

Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes from Monday, June 10, 2024, from 2:01-3:34 pm

Google Meet (meet.google.com/tgk-zjpf-ikh)

Sam (chair) called the meeting to order at 2:01pm

- a. Present: Sam, Cedar, Darien, Dylan, Macy, students, Michelle, Rob, Faculty and Staff, Alexa, Andy, Rip, ex-Officio

Minutes

Sam requested any edits to the minutes from the 3-22-2024 meeting.

Unfinished Business

Sam moved to Unfinished Business, seeing none moved to New Business

New Business

1. Sam explained the Turf Field priority schedule review was the topic.
 - a. They explained the Campus Recreation Advisory Committee will need to decide on two specific items, weekday usage priority and schedules and weekend usage priority and schedules. There have been three different options listed for both items to discuss, choose from, or to be a baseline for new options suggested by the CRAC members.
 - b. Sam explained the first topic was Turf Field request scheduled time adjustments - Athletics
 - c. Andy did a review of the the NCAA Men's soccer program was added, Campus Recreation and Athletics adjusted usage of them to use 12pm-2 pm as a new program. Time frame was never agreed upon by that committee (unexpected addition). Needing to review and approve.
 - d. Turf Field weekday (Monday-Friday) schedule request.
 - e. Athletics – The NCAA Men's Soccer program requested an adjustment to their practice times for the 2024-2025 year. Moving from 12:00-2:00 pm to 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
 - f. New coach requesting new/shift in practice time. Want 10 am-2 pm but has a ripple effect for Informal Rec. Instead of Informal Rec being 9:30 am-12 pm, now only 12-2 pm. From 2.5 to 2 hours.
 - i. Randi Lydum, Executive Athletic Director, provided feedback from their Men's Soccer coach that the 12:00-2:00 pm time frame was conflicting with their early priority scheduling from Computing Science and other Sciences which would cause some players to have to miss practice times. They also provided that some of the first-year players were not utilizing Campus Dining before practice and it was closed after practice. They indicated the coach had asked players to review all of their schedules and found that the 10:00 am-12:00 pm time frame worked best for them.
 - ii. Randi also mentioned that on Mondays and Fridays, the Football program does not utilize the Turf Field from 6:30-9:30am, so those times could go back to students to help with Informal Rec hours.
 - iii. Sam asked if the athletics teams practice on their own fields
 - iv. Randi stated that they had been given a quote of almost \$50K to fix the grass field to match the requirements needed to play soccer because the drainage and grass issues are not safe. Since other schools have turf fields for their football program our Football program wants to practice on the surface they are playing on.
 - v. Dylan asked what are the weekly amounts of Informal Rec time currently and historically
 - vi. Andy provided the times historically, it was from 9 am-1 pm (4 hours), then to 9:30 am-1 pm (3.5 hours), 9:30 am-12 pm (2.5 hours) and the request would be 12:00-2:00 pm (2 hours)
 - vii. Rob asked if there is there would be an issue with Informal Rec to move to the afternoons versus mornings and he strongly felt that there should not be any less time than the current 2.5 hours per day in any adjustment.
 - viii. Rip indicated that it could be morning or afternoon and agreed that keeping the Informal Rec times was important.
 - ix. Dylan asked for the weekly time amounts versus the daily

- x. Rip provided that originally there were (20 hours a week), then (17.5 hours per week), and currently there are (12.5 hours) and the request would take it to (10 hours per week).
 - xi. Alexa mentioned that with the Mondays and Friday mornings, it offers more time for Informal Rec
 - xii. Rip provided that the Mondays and Fridays are not always consistently vacant.
 - xiii. Rob presents a proposal to allow Athletics to practice until 11:30 am with Informal Rec 11:30 am-2:00 pm, Mondays and Fridays when Athletics was off, and 2-4 pm for Athletics, 4-close Clubs and Intramurals.
 - xiv. Randi provided those hours would be hard to do with the start on 30-minute mark since students would not be able to take 9am or 10am classes.
 - xv. Darien asked are the class conflicts for the Men's Soccer team were only for the fall term.
 - xvi. Cedar brought up that the Track team practices from 12-2 pm block which seemed to work well for those student-athletes
 - xvii. Randi mentioned correct for Track that works but for the team sports where they like to practice as a team versus individual, it is hard to only have part of them available.
 - xviii. Cedar said it seems like it is going to be difficult since each department likes to set their blocks on classes, whenever they practice
 - xix. Randi, yes, it is
 - xx. Dylan proposal about moving the Club Sports start time back to 5 pm to allow for more afternoon Informal Rec time.
 - xxi. Rip indicated that that would displace the Club Sports program of both rugby teams, move back both soccer teams, and affect lacrosse.
 - xxii. Andy mentioned teams overlap in practices so they are not practicing until 11 pm at night and we haven't added in Intramurals if they need to play which would be very late in the evening.
 - xxiii. Rob asked if preferred keeping the status quo would work afternoon Informal Rec could work?
 - xxiv. Randi provided that they don't think it would be ideal to do a morning time if they can't fill in the full 2 hours of practice time. Keep 12-2 pm is preferred.
 - 1. Rob [Motion] To accept Option B the Adjusted Current Style Schedule (2023-2024) with weekday schedule 6:30-9:30 am and 12:00-4:00 pm.
 - 2. Michelle [2nd]
 - a. Rob [Amendment to Motion] To change the weekday start times to 6:00 am from 6:30 am
 - b. Michelle [2nd]
 - i. Rip explains that the vote is for the Amendment of the 6:00 am from 6:30 am time change first
 - ii. Sam asked if the change in time would make a difference
 - iii. Randi indicated that the players are out there already before practice on their own to warm up
 - iv. Vote called passes, 6-0-0
 - 1. Rip explains now you will be discussing the Motion to accept Option B the Adjusted Current Style Schedule (2023-2024) with weekday schedule of 6:00-9:30 am and 12:00-4:00 pm
 - 2. Sam asks if there was any discussion, seeing none
 - 3. Vote called passes, 6-0-0
2. Sam moves to the next new business item of the Turf Field weekend (Saturday-Sunday) schedule request. Asked Andy to provide some context.

Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

- a. Andy explained that there has not been a formal request but needs to see if the process we are following is in line with student voices. As explained before the University moved the decision forward to create the NCAA Men's Soccer program which placed several challenges and one of them was practice time in 2023 where we determined to provide them the 12-2 pm time slot during the week. The Men's team also held their weekday matches and weekend matches on the Turf Field. Moving into next year the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer programs requested scheduling for weekdays and weekends to have priority scheduling for their home matches. Previously, we have been able to provide space before school started but when new student week hits all the clubs are practicing and prepping for weekend matches. This is where we would like guidance on how the committee would like us to prioritize the weekends. He mentioned that this would help in understanding how to allocate time moving forward and asked Randi to provide their perspective.
- b. Randi provided there were four Saturdays that soccer would need to play on the Turf Field. They mentioned that they had already contacted the soccer facility in Salem, OR where there is a NCAA-sized field for availability for those matches and that would be problematic if they had to travel. The Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) requires live streaming and Athletics uses WOU TV for that service which would cause difficulty getting all of their equipment and staff away. Additionally, 3 of those four Saturdays there are home football matches, and having only one Sports Information Director is not ideal to have them try and prioritize which matches/games to attend. They mentioned possibly trying to go early, at 10:00 am if that would help and there are 2 men's and 2 women's matches.
- c. Cedar asked if they had investigated other closer areas like Independence or Dallas fields.
- d. Randi stated that they had not talked with Independence, but both Central High School where they had played before, and Dallas High School fields are too small in dimensions to play the matches on.
- e. Rob asked how Thursday and Saturday matches affect schedules
- f. Andy explains the history of trying to work last year with the NCAA teams and the limitation of times is difficult for all the teams. He mentioned that each of these occurrences will displace teams as there is no solution to provide everyone with they want or need. During the last year, he asked the Rugby programs to practice on the NCAA Soccer grass fields while the NCAA teams played in the Turf Field for the Thursday doubleheaders. On Saturdays, there were some issues with the NCAA match times that caused the Club Sport teams to have to move their matches and caused a stir amongst the Oregon Rugby Officials Association where their agreement with teams is they have set start time limits, WOU had to ask for a one-time exception. Additionally, the start times for the Club Sports Soccer teams were almost too late for the teams to play as most Club Sports programs do not have funding for overnight stays in they can avoid them. Really it is not fun for or easy for anyone trying to schedule this number of matches for this number of teams.
- g. Sam asked if there were set times that the NCAA teams were required to stay within too
- h. Randi answered that typically at 11 am because of the need to set up live streaming and the preparation needed for the facility is important. They also mentioned they are not looking to take priority and that everyone deserves the right to the space since everyone is paying the same student fees both Clubs, Athletics, and regular students.
- i. Sam comments that in RecSports (Club and Intramural Sports) positions it is extremely difficult to deal with the late nights due to the weather in October and November
- j. Dylan asked are we saying each other games prioritize one over the other
- k. Randi adds they prefer all teams could play
- l. Andy provides that this is why we have brought this discussion to the Committee to allow it to vote to provide that guidance.
- m. Randi asked what would change if we paid for the rental time since they are looking to pay for the Salem, OR location as a rental they would rather pay internally
- n. Andy provided that it wouldn't help the situation because the club teams would still be displaced whether Athletics was paying for the field or not

