

**RFAB Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2021**  
**Zoom Conference**

**In Attendance:**

Tazio Capozzola – Chair, Member-At-Large	Ben Du – UCSD G&PSA
Gabe Avillion – Co-Chair, Athletes Council (TAC)	Ashlyn Mahoney – Office of Spirit and Athletics Outreach
Nikko Saito – Warren College	Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
An Vu – Muir College	Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Solyana Chan – Thurgood Marshall College	Corey Robinson – Assistant AD, Athletics
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	
Michael Ostertag – UCSD G&PSA	

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

**2) Recreation Area Updates: Eszter Heins & Rich Mylin**

This will be Eszter's last day as the RFAB RLC Rep, Omar will be taking over in Spring Quarter. Aquatics will be staffing the pool at Mesa housing. Over Spring Break Recreation will be hiring more staff to help setting up heavy lifting equipment. We are moving forward with the Marshall Fit Park. It will have athletic flooring; a tent and we will be hiring staff for FitLife and scheduling. Applications can be found on Handshake. E-Sports has 8 new competitions where people are earning money in tournaments. Squat racks, benches, dumbbells, and other equipment will be pulled out of RIMAC and moved to Marshall Fit Park by 3/29/21.

Regarding the opening of the Mesa pool, G&PSA students with families (a spouse and/or children) have access to the pool without purchasing a Rec Card. Rich would like to have a conversation with the G&PSA Reps to discuss whether or not, spouses will be allowed to use the outdoor fitness space because it is part of the housing, not an amenity (This is how Recreation sees it).

Rich would like to have a conversation about capital planning Spring Quarter, so we will be sending out a email with more information around Week 2. Another conversation Rich would like to have is about canceling the Canyonview Project and reporting it to have multiple architects bid on the project again. Due to covid, there has been new thinking about buildings between Recreation and Campus. The vaccination site is up and running and we are on track to open the Marshall Fit Park.

### **3) Intercollegiate Athletics: Corey Robinson & Jessica Roswell**

The number of Spring sports in competition is up. There are currently 8 sports going on. One highlight is the Fencing Team wins in Colorado Springs (5 on Men's Team/ 5 on Women's Team).

This is a link to Triton Tide Leadership Council Interest Form 2021:

<https://forms.gle/R9kQPuYbdAgi9oeo7>

For students who are Interested in making an impact in the student experience. Triton Tide is the official student section and engagement group of UC San Diego. Who are all about supporting Tritons through social activities to help drive school spirit and fun! Fill out this form to let us know you want to join the best student org on campus!

There is talk of partial fans in the stands for Spring sports. Working on the Marketing plan for students as we head into Spring. Watch the competitions on ESPN3. More details at the first Spring meeting of Triton Tide.

### **4) Open Group Forum: Reports from Colleges/Organization**

Starting this meeting we have changed the format of the agenda so that the Recreation and Athletic updates are at the beginning of the meeting instead of the end. Tazio asked if anyone had an issue with this change. There were no issues with the new format.

Rich mentioned that the CDC had announced that indoor work will now be allowed. He wants to compare the cost of keeping the Marshall Fit Park open during summer/the school year verses moving back into the equipment back into the RIMAC Weight Room as we move into Fall Quarter. We can't have the Marshall Fit Park open if the RIMAC Weight Room is open. Unless we invest in something meaningful, we can't have both at the same time (because it is the same equipment). As we are opening up to work indoors we need to determine what will be open in terms of weight training for Fall. RFAB will help to determine this actions. Please get feedback from your constituents as there may be a vote. The future of the Triton Fit Park will need to be determined (to say outdoors or to go back to basketball) as we get into Week 8/10 of Spring Quarter.

Michael asked if we could get the dollar amounts for the costs of buying equipment to keep the Marshall Fit Park open and future cost of the Triton Fit Park.

Gregory said that the biggest things for him is that we have voted to keep the vaccination site until September 9<sup>th</sup>, but when will RIMAC open?

Rich said that RFAB voted to keep the site open until 9/10/21 but we haven't hit maximum capacity and it is still too early to tell if the vaccination site until 9/10/21. It could be moved to the Price Center. Also, the Fitness Gym on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the RIMAC Building has 2 separate entrances, so if Campus give its approval – there are 2 separate air handlers. If not, we may move the vaccination site out to a tent with the goal of 9/17/21. Although there

will be no chance that the RIMAC will be open before the end of the school year. Michael is concerned that if RIMAC is not opened that students won't have access to lockers if the vaccination site is still active.

