

**RFAB Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2020**  
**Zoom Conference**

**In Attendance:**

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| Meri Yedigaryan – Chair, Member-At-Large        | Macey Rafter – Alumni Council                    |
| Tazio Capozzola – Co-Chair, Member-At-Large     | Eszter Heins – Rec Leadership Council            |
| Gabe Avillion – Triton Athletes Council (TAC)   | Gregory Thein – Member of the Public             |
| Deema Al Saied – Associated Students            | Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative          |
| Nina Vo – Eleanor Roosevelt College             | Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation                |
| Brian Donovan – Revelle College                 | Michele Palmer, Fiscal Manager, Recreation       |
| Nikki Saito – Warren College                    | Corey Robinson – Director of Events & Operations |
| Michael Ostertag – Graduate Student Association | Jessica Roswell – Assistant AD, Marketing        |
| Kevin Sweeny – Graduate Student Association     | Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation |

**1) Meeting called to order at 12:04 p.m. (with quorum)**

**2) Open Group Forum**

Michael said that regarding Recreation sharing the “Playground” with the Alumni Association, and other, no one from the Graduate Student Association was against it. Brian said that he was fine with sharing it during the Covid-19 pandemic but interested in exploring how the “Playground: could be monetized in the future. Nina is also in favor of this.

Nina asked if during summer students will still be paying Rec fees. Rich said that all fees are currently being discussed with UCOP/Chancellor in totality. They are not yet looking at specific fees.

Nina asked if the 7-week personal wellness course was going to be available during summer and fall? Rich said that it should be back for Fall, either in-person, or virtually. Rich is still waiting to hear more – hopefully he will have more information for us by week 7 or 9 and he will be able to share via email.

**3) Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2020 – Minutes approved without objections.**

Macey motioned to approve. Michael seconded the motion.

**4) Budget Overview:**

Rich and Michele didn’t receive any budget related questions since the last meeting. Michael asked if we can wait until the next meeting to vote to allow further time to review the budget and submit more questions as he only saw the budget this weekend and there is a lot to look through.

Gregory asked for clarification regarding a star next to a line item on page 21 of the budget. Michele said that the star was likely a note to herself that she forgot to remove before sending out the budget to us. Rich wants to make sure everyone is aware that when you see line items on the

budget that look like they may be ICA related, and you may question why Recreation is paying for them, the reason is that until December 2018, Recreation and Sports Facilities were two separate Departments at UCSD; RFAB originated from Sports Facilities, so once they merged, Recreation took over those budget items. For example, Softball is managed by ICA, but the field is paid for by the 1995 RIMAC fee.

Tazio said that if it works for Rich and Michele, he doesn't think there would be any harm postponing the vote until the next meeting, although reaching quorum is essential. HE asked if anyone knows in advance if they can't make the next meeting? No one indicated that they would be away, so it was decided to postpone the vote until Week 7. Also, we need to make sure that any edits/changes to the budget will need to be made before the vote, so if you have questions, please ask them as soon as possible.

Michael asked how Michele keeps track of the spending for capital projects? How much things cost vs. how much we spend? Michele said that the 2021 is pretty close to the 2020 budget. Some funds that were not used will be rolling over from the past fiscal year. She doesn't have a report ready to go but she can draft one for the Board. Depending on the type of work being done there are different ways to track staff work hours. For example, sometimes we use contractors from UCSD Facilities Management, and we are billed from them. Other times, Recreation Staff work over-time hours and we need to calculate those by hand looking back at timesheets, so it can be difficult to get all of the data we need (at this time when we are not in the office) once the project is completed. Michael also asked, "how do I know what to approve?" Michele offered to go through the list of line items. Michele gave an example of the program area: Maintenance. Jeff Borden is the Supervisor of this area and he keeps track of when items need to be replaced and the maintenance schedule for things such as resurfacing the floors in the arena and replacing the lighting fixtures at NCRA. Jeff then sends requests to Michele and Rich for these items to added to the budget. Rich said that he could have someone from our crew send more examples, if we need them. Michael asked, if we are basically rubber stamping the budget with our approval? Rich said that you need to trust that we are experts at what we do, if we know that our truck has 150K miles on it that we need to replace it/do maintenance on it... but the bigger thing is that when you look at the budget, think about things like are the buildings are open long enough hours (when they are open)? Do we have enough squat racks? IS it clean enough? Do we have the right equipment? And from your estimate do you think we are spending too much or too little on those items?

