

RFAB Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2021
Zoom Conference

In Attendance:

Tazio Capozzola – Chair, Member-At-Large
Gabe Avillion – Co-Chair, Athletes Council (TAC)
An Vu – Muir College
Solyana Chan – Thurgood Marshall College
Nikki Saito – Warren College
Casey Lee – Sixth College
Anush Ghoogasian – (Proxy) Eleanor Roosevelt College
Gregory Thein – Member At Large
Macey Rafter – Alumni Representative
Omar Ceron-Santiago – Rec Leadership Council

Ashlyn Mahoney – Office of Spirit and Athletics Outreach
Michael Ostertag – UCSD G&PSA
Ben Du – UCSD G&PSA
Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Lourdes Dawson – Business Manager, Recreation
Tom Espinoza – Financial Analyst, Recreation
Roger Castillo – Financial Serv. Analyst, Recreation
Jessica Roswell – Asst. AD, Marketing, Athletics
Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation

1) Meeting called to order at 12:04PM

2) Recreation Area Updates: Omar Ceron-Santiago

Omar gave us the Rec update. Things are status quo. The Fit Parks are still very active, and classes are getting reservations. There is construction going on near Canyonview, which may cause schedule changes.

3) Intercollegiate Athletics: Corey Robinson & Jessica Roswell

Spring season sports, such as Men's Volleyball and Women's Water Polo are competing. Women's Water Polo will host champions of the Big West for the first time. Shout out to Marc Beasley and Andrew Christiansen from Recreation for their help setting up for sporting events. Baseball is wrapping thing up.

Triton Tide is putting put a series of 3 surveys over the next few weeks to give students a chance to share their voice on what types of events they want this coming fall. Some of this information went out in the Triton Tide Newsletter. Triton Tide Surveys:

<https://forms.gle/qYqysQhM48jVWToA8>

4) Open Group Forum: Reports from Colleges/Organization

Macey, Alumni Rep and Coach for the Women's Water Polo Club Team Captain, requested benches or some type of seating in front of Canyonview to sit on before and after practice. There is no place to sit when waiting for the teams to show up or wait for rides.

Tazio said that Macey's suggestion is a good example of the ideas that can be shared at the open group forum. These ideas and suggestions might not be something that happens this year, but it will be left in the notes for future Boards and the next Chair to consider and follow up on, so that students in the future will benefit from our ideas.

5) Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2021

Macey motioned to approve. Gregory seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

6) Budget Vote

Quorum was reached and held the vote on the Recreation's FY 21-22 proposed budget.

Voting Options

Yes: Approval of the FY21-22 Budget

No: Rejection of the FY21-22 Budget

Abstain: Formally decline to vote either for or against the FY21-22 Budget

Results

Yes (11): Macey Rafter, Heidi Carty, Gregory Thein, Ashlyn Mahoney, Ben Du, Gabriel Avillion, Omar Ceron-Santiago, Anush Ghoogasian, Nikko Saito, Michael Ostertag and Solyana Chan

Abstain (1): Casey Lee

No (0): None

7) Cost of Rec Activity Pass: Tazio Capozzola

Tazio gave the Board a background on the Rec Activity Pass (RAP). RFAB recommended in 2019 that the RAP be sold to students for \$25 per quarter for a variety of classes, trips, and activities. Due to the covid-19 shutdown in 2020, Recreation switched to a virtual platform, which offered online classes and activities at no cost. Now that we will be returning to in-person learning in the Fall, the Board is being asked their opinion regarding the cost of the RAP for 2021-22. The Board was asked to think about and ask their constituents if they think we should bring back the RAP? What offerings should be included? And what the price should be?

Tazio asked the Board for suggestions. He said that there are some classes that will fill up regardless of the price (like surfing, silks, and master's swim). He liked the current structure and suggested similar offerings and a similar price of ~\$25. Omar said that the passes sold well at RIMAC and the Main Gym, he thinks it will sell and classes will fill up whether there is a fee or not, but they might be more motivated to go if it is free, especially to try something new like cooking classes or art classes. Tazio and Omar agreed that \$25/quarter is a fair price, but having to pay might deter people from joining for certain classes. Also, if there is no cost, people might sign up for a bunch of classes and possibly not show up, while they might be more likely to use discretion if they had to pay a fee. Casey asked if the Reps

should take this back to their organizations to get feedback? Yes, we definitely want feedback from organizations, please discuss this with them. Gregory said that he sees two sides of it, one for members of the public, staff and faculty, and students. He asked if we are charging non-students, could we reduce the cost for students? Ultimately, Gregory thinks it should be no cost for Fall. Tazio said he would take notes and discuss these points with Rich. Gabe thinks that \$25 is a fair price if we need to charge for budgetary reasons; otherwise, do we really need the income if it will benefit students? This is a questions for Rich. Omar pointed out that student fees are already paying for most of the programs. Gregory asked if the un-allocated funds from 2019-20 would cover the RAP fees for students? Lourdes said that she can bring those numbers to us at the next meeting. We do need to be somewhat business forward about what our priorities and think about what is important to us. The numbers may guide the discussion if they pass should be at no cost or if \$25 is an acceptable price. We will bring up this topic again; there will not be a vote; but your feedback is valuable.

8) Chair/Co-Chair Election Discussion: Tazio Capozzola

Chair and Co-Chair elections will take place at our next board meeting. Tazio, Chair, and Gabe, Co-Chair, will be graduating – that leaves 2 open leadership positions available. At the Week 8 Board Meeting we will hold elections. If you are interested in either position, email Tazio. We encourage all to nominate yourself for either position.

Tazio described the experience of being Chair as a relaxed position, every week you will either meet with Rich, the Co-Chair and Julie, and Board Meetings are on the opposite weeks. These are paid positions and he recommends them highly (Tazio was Co-Chair for FY19-20). If there is no interest, we will handle the elections in the Fall, but it would be optimal to be able to transfer knowledge to the new Chair/Co-Chair before Fall Quarter begins. Gabe mentioned that he didn't have any experience being a leader on a Board before RFAB, but he also highly recommends the position and it doesn't take too much time out of your schedule; He said the group is very welcoming and he enjoyed providing input and recommendations during agenda meetings and stepping in to help the Cahir when needed. Next year will be especially important due to covid restrictions changing, it's an opportunity to help your fellow students. Also, there will be Member at Large positions opening up – if you are no longer going to be representing your college council, you might want to apply for one of these positions. Please contact Tazio if you are interested.

9) Meeting adjourned at 12:44PM