**5) Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2021**

Gregory motioned to approve the 2/23/21 minutes. Eszter seconded that motion. February 23, 2021 minutes approved. It was mentioned to get the minutes and agendas updated on the Recreation website, Julie said that she would make sure that happened. Michael asked about having a Google Drive to store all of the RFAB documents to have them all in one place. Tazio said that he would work on that.

**6) Marshall Tennis Court Discussion Update: Rich Mylin**

Tennis court reservations will be opening up to the community with the purchase of a New membership category to keep the courts open, safe, and open up times for students, staff, and faculty. There will be a Tennis stand alone membership for people who only play tennis and don't need access to other facilities. Currently we are reviewing pricing for a monthly membership. Michael asked if it would coast more to set up the new membership that the amount of money we could make off of the memberships and would it be worth it? Rich said that the goal is to get it open as a service. It will probably take about 4 hours of work total to create the new membership, so it is worth it. Gregory said there are a lot of community members using the Marshall Tennis Court and he thinks the tennis only membership will be very affordable for them. Tazio questioned whether people from the community would come all the way to campus just to play tennis if they already had a membership.

**7) RFAB Schedule Discussion: All Board Members**

Tazio shared his screen to show us a slide presentation of his plan for the schedule of Board meetings for Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters for RFAB. The idea is to have consistent agenda topics booked for specific meetings during each quarter and then to sprinkle additional topics in as needed. For example, Spring Quarter – Week 2: Intro to Budget & Scope of fees; Week 4: Marketing & Athletics; Week 6: Instructional Programs, Outback; Week 8: FitLife & Sports Club; and Week 10: 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Meeting & spending over the summer. This way when we talk about Outback trips or budget items, we will all be on the same page and everyone will know what we are talking about.

In Winter, we plan to execute an event and discuss Summer spending and the budget. Eszter asked if it would be Board Members or Program Directors coming to speak to us about different topics – it will be Program Directors, or other representatives, schedules allowing.

Spring Quarter is will be budget focused and there will be a vote on the budget at the Week 8 Meeting. RFAB Elections for Chair and Co-Chair positions are also Week 8. This is also the time when you can let us know if you will be able to stay on the boards for another year and we will have an end of year review and follow up.

Eszter requested that in Fall Quarter we a Program Director, or Representative, from Aquatics peak to the Board – but not a student.

#### **8) Sustainability Rep Discussion: Tazio Capozzola**

Tazio showed a slide about having Sustainability Representative that would be appointment in Winter Quarter. The main goal for the rep would be to form connections with other sustainability partners on campus, and to host at least one sustainability event during the year. This would help to take some of the responsibility away from the Chair and Co-Chair, so they can get more done. A Health and Wellness Representative is a secondary goal, but this may be too much to expect to do by Fall Quarter. Another idea is to have 2 Sustainability Reps to coordinate at least one additional event.

Tazio asked if there were any questions or comments, or if we should just try it to see if it works? Gabe thinks it is a good idea and important to have a Health and Wellness Rep, since this is in line with Recreations mission. Rich suggested a G&PSA Board Member as the Health and Wellness Rep, since they may have more connections with other on campus that work in these areas. Rich asked that the slides are sent out to the Board before Week 2 for to review so we can finalize edits. Michael suggested celebrating Fitness Month and give out prizes to students for coming to the gym.

How will the reps be chosen? By appointment or vote? It might depend on the demand for the position. If we were to appoint someone, how would that work? Michael suggested rotating between 2 reps (2 for sustainability and 2 for Health and Wellness). Perhaps one freshman (or someone new to UCSD) be paired with someone who has been here a while that could meet of off weeks. People raise their hands if they think asking people to volunteer would be a better idea. Rich suggested that a Department Mentor with knowledge in Rep's area could be assigned to be available the Rep to help them with whatever they are working on for the Board. Tazio agrees with Michael about not having two college council members do it every year. Michael asked if it would be possible to give the people who volunteer to be Reps (or are appointed once it is decided), could be given coffee gift cards to encourage them to meet up outside of the Board meetings so that can transfer historic knowledge/information to the new Rep. Rich said that he would check with the Business Office to find out what dollar amount is allowable. Tazio will edit the slides.

#### **9) Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM**