

Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes from Friday, March 22, 2024, 9:30-10:30 am via Google Meet

1. Sam (chair) calls the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Present: Sam (chair), Darien, Cedar, Rob, Michelle, Alexa, Andy, Rip, and Randi
3. Sam requested any edits to the January 18, 2024 minutes, seeing none, they are approved
4. Moved to Unfinished Business - having none
5. Sam moved to new business of Turf Field schedule request
 - a. Sam explains a Turf Field practice schedule request from Athletics – The football program requested an adjustment to their practice times on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-9:30 am to 6:00-10:15 am. In 2019, the practice times changed from 6:00-9:00 am to 6:00-9:30 am.
 - i. Randi Lydum, Executive Athletics Director, explains that the football program would like to change their times to allow their students to not have to get up so early, that Spring practices are limited to 20 hours per week and 14 total practices, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, that the coaches would like to provide a change for breakfast, and they understand this is adding time to the overall Turf Field usage.
 - ii. Rob asked for a clarification if the end of practice would be 10:00am or 10:15am, Randi replied 10:15am
 - iii. Randi mentioned this would provide time for Athletics to stay within their allotted times for both programs benefits
 - iv. Alexa stated that the Turf Field is very busy and sticking to the assigned schedules is important.
 - v. Andy indicated the time would affect the Informal Rec allocated times, but no other student group was scheduled during those times.
 - vi. Rip spoke on the historic reduction of the Informal Rec times from 9am-1pm, down to 9:30am-12pm, and no even less for spring term.
 - vii. Saturdays were brought up and Randi indicated the football program prefers playing on their grass fields if weather allowed. Randi also said this is consolidating the practices to just Tuesdays and Thursday instead of any other weekdays.
 1. Rob motioned to approve the time change of 7-10:15am on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the spring term.
 2. Michelle seconded
 3. Sam called for more discussion
 - a. Sam asked if the Club Sports teams had to stack their practices to fit into their time allocation
 - b. Andy provided that most of the Club Sports teams have to overlap, Mens and Womens Rugby and Mens and Womens Soccer either share space for their full practice or co-share a portion of their time.
 - c. Andy also mentioned that some teams reduce their practice times in May.
 - d. Sam seeing no more discussion, called a vote, motion passed 4-0-0 (chair did not vote)
6. Sam moved to the next new business item of the Budget FY25 – IFC Final Decision
 - a. Rip provided that the IFC approved Campus Recreation's base budget of \$948,845, and approved the 7 Enhancement requests for \$129,288, which provides minimum wage increases, funding of student employment for the HWC and Aquatic Center, return to FY23 budget amounts for Club Sports and 2 new clubs were funded (Women's Volleyball and Swim club), and repairs and maintenance for the Turf Field and Aquatic Center.

- b. Randi gave the Campus Recreation representatives on the IFC compliments on their good comments in the process.
 - c. Rob mentioned it was a positive to not have another 10% cut year.
 - d. Sam indicated no motion needed this was an update only.
7. Sam moved Turf Field Referendum – update from Monday, June 6, 2022, informational item brought to the Campus Recreation Advisory Committee
- a. Rip explained the number of meeting had throughout the past 2 years.
 - i. Monday, October 2022 – met with Vice President of Student Affairs Tina Fuchs and Executive Director of Athletics Randi Lydum to initiate the conversation regarding the continuation of the Turf Field \$7 per term debt payment
 - ii. Monday, April 2023 – met with Vice President of Finance Ana Karaman, WOU Controller Shadron Lehman, Budget Director Camarie Moreno, and Executive Director of Athletics Randi Lydum regarding the Turf Field Debt Service
 - b. Macy, CRAC member arrives into the meeting at 10:10am
 - i. Friday, March 1, 2024 – met with ASWOU President Hunter Hall, ASWOU Vice President Lilli Jacobs, ASWOU Senate President Maddux Gillett, Director of Student Engagement Chelsea Blatner, Assistant Director of Student Engagement Katelin Granger, and Leadership Coordinator of Student Engagement Ben Bartlow regarding the Turf Field debt and needed referendum for replacement of the turf field surface material. Rip mentioned an additional meeting is being scheduled for the spring term to discuss more
 - ii. Friday, March 15, 2024 – met with WOU Controller Shadron Lehman to discuss the remaining debt budget for the turf field
 - iii. The remaining amount is roughly \$400K after 12 years
 - iv. Loans for the project were moved from 12 years to 30 years
 - v. Trying to understand implications regarding the funding model
 - vi. Future cost will be \$1.1-\$1.2M to replace turf, shock pad, and alternate infill
 - vii. Additional meetings are ongoing to discuss the debt service
 - viii. Long-term impacts without the funding – the Turf field will be closed without a playable backup location
 - 1. Rob asked if there was a possibility to extend the 12-year loan payments, Rip replied we are having discussions with the Controller and others about that possibility.
 - 2. Rip mentioned we need another Turf Field and better maintained grass fields on the NCAA Cross Country course.
 - 3. Randi indicated that the NCAA grass soccer field needed \$44K for repairs and if Athletics had a new turf field we could possibly combine the new project and resurfacing of the Campus Recreation Turf Field to reduce the cost of replacement. They mentioned working on cost analysis but most likely would need to be self-funded and is working with the Foundation.
 - 4. Rip indicates that was the last update and he would bring more information when it materialized.
 - ix. Sam indicated no motion needed this was an update only.
8. Sam ask for any other discussion points, seeing none calls the meeting to close at 10:18am

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