

Recreation and Wellness Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Friday September 9, 2022 : 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Attendees: Marie Turchiano (RAW), Tom St. John (RAW), Thomas Lail (RAW), Erin Maurno, (RAW), Terrell Amparado (RAW), Matthew Jacob (IM Sports), Alex Yourkovich (Club Sports), Divyan Jain (Esports), Mona Ramonetti (University Environmental Committee), Evan Gauer (Graduate Students), Sanurag Barobhuiya (USG), Emma Cardona (Dean of Students), Christine Marullo (Student Engagement), Rebecca Seifter (Student Engagement)

I. Introductions: (Marie) Marie welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room and on zoom. Thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of the academic year. This meeting gives students the platform to discuss how their Recreation and Student Life broad based fee is being spent and to bring forward ideas on how they would like it spent.

II. Staff Updates: (Marie)

- Manager of Special Events – Position includes weekend programming, project adventure and building supervision. Search failed two times and is posted again.
- Manager of Intramurals and Club Sports position in class and comp.

III. Facility and Field Updates (Tom)

1. Summer projects completed

- a) During the summer, the wood courts had all the varnish stripped down and new lines were put down. This is recommended every 10 years.
- b) Conference Room – Renovation project completed. New AV equipment installed equivalent to the large meeting spaces on campus.
- c) South P field Complex – Renovation of the sport club locker room has been completed and will be used for the first time this weekend by the Rugby Club.
- d) Three offices and the conference room have had the frosting on the windows removed to allow for more natural light.
- e) Bouldering wall was removed from the 2nd floor due to lack of use. Students have requested more mirrors. These will be installed during the spring semester if funds allow.
- f) All of the scoreboards at the South P complex have been rehabbed and are confirmed to all be working properly.

2. Pending Projects (Marie)

- a) AV system in the building is 10 years old and antiquated. Adwar will be updating the system to make it user friendly and updated so it works with Bluetooth, wireless, etc.
- b) Intramural Field Complex – Intramural fields were taken over by the state during covid for field hospitals. The fields are now unusable. We received an estimate to turf the four

fields and add lights. Total estimate is \$5.7 million. Athletics would have usage of the fields during the day and intramurals and Sport clubs will use them at night. Discussing funding with University.

- c) Office Renovation – The student area upgrade project in the administrative suite has been put on hold.

IV. New Equipment Update (Tom)

Installed four new ellipticals. New machines are slimmer and non-electric. Two nautilus strength pieces have been added which are accessible to all. Additional woodway has been ordered.

When machines break, they are expensive to fix which is why we try to rotate the machines every three years, when the warranties expire.

Major equipment replacement this year is bikes. Spin bikes are top of the line bikes with magnetic resistance. Also purchased a heart rate monitoring system where individuals, identified by number, can project their progress on a screen. Allows for interactive competition.

October 19th is the 10th anniversary of the Walter J. Hawrys Campus Recreation Center. A wellness fair, tours of the facility, opportunity to win free memberships will be available to faculty/staff. Custom t shirts have been ordered showing the outline of the building. That night all regular programming will be cancelled so we can have special programming such as a paint night featuring the building, glo-yo and bingo.

V. Outdoor Adventure/Explore LI and NYC – Erin/Christine/Rebecca

August 15th and 16th RAW hosted 167 incoming freshman for SOAP – Seawolves Outdoor Adventure Program. Students are broken into small groups of 10 so they can build new relationships before school starts. Two days were spent with icebreakers, team building activities, a barbeque dinner and an off campus trip of their choice. Trips included a yoga retreat, bowling, Top Golf, Adventure Park, Hiking, horseback riding and kayaking. Feedback from students indicated that they did feel more connected to others and SBU.

Student Affairs initiative is to provide more weekend programming for the students. Collaborating with SEA, a lot of money has been invested in this initiative to give students new experiences and opportunities. This semester, RAW trips include: Whitewater rafting, bowling, horseback riding, New York Yankees, Fall festival in Huntington, Rock climbing, Six Flags Frightfest, Tanger Outlets, and two paint nights with Paint with a Twist in Selden.

SEA has increased the number of on campus events that include programming events in Club Hub. In addition they have prepared “Explore Long Island” where they offered discounted LIRR tickets, Captree Fishing, and the Jack O Lantern Blaze. “Explore New

York” includes trips to the Bronx Zoo, Broadway, Central Park and MOMA. Christine reported that Wolfieland is on 9/10 and attendance is up 250% from last year.

Everything is on SB Engaged and Fusion.

VI. Esports (Thomas)

Esports has changed from being a student club to being a program under Recreation and Wellness. New equipment was ordered during the summer and we are still waiting for the computers from Dell, which have been delayed due to parts shortages. Joined NACE – an organization that focuses on the positive development of esports programs at the collegiate level. Opportunity and potential of this new program is exciting.

VII. Recreation Department Updates

a) Pool – (Tom). Open rec swim is back to three times per day.

Facility – The contract for KBS, our current custodial staff who also maintains many buildings on campus and other Stony Brook campuses, expires January 2023. The new contract is going out to bid.

b) Intramurals (Thomas) IM is up and running with an increase in numbers across the board. All one day tournaments sign up on IM leagues. Currently holding a 3v3 tournament which has 18 teams signed up. Signups for basketball and volleyball is open and teams have already had to be waitlisted.

Clubs – Rugby is playing on 9/10. Fields have been lined and goals have been fixed.

c) Staff (Terrell) Equipment room is back up and running for the first time since the pandemic began. Operations is 100% staffed. Decision to close the building at 11pm rather than midnight due to low attendance and to be fiscally responsible.

d) Group Fitness (Erin) Classes are up and running. Adjustments will be made based on attendance. PGB and RAD closes this week. PGB has three tiers running. Certification to host Spin certifications being offered on 10/23 from 8am – 5pm. Next semester a personal training course will be held to help interested students study for the national exam.

VIII – Open Agenda

Q) Where is the funding coming from for the new turf fields?

A) Multiple sources – Hoping NYS will provide some funds, lights should be a capital project and Advancement is looking for funding.

Marie thanked everyone for their participation in the advisory board. Next meeting is 10/14/22 at 12pm.