

RFAB Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2021
Zoom Conference

In Attendance:

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

1) Meeting called to order at 12:03PM

2) Recreation Area Updates: Rich Mylin

Rich thanked Tazio, Gabe, Gregory, and Macey for attending the RFAB Chair Meeting last week and bringing their ideas to improve the format of the RFAB Meetings. The group thought we sometimes miss out on information, or discussions, by having Rec and ICA updates at the end of the meetings – so they were moved to the top of the agenda. Also, for the Rec updates, Rich will be giving the more global updates, he is working with RLC and our RLC Rep, Eszter Heins, will be giving the updates most relevant to our group.

Eszter started by mentioning that at RLC, they do updates at the beginning as well. The Triton Fit Park (the one by the Main Gym) will be getting new squat racks and there has been good feedback about the Fit Park; We are hiring people to take tennis court reservations and a Fac Sup will be monitoring the tennis courts. The vaccination site is still very active. Marshall Tennis Court is being looked at to become another outdoor fitness area. The iPad app has been approved. Outback will be doing day trips during Spring Break. FitLife has been filming for Tritons Go!

Rich will be meeting with Rec Program Managers about budgets for their particular areas March 1st through March 12th and plans to have a preliminary budget to send you before the first Spring RFAB Meeting. During that the first half of that meeting we can have a conversation about it. Just to give you a heads-up, there is a large budget item that you will see for \$500,000 to replaster the pool at Canyonview, and another to invest in Warren Field (synthetic turf). Warren fields is important because it will be the first thing people will see at the new Trolley stop to Campus. Julie or Rich will email out the budget once complete, please look at it.

Michael would like a list of last years capitol projects and see the reasoning why items were accepted or rejected, and how much of these projects were accomplished. Capital projects for this budget period are due by 3/20/21. Michael would prefer this information before the first meeting and would like more than a 5-word description of each project. Rich will get the Board the following:

- FY21-22 Budget with capital projects list with descriptions
- Capital projects list from FY20-21 that was submitted to the Department.

3) **Intercollegiate Athletics: Jessica Roswell**

We are in a cross season between Winter and Spring Sports. There are approximately 9 sports for Spring. Softball won their first game with 2 Big West Players of the Week. Men's Basketball won in overtime against Irvine. Women's Water Polo is playing Saturday, Softball and Baseball can be seen on ESPN3, and Volleyball can be seen on Big West TV. Men's and Women's Tennis, Rowing and Golf will also be competing. The Soccer Press Box is almost complete, and a windscreen will be installed at the baseball field.

What is usually call "Spirit Week" will be called "Rivalry Week" this year. There is an event you can register for at the link below. Blue & Gold Fan Fest Registration:

<https://ucsd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtdOippjsjGtaTUQ6qbrEfQkMHoHMjOZb5>

A new daily challenge dropped to encourage everyone to watch the games and wear blue and gold. We are looking for what we can do in person safely with reduced staff. Watch ESPN3! We are making waves in D1!

4) **Open Group Forum: Reports from Colleges/Organizations**

Tazio already likes the new format.

Eszter gave us an update on the Marshall Fit Park. Lots of LRC Members think that using the court as an outdoor fitness park is a good use of the space and equipment. It's efficient and fast to set up and take down. We could use tarps to cover the equipment if it rains. May need to hire more staff. They were curious if other tennis courts could be used for this purpose else-where.

Macey was at the vaccination site and said it looks really good with the branding, seems to be working well on behalf of other staff members, over-all it's a good operation. Tazio said it has gotten much busier and he is excited to see it at maximum capacity.

Nikki, Warren Rep, said that because her College Council has most applicants starting in Fall they choose to fill positions in Fall. She had a discussion with them and suggested having the new person shadow a voting member. Carrying over for 2 years and then be Rep next year.

Tazio likes the idea and thinks that would be a good introduction to RFAB so that everyone's in the same page. The meetings are open, and Warren is welcome. It would be best if they could join as early as possible in Spring. Maybe arrange for them to come in Spring to be a protégé of a current member – great suggest!

Rich realizes that everyone has their commitments, if someone could be a non-voting member then, then become one, he is a huge fan of someone who can commit to a 2-year cycle. We could treat this person as a member, they just won't be able to vote. This would also guarantee a rep will at the meeting and could proxy vote if the voting member can't make it.

