

**RFAB Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2021**  
**Zoom Conference**

**In Attendance:**

Tazio Capozzola – Chair, Member-At-Large	Omar Ceron-Santiago – Rec Leadership Council
Gabe Avillion – Co-Chair, Athletes Council (TAC)	Ashlyn Mahoney – Office of Spirit and Athletics Outreach
Solyana Chan – Thurgood Marshall College	Michael Ostertag – UCSD G&PSA
Nikki Saito – Warren College	Ben Du – UCSD G&PSA
Joseph Gutier – Sixth College	Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Yi Lu – Eleanor Roosevelt College	Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation
Gregory Thein – Member At Large	
Macey Rafter – Alumni Representative	

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

**2) Recreation Area Updates: Omar Ceron-Santiago & Rich Mylin**

Outdoor activities can commence with 8-10 people (for activities such as tossing a ball around). We will be closing early on Thursday, 5/27, so that staff can attend RECapooluza. Staff did an amazing job working to get inter-squad basketball game approved. Scrimmage was approved for Sports Club Men's Lacrosse scheduled next week – so this is an exciting way to close out the year. July 12<sup>th</sup> is the anticipated reopening date is July 12<sup>th</sup>. Masks will still be required inside.

**3) Intercollegiate Athletics: Gregory Thein**

Triton Tide has been receiving surveys back – there will be information to share with organizations regarding game day, and one other event. Softball finished 4 in the conference. Baseball is in 4th and wrapping up the season. Planning for Triton Weeks of Welcome (TWOW) is under way and we are looking forward to Fall.

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

Tazio thanked new members for coming to the meeting. RFAB has been invited by the Chair of RLC to come to RECapooluza – Recreation's annual end of year celebration. Macey asked when locker rooms will be opening up at Canyonview. Rich said that there has not yet been an update on the approval of our proposal to open the locker rooms. Rich will check with Jason Dillon because opening the lock rooms is a priority.

**5) Approval of Minutes: May 5, 2021**

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

## 6) **Chair & Co-Chair Elections**

The nominees presented brief statements about their reasons for wanting to serve as Chair, or Co-Chair, to the Board to help them decide on how to vote. Since the meeting was held over Zoom, one Nominee was speaking the other Nominee(s) were put in breakout rooms, and then all nominees were put in breakout rooms during the vote.

**Chair Vote:** Gabe Avillion was the only nominee for Chair.

Yes Votes (11): Nikki, Gregory, Yi, Heidi, Omar, Macey, Joseph, Ashlyn, Ben, Michael, and Solyana

No Votes (0):

Abstain (1): Tazio

**Gabe Avillion nominated RFAB Chair.**

**Co-Chair Vote:** Omar Ceron-Santiago and Nikki Saito were the nominees for Co-Chair.

Yes Votes for Nikki (6): Yi, Heidi, Gregory, Ashlyn, Michael, and Ben

Yes Votes for Omar (3): Joseph, Solyana and Gabe

Abstain (1): Tazio

**Nikki Saito nominated RFAB Co-Chair.**

Congratulations to Gabe and Nikki!

## 7) **Cost of Rec Activity Pass (RAP): Tazio Capozzola & Rich Mylin**

Last meeting, we talked about the cost of the Rec Activity Pass (RAP), specifically if students should be charged a fee or if it should be given with no charge. Rich would like to get feedback from the Board. Two cycles ago the Board determined it would be best to charge \$25/quarter for students to purchase the RAP. The cost of instructors per quarter is about \$25K/quarter. We want our campus community to be as active as possible considering the importance of exercise on health. How should we move forward to invest in health in times of covid19? What would be best for campus and have the most impact? We might need to engage in the conversation several times. Rich is neutral on this; is open to questions and comments; and is looking to the Board for direction.

Gabe thinks it would be best to reach a consensus regarding a fee or free RAP. He has a concern that if there is a cost this year, people might be reluctant to purchase a WAP now if they had it free last year (via the Playground). He likes how Recreation was so supportive of the students of over 2020 and are still very supportive now.

Tazio prefers to have a for cost RAP. He is concerned that if it is no cost people will sign up for classes and not actually show up because there is nothing stopping them from registering and not attending classes. Perhaps there is a way to prevent this from happening.

Omar agrees with suggested establishing a system where is someone registers for a class and no shows more that 3 times, they will not be able to register for that class again, or something to that effect. He would not want people to not be able to take a class because it is already registered with people who don't show up. Or to keep the WAP at no cost and make sure to offer enough classes to accommodate everyone.

Michael suggested students could attend 5 classes for free and then if they want to continue going they pay for the next 5 classes.

Gabe agrees with Omar on the way to discourage no shows. Also, he suggested if they don't come to the first class they could be dropped. Or, perhaps a 3 strikes policy – to put the burden on REC for no shows and give the student the benefit of the doubt. Considering we have low income students who use the food pantry, etc. -- \$25 is a of of money for them.

Rich also doesn't want people registering and not showing up. From what he heard today; he plans to move forward with a No Cost Rec Activity Pass.

Michael suggested having the no cost WAP in fall, and in winter let them try out activities before charging them for the quarter.

Rich asked Heidi what she thought about charging Staff/Faculty/Alumni, as the Staff Representative? Heidi said thinks that \$25/quarter is a fair price.

Michael would like some flexibility for Graduate Students to sign up the day of the class – a way to pay for short term access – so access is guaranteed for them since it can be a lot of effort to change their schedule to attend the class and would be very disappointing if there was no room for them once they get there. Rich suggested a single line item carved out for GPSA/College to be Rec funded.

**8) Vaccination Site Conversation: Rich Mylin**

Originally we planned to have the Covid19 Vaccine Site open until September 10<sup>th</sup>, but now not as many people are coming. Thank you again for approving to hold the vaccination site at RIMAC during these unusual circumstances. We accomplished a great deal in the past year, even though we were not on campus. June will be a month for clean-up at RIMAC, as we get ready for indoor activities, with the fitness gym on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and cardio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. We are not yet should about activities in the Activity Rooms, but we will still have the outdoor fit parks open until further notice. Thanks again and Rich appreciates the Boards input to better serve students, the budget conversations, and setting the foundation for future Boards to function productively at a very high level. Come join us at RECapooluza!

Gabe thanked everyone for their hard work this year and wish best of luck to everyone graduating.

**9) Meeting adjourned at 12:53PM**