

# University Recreation Advisory Council Agenda

Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Adam Roderick, Buddy Dean, Tanya Sinha, Sam Dillard,

Staff Present: Henry Kneifl, Stacey Maline, Craig Decker

## Introductions

Individuals went around the room and briefly introduced themselves

## Council Charges

- **Craig briefly spoke about council charges and had them listed below.**
- Recommend guidelines/procedures pertaining to departmental programs and services
- Provide recommendations relevant to program content, direction, and resources
- Recommend guidelines/procedures relevant to facility utilization and membership eligibility
- Advising University Recreation staff of user concerns or suggestions
- Meet three times a semester at predetermined times based on council members' availability
- Participating in as needed voting scenarios to determine singular voice to allow council to provide one recommendation to University Recreation staff

## Staff Reports:

- *Opportunity for department leadership to provide short updates on specific highlights*
- **Craig gave overview of the items listed below.**
- Indoor Cricket
  - Exploring possibility of adding some netting where the track juts out over our Center Court area to allow the safe play of indoor cricket in that space.
- World Games
  - As you all know Birmingham is hosting the 2022 World Games. There will be some events that happen on campus and the racquetball and squash events will be happening here. There are still a lot of logistics to continue to work through and we are conducting walkthroughs with vendors and World Games staff

## Participant Reports:

- *Opportunity for council members to share any reports or updates from a participant perspective*
- **Group was asked to talk to 2-3 people in their networks to talk about preferred ways for us to market and promote our programming opportunities. Goal is to report findings at our next meeting. See [Open Forum Discussion](#) for additional details.**

## Open Forum Discussion:

- *Opportunity for both department staff and council members to add a specific topic to the agenda for the entire group to have a conversation on.*
- Adam asked a general question about the impact of World Games
- Buddy asked a question about the visibility of police in the facility. Buddy was curious about the possibility of increasing a UAB Police presence through walkthroughs.
  - Stacey gave some context about us not having a historical experience with walkthroughs though there has been police presence in the facility from time to time. But mentioned due to card access could allow access through the loading area
  - Craig gave context about UAB Police's role within our departmental Emergency Action Plans.
- Adam asked a question about staffing levels and was also curious how many work study employees we had
  - Less than 20 was the number mentioned, out of 130 staff. There was a conversation about ways he would continue to promote those opportunities through his position on campus.
- Sam asked question about Intramural schedule being a little shorter.
  - Stacey provided context regarding how we have scheduled per our staffing levels but also planned smaller sessions to where students can reorient themselves to our program after being dormant for the past 18 months
- Sam asked a question about our marketing and potentially changing our tactics
  - Tanya made a comment about the larger presence we have had on IG and talked about the benefits of giveaways
  - Tanya talked about utilizing Canvas pages for different groups (i.e., honors students)
  - Group talked about this being our first assignment (see [Participation Reports](#) section)
- Henry asked a question about if people go to our website when they have things to do our site.
  - General consensus from those present was that they only visited our website when they had logistical reasons to (i.e., applying for the council)
- Henry asked a question about success of residence hall signage
  - Tanya gave answers of maybe success with elevator signage in residence halls
  - Sam had idea about utilizing laundry rooms
- Andy asked about a survey for participation in order to solicit feedback
  - Stacey talked about our annual satisfaction survey and our plan of conducting that survey in the spring semester.

## Future Projects:

- *Opportunity for department leadership to provide short updates on specific large scale projects*
- **Craig provided overview of the following items.**
- Pool Deck Restoration
  - Project to restore the tile and the surrounding concrete. The work is slated to start December 13th and be finished no later than January 3rd. In support of the work, we will need to close the pool and drain the water a little bit. We are working on our communication plan for members of course.
- Reserve Funded Projects
  - Replace all restroom partitions for increased safety, privacy, and appearance
  - Replace or repair straps for all 10 basketball goals to allow for full functioning of retractable goals
  - Replace the two 17 year old washers
  - Install fans in studio 1, 2, and upper fitness to improve customer service
  - Replace old Kaivac to allow for more efficient facility cleanliness
  - Refinish locker room flooring for a better appearance and functionality
- **Buddy had a question about our fitness equipment replacement plan**
  - **Craig will share our replacement plan at the next meeting**
- **Tanya asked question about if our boxing bag would be coming back.**
  - **Stacey answered that question and gave context about why it went away**
  - **Buddy had thought about Iron Cave**

## Advocacy Efforts:

- *Opportunity for department staff for council members to be advocates for specific initiatives*
- **None mentioned at this time**

## Next Meeting:

- **Early December with FindTime poll being utilized in the email with the notes attached.**