Gregory said that a lot of the budget looks the same as it did last year, mostly what has changed is the capital projects list. Michele agreed and said that she usually puts out the capital project list earlier but with the Stay-at-Home Order due to covid-19, things were delayed this year. Somethings from this year are the network connections (last year it was work on the arena), screens on equipment in weight room (the old ones were the type you used with old style headphones), resurfacing tennis courts (every 7 years), access door alarms, emergency equipment.

Please use the next 2 weeks to ask questions. Tazio suggests that you look through the line items. While he can't advise you on your vote, make sure that Outback isn't buying 10 new vans, bring questions, trust the expertise but be skeptical at the same time.

Rich wants to make sure that it is in the minutes that there will be an impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on lack of revenue for Spring and Summer. When we return to campus, our process will not be to raise prices for students, staff and faculty to regain lost revenue. The Department is not

looking to raise the \$25 fee for the Rec Pass; we plan to make up for the loss by managing funds internally.

Vote on the 2020-21 Budget will take place at next Board Meeting – May 11, 2020.

**5) RFAB Elections:**

Meri thanked Tazio for taking over as she retired from being Chair. Week 7 the Board will vote on positions for Chair and Co-Chair of RFAB, and applications for the Member At Large positions will be made available. Please share with your college councils, or anyone who you think would make a great fit for the Board. Please email Meri and Tazio your nominations for Chair and Co-Chair by Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. Please be prepared to give a speech on Week 7, if you are nominated. Who can be a Member At Large? Anyone who is passionate about Recreation who can represent one of the colleges. Please let your college councils know that 2-year appointments are preferred for the Chair and Co-Chair positions. Reach out to Meri if you have questions. Tazio says it's best to have people who will bring diverse voices to the Board. Rich said it would be a great perspective to have a transfer student on the Board, if possible.

**6) Canyonview Referendum Update:**

While RFAB voted to delay the referendum vote until Spring 2021, instead of 2020 and it was taken into consideration by GSA and AS, UCOP brought new language and since that has happened, AS and GSA didn't have time to vote on the new language, so it didn't make it on the ballot anyway. The CV referendum vote will be postponed.

**7) Athletics Updates:**

Corey said that ICA started a new series called "In Their Own Words" on their website. The series shares stories from UCSD Athletes and how their lives were impacted by covid-19. Men's Basketball will be playing Berkeley November 10th. This is the first time in UCSD history that we have an All American on our Volleyball Team – Kyle McCauley received AVCA first-team All-American honors, and was also named the AVCA Newcomer of the Year, both historic firsts for the UCSD men's volleyball program. And his setter, Connor Walbrecht, made the AVCA second team, another first for the Triton program.

Triton Tide had it's first virtual event. 88 people attended. Look out for word of a partnership with AS this week for Triton Pride. Look out for upcoming events: Triton midterm trivia using questions from AS offices and campus, the person with the most, right answers, wins a pull for a \$100 gift card. Roll Call – where are you at? Let us know where you are! Triton Take over, Week 8 – Quarantine Check-in (similar to Spirit Week) Week 9 – Search for the Ultimate Triton Fan. Recreation and ICA are going to start an Instagram Challenge

**8) Facilities and Program Updates:**

Rich sent the Board an email with statistics from the “Playground.” Check this out to see who is using our space, who takes classes, track our web traffic. We will begin to offer personal training virtually. This will be at cost. Rec Card Holders will need to sign up with a trainer. If the trainer thinks that the client would benefit from using some needed equipment, there is opportunity for clients to come to RIMAC to check out such equipment.

With regards to the facilities, we will begin to interview construction management teams for the large broadcast cabling project installation. Hopefully this could lead to future academic partnerships. Also, there will be work in the Arena, the original piping from 1995 has cracked and needs to be repaired.

Michael sent an email to Michele and Rich with questions about the budget. Michele will answer forward his email to the Board and Michele and Rich will answer the questions via email.

**9) Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.**

**Next meeting May 11, 2020 from 12-1PM**

**This will be a virtual meeting – Zoom invite coming soon**