

RFAB Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2020
Zoom Conference

In Attendance:

Tazio Capozzola – Chair, Member-At-Large	Macey Rafter – UCSD Alumni
Gabe Avillion – Co-Chair, Athletes Council (TAC)	Ben Du – Graduate Student Association
Nikko Saito – Warren College	Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Shresht Venkatraman – Eleanor Roosevelt	Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Dalia Nofal – Muir 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

1) Meeting called to order at 2:02PM

Tazio said that it would be a quick meeting. IF you need to get added to the email list – please let us know.

2) Postponing the CanyonView Vote Discussion

Rich would like feedback about the postponing the vote on the CV remodel and would like to discuss. Personally for Rich he thinks it is a good time to postpone until Spring of 2021 due to uncertainty of the Covid situation. \$22/quarterly fee will stay the same and currently those funds are going towards operations. A Vote for new construction would leverage a new building with 35000 sq. ft.

Ben Du asked about moving the RIMAC fee, but Rich said that is another topic he thought was for another time, but if the group thinks the time is now to let him know. Ben asked about selling it as a “fee reduction” or “resell”? Rich said that it would be a reduction – the RIMAC Fee was instated before the “return to aid” came about – so that would be 29% going to Financial Aid – that is the money that you manage will take a 29% hit... but in 2025, we will no longer be paying that 2 million back. Would that help us reinvest in more opportunities, or give back to students? That is for the students in 2025 to have that conversation. For you personally – do you see it as a good choice or bad choice? Ben said “yes” to “repurpose” the funds.

Tazio thinks the numbers will be low due to covid numbers and there is potential for confusion about the vote and student fees, so ultimately he thinks that delaying the vote is a better. Gregory brought up that Student Health pushed for voter turn out and re: lawsuits with student fees and now covid – trying right now to push for something doesn’t look good. Macey mentioned taking direction from the VC of Student Affairs and any information we get the rest of the quarter from AS and GSA can vote, no increase/decrease in fees. The wording will go to UCOP one more time.

Tazio asked if anyone was not getting the RFAB mails to let Julie and Tazio know.

3) Disc Golf Course in the Grove Vote Conversation

Rich told us that a Professor of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at San Marcos State University is designing an 18-hole disc golf course in the Grove – opening this spring. Feedback? The designer is well versed in designing outdoor activities. This will be a stand alone vote as we need to move quickly. It will nice to have a new amenity on campus.

Tazio has heard that a lot of people (students and staff) are excited about it. He asked if anyone had concerns? Ester asked if this would be taking away any shady spaces in the Grove? Rich explained that the Cross-Country trails would remain, also trails for running , biking and the trails that the Athletics Teams use will stay intact.

Macey mentioned that signage would be important since the only entry way is off the street it is hard to find your way around in the Grove. Also, where to park is a concern. They should put the first hold closest to the parking area. Heidi also mentioned that we should have maps that give good walking directions.

4) Approval of Minutes: May 26, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 & Nov. 9, 2020

Quorum was not reached; minutes were not approved.

5) Open Group Forum: Reports from colleges/organizations

Tazio said that he will reach out to the College Councils to push for proxies to come to meetings when the regular representatives cannot make it and hopefully next meeting we can approve the minutes from the meetings this quarter.

Tazio also mentioned that RFAB usually has historically hosted a sustainability event on campus during fall – a beach clean-up, etc. Does anyone have ideas for events, even socially distanced events?

Gregory mentioned collaborating with the Sustainability Center on campus via email, Instagram and with graphics – using reoccurring themes to make a difference.

Rich to send RFAB an invite to the Zoom meeting on Nov. 20th with UCSD Sustainability & Recreation Partnership

6) ICA Updates

Corey said that as of last week 23 sports have started team training to continue through Thanksgiving week and then ending for Fall Quarter, except for Basketball which will stick around for starting in Winter with the Big West finishing touched on the non-conference schedule – with no parents, students or fans allowed and will be reassess at a later date.

Jessica doesn't have any plans yet for Midnight Madness 2021. Still working with Triton Tide Leadership – want to have a stress-reliever Week 10 with Men's and Women's Basketball Teams. ESPN3 – should be able to access on campus. Look out for virtual activity – game day shirt

announcement – students to decide tomorrow via Triton Tide social media. Since there is no one in the building we will have to rely on virtual excitement.

7) Recreation Program Updates

Hoops are back up near Main Gym will be ready to play horse/knockout – announcement to come soon. IM horse tourney coming soon. Installing 48000 sq. ft. of outdoor fitness area starting Wednesday. You can reserve outdoor space starting 11/11/20 this week at Canyonview for 1 45-minute session. We are working with campus , even though San Diego is drifting back into the purple zone – our outside programs will be ok.

8) Meeting adjourned at 2:34PM

Next meeting November 23, 2020 from 2-3PM

This will be a virtual meeting