

RFAB Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021
Zoom Conference

In Attendance:

Tazio Capozzola – Chair, Member-At-Large	Ben Du – Graduate Student Association
Gabe Avillion – Co-Chair, Athletes Council (TAC)	Michael Ostertag – Graduate Student Association
Nikko Saito – Warren College	Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Dalia Nofal – Muir College	Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Tasnia Sharia – Revelle College	Corey Robinson – Assistant AD
Gregory Thein – Member At Large	Jessica Roswell – Assistant AD, Marketing
Eszter Heins – Recreation Leadership Council	Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation
Macey Rafter – UCSD Alumni	

1) Meeting called to order at 2:04PM

2) Winter Quarter Updates

Rich said tomorrow the new 45,000 sq ft outdoor weight-lifting space with Mono Sport Flex flooring at the Main Gym will open. It will be a great place to workout and stay safe. You must make a reservation and wear a mask. We are looking to get some outdoor fitness at Mesa, Canyonview and in front of RIMAC by Ridgewalk. Student and employee covid cases have doubled since Fall Quarter.

The amount of cases at UCSD would not be dramatic in the “real world” but for us as a campus, it is a significant difference, therefore the decision was made not have any indoor fitness activities for Winter Quarter, as safety is our priority. Approved activities: informal individual working out (no mask); a group working out (with masks); Rec Programs (with masks) and the Playground video library. We’re currently in the purple tier, but if we did go into the red tier, Rich doesn’t think it would be in our best interest to scramble to open before spring break. In Fall we were getting one email per week of a student testing positive, now we are getting one per day.

Tennis courts will be available reservation only and will have staff at the courts checking ID and monitoring the courts. Feedback: Need to sign up for Return to Learn Pass and classes to get full use.

Basketball court are open but no knockout, horse, or games. Frisbee golf course and the pool are open (one person per lane). Also, Master’s Swim (will go to 2 people per lane) and Club and intercollegiate swim

Michael and Ben said that graduate students aren’t signing up for the pool at Mesa. They also gave feedback about the pool, saying that in winter the pool doesn’t need to be supervised but needed for Spring.

Rich mentioned that one goal for this quarter is to prepare the FY2021-22 budget, so he can give drafts to us to help us plan and prepare for our vote on the budget in Spring Quarter. Michael asked Rich regarding reservations for the outdoor gym if there could be different time options for different days of the week to coincide with class schedules (for example MWF vs T Th). Michael sent Rich a schedule of class via the chat.

Rich says that we are planning on extending our reservations until 8PM. Michael says that most crowds/most students like to workout after classes and work. Gabe concurs.

Michael asked if the outdoor weight-lifting area and the Bar Park will also be monitored and if the height adjustments had been made. Rich said there will be no staffing at the Bar Park. Rich asked what was wrong with the equipment? Michael said it is too short for normal people. Rich will investigate it with his fitness experts.

Michael asked about the decaying equipment in the eucalyptus grove. Rich said they have removed some of the broken but later all that equipment will be going away to make way for running and Disc Golf. There won't be as much room for biking. They are still planning the Disc Field (as we are still in covid) but it should be open Fall Quarter 2021.

3) Planning for Winter Quarter and Beyond

Tazio and Gabe would like to have a discussion on how RFAB can have an impact and how we should proceed as we plan for the rest of the quarter and the school year. As Tazio and Gabe will be graduating at the end of Spring Quarter, there will be new opportunities for folks in the Fall. The general setting of a schedule for RFAB is like this: Fall – Welcome back; Winter – Dead period; Spring – Budget. As we are currently in the “dead period” we will require participation from the Board. In normal meetings, before covid, it was much easier for people to speak up than it is in a virtual setting. In our next meeting, we would like to set up a foundation for the rest of the quarter. Please come to the meeting with ideas pertaining to sustainability, social media, creating an online presence. What we establish can be for next year or it could be a collaboration with other groups. Tazio will send an email to the Board. This work could be helpful to RFAB boards for years to come by making it future Boards and Chairs to do their jobs. Think about what RFAB can do to make more meaningful contributions for most impact.

Rich echoed what Tazio shared, thinking back from the transition of SFAB to RFAB, there was a lot of work to do with transitioning, with covid here, the Board has a chance to have tremendous impact. Things that need to be addressed are: when chair/co-chairs are nominated; create a calendar outline; synergy between Rec and ICA. Thank you Tazio and Gabe for taking on this task. Rich also mentioned that although we are student focused, we want to get more input from Staff and Alumni groups so that we can reach out to them more directly.

4) Sustainability Discussion

Tazio said if we want to change what we want to focus on we will need feedback from the Board. Does anyone have any certain topics or ideas? Michael suggested using incentives to make using the facilities a habit – What do other places do? Tazio thinks that is a great idea and suggested reaching out to other schools to find out what they are doing. Gregory suggested a collaboration with entities

and utilize info from people who have been here for a long time. Heidi said that she would help collect data and is happy to work with Jessica or Rich and do whatever she can to help. Tazio said that having some ideas right now is exciting. He will send a targeted email for feedback.

5) Approval of Minutes: November 23, 2020

Gregory Thein motioned to approve the minutes; Michael Ostertag seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

6) Open Group Forum: Reports from colleges/organizations

N/A

7) ICA Updates

Corey said that Men's and Women's competition season of Basketball started before winter break. Women won their game last Saturday night. Its been exciting to see the hard work we put in and celebrate our Women's first D1 Team Win. More sports starting in a few weeks.

Jessica says that student programing is focused around our games. Last week they rolled out Virtual Fan Fest – a Triton Tide program every week. Also see "Ask an Athlete" this week spotlights Women's Soccer with live question and answer session.

In addition to Jessica's email HDH Triton Tide Menu – Blue lemon-aid for school spirit. Find on Mobile app. There is a bonus giveaway, next week is Spirit Week, not traditional, Road to Cup of Cheer Virtual Scavenger Hunt. Spirit kits and game days shirts. Goal to announce Cup of Cheer on ESPN3.

8) Recreation Program Updates

Grounds Supervisor retired in June, posting position. 2 Custodians from Rec went to FM. Shout out to the Full Time Staff. THA's report to Rec – the program has received campus acclaim and national recognition. This staffing is paid by the student fees and is doing great work. We hope to be back indoors soon.

9) Meeting adjourned at 2:50PM

Next meeting TBD

