

Florida Atlantic University
Campus Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, March 17, 2010

1. Attendees

Board Members in Attendance: Alan Pollock, Ashley-Anne Louis , Ryan O'Rourke, Dr. Wes Hawkins

Board Members Absent: Tiffany Weimar, Collene O'Reilly, Paulo Brida, Jay Gruden, Reed Phinisey

Ex-Officio Member: Eric Hawkes, Director of Campus Recreation

Others: Joanna Burns, Assistant Director – Programs, Deb White, Campus Recreation Office Manager

2. Department Updates

- All areas of Phase II are now open, including the pool. Traffic has increased in the building since the opening. The official "grand opening" has been scheduled for Wednesday March 24th at 5:30pm. This will include a welcome message, giveaways and food. Invitations have been prepared and are in the process of being sent out.
- Alan advised that there is an advertisement in the new issue of the UP and he has been speaking about the opening on the OWL radio station. There is also a 15 second commercial that has been running. A TV spot has also been discussed, and Garrett (the new station manager) has been to the building to speak to Eric
- Camping equipment is available to rent – and being used
- Davon Estelle hired as new Facility Coordinator effective January 25, 2010
- Fitness Coordinator position in the process of being approved to post and recruit; expected start date for candidate is on or about June 1, 2010.
- Campus Recreation budget proposal for 2010 – 2011 appears to be moving forward.

3. Facility Reservation Process

- Since the pool opened, there have already been requests to reserve the area. Eric suggests that there needs to be a "formal review process" for reservations to use the facilities, especially the new areas. The possibility of a committee to oversee reservation requests was discussed. The pool is open from 7am to 9am and 11am to 7pm at this time. There have been requests to reserve the pool for functions during these hours, which would displace the students who are using the facility at that time.
- Alan requested that they would need to know the number of students that would be affected during events, before a decision could be made. Eric indicated he will provide user data regarding the pool at the next advisory board meeting.
- Ashley-Ann also discussed the need for additional set up time and break down time involved in a reservation.
- Further discussion will be at the next meeting when all parties are present.

4. Academic Use of Fitness Center

- Eric indicated that Academic Groups – specifically the Exercise Science and Health Promotion Department has requested use of the fitness center as part of a course (i.e. Weight Training).
- The discussion involved the use of the facility without impacting the member's use of the equipment. Alan questioned the availability of the old fitness center, but Eric indicated the area has been turned into offices and there is no additional space for fitness equipment to accommodate these types of classes.
- Alan requested that hours be restricted to non-peak times and Ryan asked about fees that would be charged. Eric pointed out that fees may be incurred, but that nothing had been discussed at this point. Ryan asked about determining a rate and Wes questioned what other schools do in this circumstance. Eric explained that E&G (state funds) are not used at other similar institutions and thus, academic groups would not use the recreation facilities. If the facility was built with state funds, academics would be a stakeholder and be allowed to use the space for classes. The FAU Recreation & Fitness Center was funded exclusively with student funds and therefore has no academic component.
- Exercise Science and Health Promotion Chair, Dr. Sue Graves, has discussed with Eric that they would be interested in using the facility for a "strength and conditioning class" which would be held 6 to 8 times during the semester with instruction. Students would then return without the instructor to work on their own. During a prior circumstance last semester, things did not work out well and there were several issues. Eric recommended that there be specific guidelines set. For example: the number of participants, specific hours (non-peak), possibly splitting the number of participants into smaller groups of less than 10 etc. Ryan added that specific instruction and amount of time in each area would be needed. Further discussion of policies will take place at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting – To Be Announced