RFAB Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2022

In Attendance:

Gabe Avillion – Chair, Member-At-Large
Anthony Nguyen, Proxy for Nikki Saito
Grant Liu – Sixth College
Joseph Gutierrez – Sixth College (Outgoing)
Macey Rafter – Alumni Representative
Melia Movsesian – Thurgood Marshall College
Ben Du – UCSD G&PSA
Juliana Sabile – Triton Athletes Council
Ariana Esparza – Representative
Marnie Aagard – RLC Representative
Heidi Carty, PhD – Staff Representative
Rich Mylin – Director, Recreation
Lourdes Dawson – Business Manager
Roger Castillo – Financial Services Analyst
Julie Sullivan – RFAB Secretary, Recreation

1) Meeting called to order: 11:04am

2) Recreation Updates
   • Sun God Festival happened on RIMAC field over the weekend. Well attendee with over 12000 students and only 29 students entering the sobering center.
   • Activity in the facilities is busy, masking is not enforced, and we are reaching maximum capacity.
   • Women’s Club Water Polo had a great regular season and made it to Nationals for the 2nd time in history. They raised all the funds to go on the trip. Go Tritons!
   • 19 out of 31 of Rec Club Sport Teams are going to Nationals.
   • There was a change to option B regarding the gender-neutral restroom space on the 3rd floor of RIMAC.

3) ICA Updates
   • N/A

4) Open Group Forum
   • Improvements to Hopkins Drive are almost done. This includes improvements to the bike lane, speed bumps, and painting near the cross walk by Spanos and the North tennis courts. The green paint helps visibility for the cross walk.
   • Julianna and some TAC members were asking about getting new scoreboards for the pools. Rich and ICA are currently working with a company called Daktronics to get a new scoreboard for CV since we will be hosting the National Championships in 2024. This project will be funded over 3-5 years. Rich shared his screen to show pictures of 3 possible scoreboards and said there are 3 more option to come (for a total of 6). The priority is to have it ready for 2024.
   • The LED project in the arena is almost complete. We will be testing it over the next week to provide a better fan experience.
• Ben got feedback from grad housing fitness gym, and they want more weights and less treadmills (more strength training equipment and less cardio machines). They also want to know when summer classes will start.
• There are plenty of places outside to do cardio (running, etc.) but less space for strength training. At the Main Gym the treadmills are either all full or all empty. Rich mentioned there have been lines at some fitness gyms, Ben said that is not a problem at the grad student housing because people just go home if there is a wait for equipment.
• Rich will follow up with Marketing to get info about summer programs.

5) Approval of Minutes: February 23, April 5, & April 19, 2022 – Ben motioned to approve the minutes, Macey seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

6) Budget Discussion
• Julie sent PDFs of the budget FY22-23 before the meeting.
• Lourdes and Roger joined the meeting to review the budget and answer questions.
• Lourdes shared the budget summary, pointed out the different funding sources (revenue allocations), and expenses.
• 1.8 million debt service – 2 more years left
• We buy new fitness equipment on a cycle of every 4 years. We plan to have new equipment early Winter 2023, if there are no delays in purchasing.
• Summary of different areas: Sub 1 = Staff; Sub 2 = Student Labor; Sub 6 = Benefits; Sub 4 = Equipment.
• The entire cap list used to flow through Operations/Maintenance but this year it will flow through the Administrative Office.
• Engagement is funds we use to spend on celebrations for student staff.
• This budget does not include funds for replastering Canyonview (that has already started and was in last years budget).
• Rich shared from a historical perspective that the Recreation/ICA referendum benefits facilities for all students and student athletes, even though we report the funds coming out of the Dept. of Recreation’s budget.
• Approved Cap projects from program areas will be transferred to the All-Cap Items List.
• Highlights on the capital list are the NCRA resodding (currently happening/prefunded), Fitness Equipment (400K), new access gates at Canyonview (~200K, like the turnstiles at RIMAC), and the gender-neutral single use restroom on the 3rd floor of RIAC, tennis windscreens, redo concessions, enclose the Triton Fit Park, repair carpet in stairwell at RIMAC, and remove the carpet on the 3rd floor at RIMAC.
• Gabe asked about the price of the fencing for fields. Rich explained that it would be a heavy duty collegiate-style fencing, rod iron – something very secure and sturdy that looks good, not just a chain link fence.
• Once RFAB votes on the budget the Rec Team can decide how to spend the money in July. Multiple projects will start quickly. For example, we would like to the windscreens to be completed by Fall Quarter.
• Rich will give RFAB a schedule of spending and list of when projects will be done for the year in Fall Quarter.
• Gabe asked about the cost of new floor covering for the arena (since we had the arena floors resurfaced recently). Rich said that this flooring is on rollers and is protective covering for floor for events.
• Lourdes items highlighted in yellow on the cap list are for Canyonview.
• $20K has been allocated for “check out” equipment for outdoor use. Part of that can be a place holder for another project.
• There is a new full time staff member, Wellness and Fitness Director.
• We have a labor shortage in student areas and some career staff.
• New eSports program has new opportunities for Recreation.
• Lourdes thanked the Board for their feedback and student point of view.

7) Outdoor Equipment Rental Discussion
• Next meeting, we will review a list of equipment to be on the list for rental. Rich will send out the list before the meeting and we will discuss it during the Week 8 meeting.

8) RFAB Leadership Nominations
• Chair and Co-Chair positions are available.
• If you want to nominate yourself, or someone else, email Gabe and Nikki, or to get more information.
• If you are nominated, be prepared to talk about your plans for the position for a few minutes at the next meeting.
• These are paid positions.
• Good experience to get behind the scenes information about Rec spaces and programs and to advocate for students. See the positive change/impact you have while you are still in school.
• Looks good on your resume.
• Next year’s Chair might be a little more busy than usual because of the CV referendum.
• We will vote on the Chair and Co-Chair positions at the Week 8 Meeting.

9) Meeting End: 12:01pm