Jessica seconded this motion. It's very difficult when you get someone in Week 5 – she thinks this is a great idea. Everyone on the Board has difference Leadership but Rec and ICA can support this idea.

Michael says for G&PSA it might be difficult but it's a good idea for them to see the budget process in Spring.

Gregory says they do a similar thing at SFA by showing for part of the role then the voting student can tell the shadow to update the organization on budgets, etc.

Tasnia says that Revelle appoints their rep in Spring. She came on in Fall because the past Rep graduated.

ERC – Spring

Marshall – Fall: Week 5

Muir – Late January

Revelle – Spring

Reach out to your College Council/Organization, if you haven't already, to ask them when they appoint their RFAB Rep and ask for an arrangement similar to Nikki's, or Early as possible in Fall.

5) Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2021

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

6) Marshall Tennis Court Discussion & Vote: Rich Mylin

Tazio asked the Board to discuss and get feedback from their organizations about having a new outdoor fit park. Now we are wondering about costs and reservations.

Rich said the Fire Marshal thinks we may need to do some modifications. It will cost ~\$1800 to rent/quarter to rent a tent. The equipment will be wheeled in/out of the tent. There will need to be a covering for the floor at ~\$10,000. Approximately \$25,000 Total. Which we would have spent at RIMAC anyway. This will be a pop-up fitness area for Spring. Opening Thursday of finals week and ready to for Spring Quarter. What type of future would we expect for this venue? Only for Spring quarter or beyond? Could we have smaller workout station areas with sports flooring?

Rich is not sure what to do for staffing for Spring Quarter. There are still enough tennis courts available on campus.

Tazio to determine whether the park be short term or long term, we could get a sense of how frequently used the court is by the number of reservations.

Michael said the number we serve is only for Spring and Summer usage. How long would it take to turn it back into a tennis court?

Rich says with stations it would be ready to go before spring break. It takes 72 hours to turn it back into a tennis court.

Ben said that tennis is popular with many students and is perhaps a more COVID-safe option than a workout park plus adds that the GPSA finance committee is generally not in favor of the idea.

Greg says that the Marshall courts would be better utilized as a workout park.

Ben asked to see tennis court reservation information and Rich shared that there has been 588 reservations available this year with 170 of them being used for a take rate of approximately 30%. Following this information, Gabe said that it would be preferable to use the space as a workout park.

Solyana discussed with the Marshall council and is in favor of converting to a workout space but expressed questions about how the space would be kept safe and appropriately sanitized. Rich said that the reservation system of 45 minutes at a time with 15 minutes between sessions for cleaning will be used and that there will be two staff members present at all times to monitor the park.

From RCC, Tasnia says that generally everyone is in favor of the idea so long as it is a temporarily situation until COVID restrictions have allowed normal activities to return.

Vote on whether to convert Marshall Tennis Courts to a workout park:

In Favor:

- Tazio
- Gabe
- Nikki
- Solyana
- Greg
- Macey
- Ben
- Ester
- Tasnia
- Ashlyn
- An
- Michael
- Heidi

Opposed:

Abstain:

Tazio asked for opinions on surface type for workout park space and whether people would prefer to use a temporary flooring option that is less expensive or a more expensive permanent option. The temporary flooring doesn't need to be adhered to the ground, creates temporary workout stations, and would cost between \$25,000 - \$30,000 in total. The permanent option would require approximately four weeks to setup so may not be open until Week 1 of spring quarter and it may not be possible to play tennis on it as the courts may need to be redone after using this flooring option. The permanent option would cost between \$110,000 - \$110,000. Most of the board agrees that the temporary flooring option would be preferable.

Vote on duration of using Marshall Tennis Courts as a workout park:

Leave open until Fall:

- Tazio

- Gabe
- Nikki
- Solyana
- Greg
- Macey
- Ben
- Ester
- Tasnia
- Ashlyn
- An
- Michael
- Heidi

Discuss in Spring:

Abstain:

Following the vote on how long to keep the space as a workout park, Rich said that we will plan to keep the park open up through Week 2 of fall quarter in 2021 when RFAB will be able to vote on the topic.

Michael brought up tennis courts at sixth college and asked about a possible workout park there. Rich said that he is meeting with HDH to discuss this possibility and see what other outdoor opportunities may exist for spring quarter.

7) Chair Meeting Discussion & Updates: Tazio Capozzola

8) Meeting adjourned at 1:03PM