

RFAB Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2021
Zoom Conference

In Attendance:

Gabe Avillion – Chair, Member-At-Large	Ben Du – UCSD G&PSA
Nikki Saito – Co-Chair, Athletes Council	Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Solyana Chan – Thurgood Marshall College	Tom Rottler – Associate Director Impact, Recreation
Joseph Gutier – Sixth College	Corey Robinson – ICA
Macey Rafter – Alumni Representative	Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation
Alexandrea Macaraeg– Rec Leadership Council	
Amy Lucas – Seventh College	

1) Meeting called to order at 12:02PM

2) Recreation Area Updates: Tom Rottler

Tom Rottler was filling in for Rich Mylin. He is Recreation's Associate Director, Impact. He oversees Rec Classes, Rec Experiences and Fac Sups. Tom said that we are off to a strong start for Fall Quarter. There has been a wait list to get into RIMAC, it's been busy but not too busy. The climbing Center at CV is open. Currently only 4 lanes of the pool need reservations, the rest is open with no reservations. Some people liked having the reservations with a lane to themselves, so we kept that going. The Main Gym is open, along with the Fitness Gym and the Natatorium. RIMAC has the standard spaces open. The TEC Café will be open. RIMAC is fixing pads for soccer, Outback is open for trips and rentals. Virtual programs are still on the Playground. Registration for the 2nd half of this quarter's courses is starting. Yoga and fitness classes are going on.

While the Triton Fit Park and the Marshall Fit Park have been operational for many months this year, over the next few meetings we are trying to decide if we should keep them going. With a backlog of staff getting hired, Marshall Fit Park has been open this Fall, but Triton Fit Park has been closed. It's been challenging to staff the Parks with RIMAC, Main Gym open. Triton Fit Park probably won't open until November 15th with the same hours as before. Rich wants you all to ask your constituents if they think the fit parks should stay open and get feedback.

Alexandra shared her opinion. As someone who is part of the Fitness Gym staff, she thinks that it would be better to focus on opening the Triton Fit Park. Marshall has a lot of squat racks, and there are already a lot of squat racks at RIMAC. Gabe agrees and thinks that Triton Fit Park is good because people can deadlift there, and they can't at RIMAC. There is a privacy concern at Marshall Fit Park, since it is right next to Ridge Walk and people are always walking by, it might make some people uncomfortable to work-out there. It may be good to put privacy screening to cover the mesh wire of the tennis court to add a level of privacy.

Action item: College Reps please share with your constituents and ask for feedback.

3) Intercollegiate Athletics: Corey Robinson

Corey reported a number of events for Homecoming. Saturday, Men's Water Polo plays at 12PM; Men's Soccer starts at 5PM; and there will be a concert on RIMAC Field that evening. Last home season finale for Women's Soccer. Fall sports are winding down. Men's and Women's Basketball will be start November 13th with a D1 home game against George Washington University and then against Cal Berkeley on November 20th. Exciting D1 games with students/fans allowed!

4) Open Group Forum: Reports from Colleges/Organization

Amy Lucia, new Rep for 7th College, mentioned that 7th game room was closed and wondering why and who she should speak with to get it open. Tom said that Rec isn't involved with College Council facilities, but they are probably working on Campus guidelines with the EOC.

Gabe shared that Julianna Sabile, TAC Rep, expressed a concern about the lack of a cross walk at North Campus to get to the North East Tennis Courts. Typically, Julianna will jay-walk to get there, or cut through the dirt/bushes of the island between Spanos and the tennis courts. It is a long walk on the sidewalk to walk all the way around. Tom will share this concern with Rich and Gabe will send Rich an email. Alexandra agrees that she doesn't always take the long route when going that direction.

5) Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2021

Nikki motioned to approve the minutes. Ben seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

6) RLC Updates: Alexandra Macaraeg

The RLC is planning a food drive for 'Rec gives Back'. They have found the most effective placement for food bins and best marketing strategies via Instagram, etc. RLC will ask Rich about having part of sales of from Rec go towards the drive as they have done in the past. Tom will ask Rich to see what/if they can do.

7) RFAB Q&A Vaccine Mandate for Community Members

Tom shared that already all staff and faculty have to abide by the vaccine mandates (with a few exceptions for medical and religious reasons). There will be an update for the symptom screener that will makes things easier. Rec serves community members, as well as students, staff, and faculty. As part of the mandate is to cover non-affiliates need to be covered as well. Rec will now require all community members to be vaccinated with no exceptions. For membership, people need to be able to use the symptom screener to track symptoms. Most people are happy to comply although there were a few who were frustrated and dropped out. Tom asked if we had quorum to vote on mandating vaccines for community members, but we did not reach quorum. RFAB will vote on this at the next Board meeting, assuming we have quorum next time.

8) Change of Hours at RIMAC

RIMAC finally opened after some challenges with getting staff hired but is trying to meet students needs. We looked at previous peak times to find when RIMAC was most busy to find the most effective times to be open. The old hours were 5:30AM to 1AM, the new hours will be 7AM to 11PM

on weekdays. We shorted the hours during times where there was little activity. Some students said that they want to workout in the early morning but the 5:30M to 7AM shift was challenging to get staffed.

Action item: Tom asked all board members to talk to their constituents and find out what they think about the weight room hours. This input will not change the hours for Fall Quarter but will impact hours for Winter Quarter.

9) **Sustainability Discussion**

Gabe shared that in the past RFAB has done events to promote sustainability. In the past we had more flexibility regarding having food and drinks in the arena, where we could give away reusable straws and promote recycling at events. Since we can't do those things currently, does anyone have ideas/thoughts for an event or a project? Also, does anyone want to fill the role of Sustainability Rep and take the lead coordinating an event?

Alexandrea Mentioned that RFAB could team up with RLC for their community garden at CV, if RFAB would like to collaborate.

Action Item: Gabe asked that Board Members to come prepared to the next Board Meeting with an idea for an event.

At next meeting, Gabe would like the Board to select one specific idea for an event and also pick a Sustainability Representative.

If you have any questions reach out to Gabe or Nikki.

10) **Meeting adjourned at 12:52PM**