

**RFAB Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2020**  
**Zoom Conference**

**In Attendance:**

Meri Yedigaryan – Chair, Member-At-Large	Eszter Heins – Rec Leadership Council
Tazio Capozzola – Co-Chair, Member-At-Large	Gregory Thein – Member of the Public
Gabe Avillion – Triton Athletes Council (TAC)	Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Shresht Venkatraman – Eleanor Roosevelt College	Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Nina Vo – Eleanor Roosevelt College	Earl Edwards – Director ICA
Kevin Sweeny – Graduate Student Association	Richard Kilwien – Sr. Assoc. Dir. ICA, Ext. Ops.
Macey Rafter – Alumni Council	Jessica Roswell – Assistant AD, Marketing
Haven Ahn – Marshall College	Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation

**1) Meeting called to order at 12:03 PM:**

**2) Open Group Forum:**

Tazio asked Members of the Board to email him to let him know when their College Council term will be ending and when a new RFAB Member will be nominated so that we are not low on participants in the beginning of Fall Quarter.

**3) Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2020 – Minutes approved without objections:**

Macey motioned to approve. Gabe seconded the motion.

**4) End of year review:**

Tazio sent an email on 5/18/20 asking each board member to come to the last meeting prepared with as a sort of “end of year review” that will consist of a 1-2-minute statement addressing the following items:

- Discuss your experience with RFAB/Recreation this year. Have the meetings been run sufficiently? Is there anything you would like the board or the Recreation professional staff to focus on in future meetings? What has been done well?
- Is there anything that Recreation should be focusing on going into next Fall? This can focus on increasing student participation, the transition necessary as we (hopefully!) return to in-person classes sometime next year, or anything else you have in mind!

Rich added that he really appreciates the feedback and encouraged Board Members that if they don't share today, for them to share over email or Zoom anytime between now and Fall. He also mentioned that this may be the first Summer that RFAB may be active virtually during Summer, so keep in touch and keep your eyes open for any emails we might send out. We will be sharing information as we get it regarding opening up and being ready for Fall.

Gabe said that one thing that he thought that we did very well was to have conversations and provide feedback to Recreation and he liked being involved in the process of making decisions. Gabe

thinks that one thing we can do better is to make sure that all of the Board Members are on the same page with what is going on in our discussions by providing a brief overview of topics. Sometimes it seemed like some Members were not sure what was going on.

Tazio added that this will be especially helpful when we get new members to get everyone up to speed in the Fall.

Rich asked if the Board would prefer to meet more often than our regularly scheduled every other week? Gabe and Tazio think that Every other week is good unless there are specific issues to discuss and then those could be scheduled more often on a case by case basis, either via Zoom or in-person.

Rich, Tazio and Gabe will be talking over Summer, but Rich asked what the groups thoughts were on keeping Zoom access to meetings over Fall? Gabe said that he knows a lot of students that have all online classes, so it would be good to have Zoom access, although in-person meetings are more productive. Tazio said he will be on campus but thinks it is important to have in-person and Zoom options since in-person meetings encourage more feedback and discussion. Tazio will be emailing the Board about to discuss the meeting time for Fall once he and Gabe get their schedules. Also, once they get the meeting time, they will be posting the Member At Large (MAL) position on the Recreation website. Week Zero is when we plan to make a decision on the MAL position, if the Board is engaged and willing to meet.

Gregory said that this year went really well and there were a lot of big ideas/opinions. He likes to see the impact of the Boards' effort on such measurable items as the Rec Activity Pass. One challenge that he sees is how the collages are structured, with so many entities – it makes it difficult to keep communication going. For example, RLC has gone through 3 Executive Chairs.

Tazio said that from his past 2 years' experience with RFAB, he thinks we did a better job discussing individual college events and this year it seemed that the Open Group Forum was under-utilized. Possibly we could use that time for different organizations, like TAC or AS could come talk to us.

Rich asked what the Board thought of using the first 10-15 minutes of the Board meeting for Open Group Forum to open it up to the public via Zoom in get new perspectives, the was AS does? Tazio, Gabe and Rich to further discuss this over Summer.

Tazio also suggests having RFAB talk at current events and possibly teaming up with LRC and TAC to have a bigger presence, for example at the Sustainability Event.

Regarding the referendum Vote on CV (before it was postponed) what was good? What did you learn that you would want to do again, or is there something you want different? Rich wants to make sure we don't waste time next year going over the same issues we did this year. Tazio asked if anyone thinks that there were gaps in the information that was given? Gabe said that the information Rich provided was great and he wouldn't change anything.

