

RFAB Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2021
Zoom Conference

In Attendance:

Gabe Avillion – Chair, Member-At-Large
Nikki Saito – Co-Chair, Athletes Council
Solyana Chan – Thurgood Marshall College
Nikki Saito – Warren College
Joseph Gutier – Sixth College
Yi Lu – Eleanor Roosevelt College
Macey Rafter – Alumni Representative
Trevor Rawdon – Rec Leadership Council
Tasnia Sharia – Revelle College
Ben Du – UCSD G&PSA
Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative

Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Earl Edwards – Director, ICA
Corey Robinson – ICA
Julie Sullivan – Executive Secretary, Recreation
Tiffany Caddell – FitLife Mobile & Occupational
Coordinator
Simon Teale – Outdoor Education Director
Liz Henry – Associate Director Engagement
Ben Rowe – Associate Director, Operations

1) Meeting called to order at 12:06PM

2) Representative Introductions

The Board took turns introducing themselves by stating their name and which organization they represent.

3) Recreation Area Updates: Rich Mylin

Rich welcomed us back to Fall Quarter. One new item for Recreation is the Rec App. Also, the RAP Pass, which RFAB voted on last year is at no cost for students.

Everything is open with masking indoors and outdoors without masks. We will have fans in stands and competition will happen.

4) Recreation Show and Tell

Rich invited 4 Rec Staff Members to talk about what they do to give you bigger picture of what goes on at the Recreation Department.

Tiffany Caddell, the FitLife Coordinator for Mobile and Occupational programs, helps coordinate 35 unique fitness classes. 80% of these classes were sold out. Classes include cycling, yoga, and virtual classes on The Playground. These type of self-care classes are important as we step out of quarantine.

Simon, our Outdoor Education Director, runs multiple programs for Outback Adventures. They had some virtual programs over the past year but are back in person with mountain and kayaking trips, working to build positive aid for covid recovery in several areas: for example, working with CAPS –

taking psychology out into the field, and to expand students' minds getting involved in personal development and put them us in a position to recruit a diverse group of people. The RAP pass comes with free trips and free night trips are subsidized, that is people living in HDH Housing get 75% off.

Ben Rowe, the Associate Director of Operations, is working on "return to events" working on bringing large events back to students, like Convocation, Un-Olympics, and Meet the Beach. There were large numbers of students planned to come to upcoming events such as Home Coming with a concert and tailgate party, soccer and water polo games, Triton Madness on RIMAC Field, Warren Trolley Stop opening. Student organizations can meet in the bleachers (soccer or softball) as long as there are less than 25 people and no food or drinks, with masks. Also remember if you are coming to workout, you need to do your symptom screener and get the green thumb to get in, also make sure that you bring your vaccination status with you.

Liz Henry, Associate Director of Engagement, works also with Competitive. Sports, E-Sports, and Marketing. We are currently hiring officials for 13 competitive sports. We will be hosting tryouts, having practice, and traveling again. There are 17500 students registered to participate in flag-football, tennis, club soccer, field hockey, and sailing. In-person trivia will be happening on Wednesdays at 5PM at Dirty Bird. The E-Sports Center will be open for student competitive sports teams in Winter. There is an all-female professional team that you can watch on Overwatch. The TEC Café's grand opening will be in January. Our Instagram grew to over 1200 followers.

Rich has slides that he would like everyone to share with their constituents. RFAB did a great job to get the word out as we had a goal of having 10K people sign up for the Rec App. The app allows people to have access to virtual programs through their phones. Julie will send out slides that you can share with your organizations. There has been quite an evolution of the Fit pass to become the RAP Pass, with over 70 activities on available, lots of classes have been selling out. Soon we will have a financial discussion to decide if the RAP Pass should stay at no charge to students or if we should change a fee. (In the past it cost \$25 per quarter for students and Staff/Faculty pay \$50/quarter). Also, since classes are filling up so quickly, we need to make sure that we are still meeting the needs for the 45000 who have signed up for the pass, as everyone is excited to do things in person.

5) Intercollegiate Athletics: Corey Robinson & Earl Edwards

Corey says that fans and students are back at events. The Triton Trifecta is 3 events at which a student could win a skateboard provided by Pepsi. Thursday will be Women's Soccer (playing Santa Barbara), the first 250 fans will get rally towels.

Earl would like to see you all to share with your student groups support our Athletic programs at D1. He was extremely pleased to see Men's Volleyball win the National Championship. The highlight of last week "3 -1 Week" with Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer and Women's Volleyball all winning 3 to 1 over their competitors. Competition for National Championships will keep us on TV (ESPN 3) on a regular basis. So we get national exposure. This allows us to 'tell the story' of who we are. We have become an public Ivy League, with 4.10 being the average GPA of students being admitted to UCSD. Earl looks forward to seeing a continued relationship with RFAB.

Rich reminded the Board that before RFAB was RFAB, it was SFAB (Sports Facilities Advisory Board), but since the merge with Recreation, there is no more Sports Facilities. The partnership between ICA and REC are effective by the decisions that RFAB makes. For example, RFAB voted to allow ICA to

borrow money from Rec's reserves in order to build the broadcast studio, which is putting us on ESPN 3 and helping us build a very close partnership.

Open Group Forum: Reports from Colleges/Organization

Trevor shared that the LRC is planning 2 events, 1 is a food drive for the Triton Food Pantry and to have a pep rally/off campus event such as a bonfire to build community, The RLC will announce their current student delegate soon.

Rich mentioned that TAC might also be doing a food drive. Also, a reminder that RFAB is always part of the Rec community. If you have friends in the working in the department, we want to hear their voices. We will be having a minimum wage increase in January and we want you to have a say in decisions being made and want you to feel as you are part of our family. Know that you are welcome to come to our events. We still need a TAC rep for the Board.

We will be getting data about usage of the Triton Fit Parks to you in the near future, as we have invested a lot in them, and would like you to come with feedback around week 6 or 8. If you could please ask folks their thoughts on keeping them.

Gabe said if anyone has anything to share that they forgot, please email him.

6) Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2021

Nikki to approve. Macy the motion. Minutes approved.

7) RFAB Q&A

Earl asked the frequency of RFAB Meetings. Gabe said they will be Weeks: 2,4,6,8, &10.

8) Meeting adjourned at 12:49PM