

Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Board

Report for 6/16/10

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Meetings 2/26/10, 2/26/10, 5/7/10

I attended 2 of the 3 meetings. There was a delay starting this semester because student representatives had not been appointed.

The main agenda for the spring 2010 semester Advisory Board meetings were basically the same as all other University entities; how to make do with less and how to improve without spending money.

Facilities/Equipment

Cardio room and Nautilus rooms received face lifts. These were cosmetic.

8 treadmills and 21 spin bikes were obtained from a health club that went out of business. The old machines were going out of warranty. These were nearly new.

New signage installed on walk/run tracks.

Bridge collapsed at the spillway on Campus Lake and cost \$10,000 to repair

Water fountains were installed at playing fields but not yet turned on.

Lightning protection system was installed at playing fields and will be activated for the fall semester.

Recent \$100,000 repairs to the Shea Natatorium should keep that facility up and running for the next 5 years.

Expect Pulliam Pool to close in the near future. The estimate for repair and bringing up to current safety standards is \$400,000. Willie Ehling and Vice Chancellor Larry Dietz had discussions with Dean Teitelbaum and Dr. Elaine Blinde regarding programs and classes that would move to Shea. About 90% of their programming can be accommodated. This will require that Athletics share the pool with Academics at some times of the day.

Emergency generated destroyed May 8th 2009 replaced. Application for FEMA claim submitted.

HVAC upgrades and repairs. Staff is investigating replacement of some units that will be much more energy efficient. There may be some grant money available to offset those costs. Energy savings would be expected to pay for the upgrades over 10 years.

New lighting in the gyms installed. Grant money made this feasible. Cost will be absorbed by energy savings in only 12 months.

There has been an aggressive cleaning effort in the Rec Center with attention to dusty overhead ducts.

There is ongoing discussion regarding efficient and fair use of available locker space.

Programming/Events

College Fair held 3/4/10

Indoor High School track meet held 3/5 and 3/6

Kappa Alpha Psi event held 3/20/10

Graduation ceremonies held 5/14 and 5/15

Sponsored Doc Spackman Triathlon 5/1/10

Cardboard boat regatta dropped from RSS sponsorship due to cost and staff time
Veterans Grant money used to provide free membership and \$100 free individual
programming to veterans discharged from the military since 9/11.

New programming for single parents instituted. At present attendance is low,
thought to be due partly to child care and transportation issues. Will monitor this
program.

Non student membership is up a little. We will be marketing this more
aggressively in the future as a potential revenue stream.

Planning/Budget

Looking to shorten week-end hours. Saves staff expenses as well as energy costs.
Will be reviewing RSS Operating papers that have not been reviewed for several
years.

Initiating discussions with Intercollegiate Athletics regarding Pool/Track practice
and event time that limit access to other students and patrons. There has been little or no
financial support for this use traditionally.

Staff travel time has been cut substantially

Advisory Board Meetings will resume in August or September.

Respectfully submitted



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