Rich said that if you would like to add anything to the agenda, please let Rich, Tazio, Gabe or Julie know. Rich also want you to let us know if you would like an ICA Coach or some of the Rec Program Directors to present to the group. Rich also wanted to know if the Facility/Program updates need to be more proactive, instead of stating what we have already accomplished? Tazio and Gabe both agreed that yes it would be helpful to learn from having Staff present so they can share more about

what the different areas of Recreation do. Rich said for the Board to think about it over the summer and let us know which areas you would like to hear from.

Rich asked what we could do better to support Staff members and Alumni? Macey said that she doesn't think that staff are aware of what Recreation has to offer for them. Macey suggest more emails to staff, or other types of marketing. For Alumni, Macey thought they knew about the offerings, but it would be best to reach a wider audience. Heidi agreed with Macey. Jessica recent sent out something to staff re: free tickets to a game from the Staff Association. One thing that came up is that staff didn't know where to go for the event. We used to have the Triton Pride: "Wear blue and gold on Friday" to support the teams. Jessica suggested having an Instagram challenge for staff to win gift cards for posting pictures with the hashtag.

Rich asked for feedback regarding having a reservation system for workouts at RIMAC and CV. We are likely to propose 45-minute workout time and then 15-minutes in between reservations to clean. You can email your feedback to Rich if you didn't read the email yet. IS 45 minutes long enough? Macey asked if there will be dividers between workout stations, or if people will be spaced apart. Gabe talked to some peers and he doesn't think that we will be able to make everyone happy, but he is concerned about the availability of resources once you are inside the building. Will you actually be able to get your work out done in 45 minutes depending on capacity of people inside?

Rich said that there will be no dividers, but since we are not having basketball, we can move the cardio equipment into the Aux Gym to be well spread out. As we learn more about what types of activities will be allowed to offer, we will be able to plan for social/physical distancing.

Macey asked about the Pool, will they close every other lane? Rich said there will be one person per lane. Most likely no locker room.

#### **5) Athletics Updates – Richard Kilwien**

Richard Kilwien said this year ended in D2 in March with our successful Basketball Teams unable to play. Men's Volleyball was in the top 10 and already in D1, but they can't play. Our transfer to D1 and Big West fees are due to NCAA. The transition includes new rules for coaches and athletes, so there is a lot of work to do. Coaches and teams will be meeting to keep leadership engaged. NCAA volunteering activities don't really apply to us, since there is no place for athletes to go. It is important to understand that we are in crisis mode, more than games and general competition.

Gabe gave a shout out to ICAs work with CAPS regarding mental health Zoom sessions. Mental health selfcare is important when your identity is tied to your sport and all of a sudden it came to an end. It was a very good webinar – thank you!

The new Commissioner of the Big West is Dan Butterly. He is very experienced and will bring more attention to UCSD. Fall sports will continue with our plan of 'Return to Learn' until we are told that we can't.

The Broadcast project with ESPN 3 is on track to be completed in October. This will allow academic programs in broadcasting and student work position that focus to integrate ICA with other campus programs to enhance the student experience.

Jessica mentioned this is a big pride moment. She is working with Meri on Triton Tide and plans to reconfigure the Leadership Council with 12 students.

**6) Big West Update from Earl Edwards:**

Earl said he commends you all and wanted to thank all of you for the role you played in RFAB! He can't think of an more student-centered group. Thank you all for your innovative and creative participation with ICA and Recreation.

**7) Facilities and Program Updates:**

Rich also thanked the Board for their work throughout the year. Special thanks to Meri, Tazio and Gabe! Next year's focus for you as a Board will be on opening CV. Rich, Tazio and Gabe will be meeting over the Summer to get ready for Fall. Another item Rich would like feedback on, is since you can't come to school, how are people feel? Do you feel comfortable? What would make you feel comfortable?

Heidi asked if she could send out an email to the Board, so they could share it with their constituents the UCUES survey and its important role on campus. Thanks to Rich and Jessica for promoting the survey as well. Please take the time to complete the survey. Encourage your peers to complete the survey as well. As mentioned, your feedback is critical as the survey is utilized across campus to guide the University on improving the undergraduate experience. We thank you for your time and sharing your experiences with us.

**8) Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.**

**Next meeting May 26, 2020 from 12-1PM**

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