

RFAB Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2021
Zoom Conference

In Attendance:

Tazio Capozzola – Chair, Member-At-Large	Macey Rafter – UCSD Alumni
Gabe Avillion – Co-Chair, Athletes Council (TAC)	Michael Ostertag – UCSD G&PSA
Nikko Saito – Warren College	Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
An Vu – Muir College	Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Shresht Venkatraman – Eleanor Roosevelt College	Tom Rottler – Assoc. Director of Impact, Recreation
Solyana Chan – Thurgood Marshall College	Corey Robinson – Assistant AD, Athletics
Gregory Thein – Member At Large	Jessica Roswell – Asst. AD, Marketing, Athletics
Eszter Heins – Recreation Leadership Council	Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation
Ashlyn Mahoney – Office of Spirit and Athletics Outreach	

1) Meeting called to order at 12:02PM

2) Vaccine Site Update and Vote

On January 29th Rich asked Tazio to coordinate a virtual vote regarding the Third Floor of RIMAC becoming a vaccination site. As the Recreation Facilities Advising Board, this gave us the opportunity to provide our input.

Some information from Rich: "This site will be vaccinating UC Health customers, students, staff, and faculty. The plan now is to be done or relocate the site before the start of Fall Quarter 2021." Also, a quick reminder that the third floor of RIMAC is not currently being used for any programming due to the pandemic. Staff working on the floor will relocate for the time being.

Voting Options

YES: Supports the use of RIMAC 3rd floor being used as a campus vaccination site until September 10, 2021.

NO: Does not support the use of RIMAC's 3rd floor as a campus vaccination site for the next 6 months. If you would like to suggest another end date, vote NO, and explain that you would like to vote for another end date.

Results

Yes (12): Macey Rafter, Nikki Saito, Heidi Carty, Easter Heins, Gregory Thein, Ashlyn Mahoney, Michael Ostertag, Ben Du, Gabriel Avillion, An Vu, Shresht Venkatraman, Tazio Capozzola

No (1): Tasnia Sharia – No specific end date given. Tasnia was in favor of having the vaccination site at RIMAC but thought the site should stay open past 9/10/21.

Rich thanked the Board for their participation and informed us that the site opened yesterday and will be open 7 days per week. Yesterday 400 people were vaccinated and today there should be 900 people vaccinated. Currently persons are eligible to be vaccinated based on criteria and guidance from the California Department of Public Health and other health agencies. Initial operations at RIMAC will focus on vaccinating eligible UC San Diego Health patients as well as eligible UC San Diego faculty and staff. Once up and running we should do 4000 vaccines a day. Also, stay away from Hopkins Drive, as floors 3-7 of Hopkins are reserved for vaccines visitors. Rady's parking lot is also closed for handicapped. Pangea is open.

The site is looking for volunteers. Please share this with your constituents. Volunteers may have a chance of getting vaccinated at the end of the day if there are vaccines left over from the day – but there is no guarantee. Hypothetically, if you are going to volunteer to get the vaccine – you should volunteer for the end of the day.

Tom asked if there were any questions/comments. Gregory thinks the site is fine for the short term until the pandemic dies down. Michael said that G&PSA is against extending the site due to financial reasons considering the number of student fees, G&PSA would prefer another outdoor fitness area or a new initiative. This is what Rich had in mind and asked Michael to get more feedback from others. Michael asked about the cost of keeping the 3rd floor maintained and open. Rich would like to compare costs: amount if we were to rent out the 3rd floor full time as is; amount to run the 3rd floor with the vaccination site running per month; amount of regular activities if we were closed per month; amount it costs to keep clean and stay open during covid. At the highest level, the Chancellor wanted you to vote on this. We will continue the discussion on the cost to determine if this is a good investment. Michael brought up that these are student fees being used by general UC Health. Gregory pointed out that vaccinations are in line with the well-being component of Rec and that Rec has been doing virtual events. Plus, eventually students can get vaccinated there. Tazio wants to reevaluate the hosting of the vaccine site if it will be extended after 9/10/21.

