annually

Michael asked what documentation is required for a request for equipment for the next years budget? Michele said that it depends on the area – for example, Jeff Borden, Assistant Director of Facilities Management, usually schedules to replace equipment depending on when the equipment warranties expire, or if the request is for an event, it would depend on the type of events we are hosting. Michael also asked if Rec Staff salaries were on the budget. Michele said the individual salaries are not listed on the summary but are available if requested. She doesn’t list them as she doesn’t want to cause any internal tension between staff members when sharing the document with staff.

Tazio said one responsibility of the Board is to vote with confidence, so feel free to email questions to Tazio, Michele, and Rich. Also keep in mind that when you see things that are ICA related, remember that Sports Facilities and Recreation used to be separate Departments, and now that they are combined, Recreation still pays for sports facilities that are used by ICA.

Michele wants to make sure that your input is heard; we rely on your input to know what your community wants and needs to thrive. Michele will be sending out the 20-21 budget to RFAB this week. Please review this document and compare it to the 19-20 budget. Email your questions to Tazio, Michele or Rich.

5) **Program Update:**
Rich said that he’s received lots of great feedback regarding the “Playground” on campus and has been asked how far that reach could be? Rich wants to ask the Board for feedback/engage in a discussion since the work done for the “Playground” was funded by student fees for RIMAC – he wants to know how comfortable we are with sharing the “Playground” with others, such as the Alumni Association. Because if we share it with the Alumni Association, there is nothing stopping them from sharing it their colleagues, who may not be UCSD Affiliates. How comfortable is the Board with this? The programing is not costing anymore for us to share with more people.

Gabe said that he has no issues sharing, especially since there is not extra cost to us. Nina asked how long the Playground will be offered after the pandemic is over? Rich said that it could live on forever as a virtual activity we would like to champion for virtual programing with laptops, iPad, iPhone. But
not funded, like it is now. Nina said that she feels ok to share it now but after we open up again, she would like to get more feedback from her council. Michael said he is comfortable sharing as long as we are broadcasting but if it is an interaction and we can limit access (for example, to Zoom Meeting or for only people who have ucsd.edu email addresses). Rich said there weren’t many issues about people zoom bombing meetings but still want to be careful to take property paid for by student fees before sharing.

Tazio asked for a show of hands of who is ok to share with the Alumni Association? At least 9 hands were raised. Majority voted that it would be ok to share with the Alumni Association.

Tazio said that this may attract more people to Recreation after the Stay-at-Home Order is over. Macey said that she has shared the Playground with UCSD Staff members and thinks it is helping full time staff cope with being at home.

6) Campus update:
As of this morning, for California and San Diego – the curve is flattening. Online learning will still be happening during summer. San Diego looks good from the standpoint of medical experts from a call that Rich was on last week.

7) Annex/Retail Update:
All food vendors will not open until September 1, 2020.

8) The “Playgrounds” Overview:
Mari Chosich, Recreation Marketing Director, shared the “Playground” on the screen in the and showed us some of the new features, such as the E-Sports Leagues (we have 4 leagues, Recet and Fifa – free for spring for students and Rec card holders), inspirational quotes, rotating banners, new videos, Rec Live – one of our most popular segments and also the video of the day – which are about self-care. About 650 people have been accessing the site daily. Right now, we don’t have any passwords. To mitigate Zoom-bombing, we are telling people if they display any inappropriate behavior, they will be removed from the meeting and will not be allowed back. “Get up Tritons” has added a 3rd timeslot at 12 noon, this session is more of a learn at lunch than a stretch break. There is also a “how are you feeling? Section” where you can click on the icon of how you are feeling, which will bring up videos that might fit your mood. Another new feature is the Knock Arounds Virtual Kids Camp for UC Staff and Students with children. Also see our Rec blogs about nutrition and out social feeds. IF you are not following us on social media – please do – our handle is @UCSDREC

We are planning to do a Instagramp challenge, for example, to incorporate the most colors of food on your plate – they will so a sample picture or video, and then post the rules for followers to do the same. Nothing has been officially announced yet.

9) Athletics Updates - Cory Robinson:
Triton day will be virtual this year. You can attend at https://tritonday.ucsd.edu/
UC San Diego’s Triton Athletes’ Council recently completed its first virtual canned food drive to support the Triton Food Pantry on campus. The group set of goal of donating 600 cans, but more than tripled that mark by raising over $1,000 equating to over 2,000 cans of food directly benefiting the campus community. UC San Diego scholar-athletes, administrators and supporters banded together to contribute $1,033 as part of this campaign, equating to 2,066 cans of food donated to Triton Food Pantry.

10) Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Next meeting April 27, 2020 from 12-1PM

This will be a virtual meeting – Zoom invite coming soon