

Report on Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Committee to the SIU
Administrative/Professional Staff Council.

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Troy Vaughn is the new director of the Rec Center. Since his arrival on campus the advisory committee has been meeting on a regular basis. Friday, Dec. 14, was our third meeting of the semester.

Fiscal issues have been front and center for campus this year and the Rec Center is no different. Yet, the Rec will not ask for a fee increase in FY 2014. Instead, students and members will pay for some classes that had been offered without charge in the past. So only those who use those services will pay the higher costs associated with those services. No change in fees or prices for other services including membership. This has been met with some controversy, mostly from members. Students, for the most part, seem to be OK with the new structure. Intramural sports will take on a fee structure in the fall.

On Dec. 13, the SIU Board of Trustees approved bids totaling almost \$4.9 million for a major renovation of the Rec's heating and ventilation systems and roof replacement. The plan will lead to savings in energy costs, lighting enhancements and improvements in ventilation and air quality. The project also provides for partial roof replacement with new roof insulation and other building improvements. Look for "Pardon Our Mess" signs soon – work is expected to start in April.

Activities that once took place at Pulliam are now taking place at the Rec now that plans are in place to remove the Pulliam Pool and other rec facilities in order to create new academic space.

A few other notes:

Saluki Finals Finish was a success as usual.

Trail around Campus Lake has been repaved.

A new Membership Services Center is planned for the area on the second floor that once housed a bookstore/Saluki merchandise shop.

As always your input about your experiences at the Rec is welcomed. If you have any ideas to make the place better, or even any complaints, email me at rsievers@siu.edu.