3) Approval of Minutes: January 26, 2021

Gregory motioned to approve the minutes; Gabe seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

4) Outdoor Fitness Area: Feedback & Potential Hours

On behalf of the RLC, Eszter asked for feedback regarding the Outdoor Fitness Area at the Main Gym and what hours should it be open. Tazio says it gets lots of foot-traffic, but his team was told not to walk on Ridge Walk. He is interested in a similar set up in front of RIMAC, but that wouldn't be possible now with the vaccines site and suggested a field as another option. Michael says that students like to work out later in the afternoon/evening and wants to have it open after sunset. 7 – 9PM is an ideal workout time. Michael wants the RIMAC outdoor fitness area to be scaled similar to the pit at RIMAC or same as the one at Main Gym. Eszter says it will probably be like the one at Main Gym, but will have bench and dumbbell access (but not the Pit). Rich said currently with the vaccine site we have no outdoor space on the West side of RIMAC. Michael said it might be too much trouble to move the equipment. Gregory said lots of people express interest to have anything on this side of campus at this point. Rich suggested Marshall Tennis Court: is it more important as a court or outdoor fitness space? Rich said we can vote on this at next meeting. Tazio said he could get the number of registrations for Marshall Court and North Courts to compare and see how much

use the Marshall Court gets; but sees benefit to using the court as fitness space. Michael said “Yes to fitness Space”. Gabe is also for fitness space. This will be an agenda item next meeting. Ask your colleges and organizations for feedback. Michael asked if the 2 courts by 6th College could be used as fitness space.

5) **RFAB Restructure Discussion**

Tazio is inviting you to attend the RFAB Chair Meeting (same time/zoom link as this meeting) next week. We are having a discussion on the restructuring of RFAB. We want RFAB to be more interactive and student driven. Tazio has a few people in mind that he will send emails to directly, but everyone is welcome.

We would like to move appointments to Spring Quarter. We know that ERC appoints a rep in Spring. Solyana - Marshall appoints reps week 5. They would have to vote to amend the change. Tazio asked everyone to please say to have board members appointment ASAP to get all college’s input. If you can amend the constitution, please do. We are dealing with money, so we have a lot of influence. Nikki – Great opportunity for freshmen, although some experience with how campus works would be beneficial. Shresht – ERC is onboard with appointing a spring rep. That is actually better for us.

Tazio asked if everyone was able to complete the assignment from last time – Ask your college/org if they can change the time they appoint the RFAB rep to Spring Quarter and let him know what they say. If you haven’t done this, get an answer for next meeting or email the answer to Tazio. Tazio or Gabe can represent you if you need assistance.

6) **Spring Break**

Tom Rottler, Associate Director of Recreation, Impact, joined us today. As our Risk Manager, he met with the Student Affairs Committee Activities Programs about Spring break. After Winter Break covid rate increased. To avoid another increase again, potentially from all over campus have come together to encourage students to stay on campus for Spring Break, Tom shared an overview of the program. There will be difference tracks of activities to choose from all areas of campus, such as research, career internships, performance and art, academic enrichment, health and wellbeing, adventure and fun (Rec/Tom’s role), and more.

Recreation’s track will be called “Recchella”. Tom will work with a group of 12-13 Prostaff to participate in the planning. The group plans to look at ideas that have worked in the past, like moonlight hikes, fitness, surfing, kayaking & yoga. There will be several campus announcements. With no in-person student events this past year, SA recognizes need for personal interaction. (Some other ideas: Roller rink at Main Gym, Relaxation retreat, Carnival Circus Day, Esports, trivia, MBAC). Tom asks the Board “would students want to do it?”.

Gabe asked what the timeline is for having the schedules finalized. His concern is people are in process of making plans or have already made plans to leave. The Campus Wide Committee meets next week so Tom will get them to make as decision ASAP.

Michael asked if there was transportation for students to and from the events. Tom said that campus shuttles are running at 50% capacity. So they can take 16 students at a time. Michael said it would be fun to have a lot of activities in one place for one day (all day). Tom will share this feedback. If you have more ideas please email Tom.

7) Open Group Forum: Reports from colleges/organizations

Gregory says that the tennis court lights at Muir needs to be fixed. If you play at 5pm there is no light.

Ashlyn shared an event being hosted by the Black Staff History Month, **In My Own Words - My Story as a Black Man in America** featuring Earl Edwards later this week! Registration link: ucsdtritons.com/BHM

8) ICA Updates

Men's and Women's Basketball is in season with 1 month left. Productive meeting with camps for Spring sports to start in the next few weeks, competition in 7-10 days. Triton Tide calendar dropped. There is an external event for Black Staff History Month, **In My Own Words - My Story as a Black Man in America** featuring Earl Edwards. On Friday 2/26 we are playing our rival UCI – there will be a Smack Talk Campaign – why you choose to be a Triton over other schools – there will be prizes. Also we are planning for Spring sports.

9) Recreation Program Updates

Vaccine site up and running. Have not yet gotten confirmation on Triton Fit Park extend hours. Tazio reminded everyone to come to the Chair Meeting next week. Julie to email you a link.

10) Meeting adjourned at 1:01PM