- o. Rip added that the options listed in the agenda have rentals listed behind Club and Intramural Sports and Informal Rec
 - p. Randi indicated that they would have to spend \$50K to make the fields playable but the field dimensions do not meet NCAA requirements, we really need to have a full-sized regulation field to play on and dislikes the idea of having to take their home matches, "out-of-town". They did mention that there is a strategic Capital campaign occurring next year to find a backer to provide them funding for an NCAA Turf Soccer field and they are currently fundraising for that effort which may also assist the Turf Field resurfacing. They discussed that the community engagement in having home matches builds those relationships to help fund an additional turf field.
 - q. Andy replied he felt obligated to mention that Club Sport participants were also frustrated with the situation and many had voiced that to him. They acknowledged that it is a difficult situation but they didn't feel that athletic department needs should come at the expense of their opportunity to play matches on the field that was originally designated for Club and Intramural Sports priority usage
 - r. Dylan inquired about clarifications regarding running the match start times earlier
 - s. Andy provided it really depends on the Club Sports teams' schedules which normally gets finalized in the middle to later September as the leagues are figuring out which schools have teams to play. Unlike the NCAA schedules which are done almost 6 months in advance. Last fall there were 2 Saturdays that Club Sports had to change their schedules due to the NCAA matches which almost caused a forfeit for the Men's Rugby team due to the late start and a forfeit for Club Sports Men's Soccer because the game started so late.
 - t. Randi agreed it was not an easy task last fall for Andy but would like the committee to know it is important that the field is owned by students and athletes who fall under that category.
 - u. Andy discussed that Campus Recreation plans to schedule the WSOC and MSOC matches on the Turf Field as requested before school starts since there are no scheduling conflicts on those dates. And this is a majority of those teams' home matches. It's just the 4 matches after school starts that cause the conflicts.
 - v. Rip thanked everyone for staying with the important discussion and all the questions, except for maintaining quorum it was now 3:17 pm and the committee may need to move closer to a decision as members may need to leave. He explained the three options of [Option A] Requested Schedule (2024-2025), weekend priority to schedule NCAA Soccer matches first with Club and Intramural Sports, Informal Rec, and Rentals scheduled afterward in that priority order. [Option B] Adjusted Current Style Schedule (2023-2024), weekend priority to schedule exclusively Club and Intramural Sports first with Informal Rec, Rentals, and NCAA Soccer matches scheduled afterward in that priority order. [Option C] Approved Schedule (2019-2023), weekend priority to schedule exclusively Club and Intramural Sports first with Informal Rec and Rentals scheduled afterwards in that priority order.
 - i. Sam stated the chair would entertain a motion.
 - ii. Macy [Motion] To approve [Option A]
 - iii. Sam asked for a second, no second was provided
 - iv. Motion is not considered
 - 1. Sam asked if there was another motion
 - 2. Dylan [Motion] To approve [Option B]
 - 3. Michelle seconds
 - 4. Sam calls for discussion, seeing none
 - 5. Vote called passes 5-1-0
3. Sam moves on to the last item of business a discussion about Campus Recreation – hours or operations
- a. Rip explains with the IFC funding enhancements Campus Recreation Administrators would like to gauge the CRAC regarding operational hours next academic year. It would

Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

be helpful to hear from each committee member regarding the Health and Wellness Center, Aquatic Center, and/or Climbing Wall hours for guidance into next year.

- i. Michelle indicated expanding weekend hours, Sunday opening earlier
 - ii. Dylan speaking for Rob and myself the Climbing Wall hours are good, would like to see expansion of the Aquatic Center hours
 - iii. Sam spoke on expanding the hours for the Aquatic Center programs
 - iv. Macy provided open hours later Monday – Thursday as there are often people still in the HWC at 10 pm
 - v. Cedar added earlier weekday mornings would be nice, 8:30 am works but to do an early morning workout with a 10 am class, 7:00-7:30 am would provide more time to get it in.
 - vi. Sam mentioned that Saturdays are really busy on campus so adding into Sundays may be a better option to provide things to do
 - vii. Rip provided that the HWC had 21 weekend hours originally and they have been cut back due to budget cuts to only 8 hours
 - viii. Darien added that for RecSports, the Drop-In program the hours have been working out great during the weekdays, so they may not need to be changed
 - ix. Macy indicated that Sunday earlier hours would be appreciated
 - x. Michelle echoed that having earlier weekday hours opening at 6:30-7:00 am even a couple of days would be nice to have.
 1. Rip thanked everyone for their input and honesty that we need to expand hours to provide members with convenient times for them.
4. Sam asked everyone to share if they would be graduating or returning to WOU
- a. Cedar will be graduating but may return due to having some additional NCAA eligibility
 - b. Macy will be graduating and returning to WOU for a Master's program
 - c. Dylan will be student teaching the next year
 - d. Darien will be graduating but returning to compete in their fall term requirements
 - e. Sam will be graduating and may return to obtain a Masters

Sam calls the meeting to a close at 3:35 pm

CRD Advisory Committee

Student Representatives

Samantha Sanders, ssanders20@mail.wou.edu

Macy Clemens, mclemens20@mail.wou.edu

Cedar Davis-Frankfort, cdavisfrankfort19@mail.wou.edu

Darien Kealoha-Albarado, dkealohaalbarado19@mail.wou.edu

Dylan Van Horn, dvanhorn18@mail.wou.edu

Faculty/Staff Representatives

Robert Troyer, troyerr@mail.wou.edu

Michelle Sides, sidesm@mail.wou.edu

Ex-Officio members

Alexa Amundson, amundsona@mail.wou.edu

Andy Main, maina@mail.wou.edu

Zach Hammerle, hammerlez@mail.wou.edu

Rip Horsey, horseyh@mail.wou.edu