

Florida Atlantic University
Campus Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 3, 2011

1. Attendees

Board Members in Attendance: Alan Pollock, Wes Pryor, Adam Slotnick, Steve Wiley, Paulo Brida

Board Members Absent: Allison Gentry, Wes Hawkins, Evan Konecky, Ryan O'Rourke

Ex-Officio Member: Others: Eric Hawkes, Advisor and Director of Campus Recreation, Joanna Prociuk, Assistant Director – Programs, Dax Kuykendall, Assistant Director – Operations, Kate Quinlan, Coordinator of Sports & Competition

2. Outdoor Courts Planning Proposal

- Eric provided the members of the committee with a brief history of current outdoor basketball and tennis courts; there is a clear need to identify funding and a location for new courts on campus; previous student government leaders started this effort and it is supported by current SG President Maher and SG Vice President Konecky
- According to National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) recreation space planning guidelines for universities and colleges, an institution the size of FAU should have approximately four (4) basketball courts, seven (7) tennis courts and two (2) sand volleyball courts
- Current location of outdoor courts are not ideal as they are adjacent to Athletics Department facilities; specifically, the baseball fields which often lead to balls to fly into tennis courts causing concern for safety of users; in addition, the current state of the facilities are poor; major renovations are needed if FAU decides to utilize the facility long term
- Eric provided an example layout of courts that can be used for space planning (Attached A)
- Eric requested the advisory board approve funding to investigate options for a new outdoor complex to be considered to be added to the university master plan; current department funds will be utilized for this initiative
- Alan Pollock made a motion to approve; seconded by Adam Slotnick; no objections; proposal approved

3. Intramural Sports Forfeit Fee Proposal

- Kate Quinlan presented the Intramural Sports Forfeit Fee proposal (Attached B)
- The purpose of implementing a forfeit fee is to deter teams from registering for a team and not showing-up; when this happens, the team who shows up is disappointed and the Intramural Sports program must still pay the staff as they are scheduled; this is a poor outcome for everyone
- Each member of the committee expressed a desire to implement a strategy to reduce the number of forfeits
- Alan expressed concerns about making students utilize a credit card or debit to "hold" a forfeit fee deposit as many students do not have credit/debit cards as this may prevent students from participating
- Alan asked if it was possible for students to use cash or student charge for their "forfeit deposit"; cash is not accepted through the Department of Campus Recreation; student charge is not currently accepted as a result of logistics of not being able to receive funds in a timely manner based on previous investigation of this payment option
- Eric encouraged Alan to present the proposal at the next Student Government House meeting for additional feedback
- Eric agreed to investigate using student charges for Intramural Sports forfeit fees ONLY
- Kate agreed to review the proposal and make changes based on this student charge option
- Proposal will be presented again at the next advisory board meeting

4. Campus Recreation Updates

- FAU Recreation & Fitness Center will be recognized next month as a NIRSA Outstanding Facility of Merit Award winner at the NIRSA national conference in New Orleans. This annual award is presented by NIRSA for creative, innovative designs of new, renovated, or expanded collegiate recreational facilities. Each winner is considered a standard or model by which other collegiate recreational facilities should be measured, and from which others can benefit. Judges evaluate each facility for its architectural design, functionality, and how well it meets its intended purpose.
- In fall 2010, the facility was selected as Building of America award winner. The award honors the country's most innovative, unique and challenging projects — projects that are particularly noteworthy and/or that give back to their respective communities.
- Davon Estelle, our Facility Coordinator resigned his position Feb. 25 to enter the Army as an officer; therefore, we are currently in the process of searching for his position
- The department has been preliminary approved to move forward with the Coordinator of Special Events and Marketing position that has been left unfilled for two years; we anticipate searching for a candidate in the next four weeks

5. Other Comments, Thoughts, Ideas, etc.

- Eric indicated he is investigating options to replace the cable cross system that continues to be troublesome to users; he requested the manufacturer replace the unit or he will investigate purchasing a new unit from a different manufacturer
- Finger print scanning option to access the Recreation & Fitness Center is now available; members of the board are encouraged to sign-up for this feature at the conclusion of the meeting
- Paulo asked if there were any questions related to the Stadium Project as he serves as the university project manager; he inquired about the Recreation & Fitness Center being open on game days; Eric indicated the facility will be closed at least three hours prior to kick-off but this may be revisited in the upcoming months; Paulo mentioned the issues with parking and road closures that may result in requiring the facility to close each game day; Paulo will invite Eric to game day operation meetings as needed and provide more details as needed
- Wes P. asked if Personal Trainers could be staffed to work shifts on the fitness center floor; Joanna explained this would be cost prohibitive but would ensure trainers spend more time on the fitness center floor rather than in the Personal Training Suite

6. Next Meeting – To Be Announced; Recreation & Fitness Center Conference Room