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Executive Summary

In its third year since being reformed in FY 2011-2012, the Sports Facilities Advisory Board began discussion in Summer 2013 regarding Strategic Planning, organizational goals, themes, and actions for the Board as a whole. These discussions included but were not limited to: achieving quorum at Board meetings, beginning the annual SFAB budget process earlier in the academic year, keeping Board meetings under an hour by relaying information and having discussion and debate in structured, efficient ways, and more. The Chair would like to thank all members of the Board for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The Chair would also like to acknowledge the work of Don Chadwick, Director of Sports Facilities, and Michele Palmer, Executive Secretary of Sports Facilities for all of their guidance and administrative help throughout the entirety of the year.

Fall Quarter 2013

- MBCX & Lighting Retrofits have led to savings upwards of 124k/year, despite the longer operating hours of RIMAC (open until 1AM Sun-Thurs). (10/24)
- Proposed usage of 37k of 2012-2013 Carry-Forward Balances to purchase 2 large fans for Main Gym to improve ventilation there in the absence of an air conditioning system. (10/24)
- Idea of the installation of a satellite gym at Miramar or Mesa housing first arises (since 2009). Main topics of concern are regarding access, safety, construction costs. Teaming with HDH or School of Medicine? (10/24)
- Stipends of Chair and Vice-Chair were discussed; should be tied to their attendance, with poor attendance resulting in a reduction of stipend. (10/24)
- More on the Graduate Housing Satellite Gym Idea: Guest speakers Rebecca Otten and Ramona Ferrera joined the board to discuss the proposed idea. The Board felt that this was a needed facility for us to provide for the graduate students, as they pay the same RIMAC and CV fees but live so much further away from the facilities. Room Currently available is only 450-500 sq.ft. so for the

2200 or so residents at Mesa Housing, a second facility might be necessary if a larger space cannot be found. Surveys done by GSA showed that 70% of graduate students living in Mesa work out at least 1x/week, and 89% would like a gym facility in their housing area. (11/7)

-Chair and Vice-Chair elections: Sammy Chang approved as Chair, Seyi Oshinowo approved as Vice-Chair. (11/7)

-Graduate Housing Room Update: Sub-committee decided to move forward with project. HDH will pay for construction costs; SFO will pay for equipment, signage, and maintenance. Both will be formalized via a MOU w/HDH. Access to the room will be utilized via key card, and a liability waiver will need to be signed by all residents before they can use the facility. (11/7)

-Muir Field Update: Student Services Fee Committee gave SFAB 300k in the form of “innovation funds” to be used to install an artificial turf field at Muir. VCSA will be providing the remainder of funds as capital funding to complete the project. Proposed completion date will be Fall 2014. (11/21)

-Spanos Weight Room Expansion: List of potential architects was narrowed down to 4, and final interviews will be held December 20th, 2013. Spanos family has donated 500k to be used towards the project, which will provide athletes with a state-of-the-art facility while also freeing up RIMAC for non-athletes to use. (11/21)

-CV Café: Preliminary thoughts were discussed, with the general consensus being that a facility similar to a Panera Bread or an Einstein Bagel would be most appropriate. Concerns regarding the amount of foot traffic and the proposed facilities’ proximity to PC arose. (11/21)

-The operating hours of RIMAC during Finals Week were discussed, as some members of the Board thought that it would be helpful for students if the RIMAC Annex was kept open 24 hours like other study spaces on campus. Some members also proposed the idea of keeping RIMAC open for longer hours during Finals Week, but other members countered by saying that the weight rooms tended to be much more empty during Finals Week relative to other weeks of the quarter. No proposals for operating hour changes were made, but headcounts would be taken at RIMAC for the remainder of the quarter to see if such changes would be warranted. (11/21)

-The Sun God Task Force was created: Made up of students and administrators, the task force will address the growing concern over the number of detox cases, the impact of the festival and its inebriated guests on local Emergency Rooms, as well as other concerns regarding the health and safety of UCSD students and local residents in regards to the festival. Some ideas include the closure of the Village, ERC, and Marshall, making them only accessible to residents in an effort to reduce the party atmosphere in those areas, which happen to be the closest residence halls to the NCRA. Other ideas include: more water stations, having a bear garden, no more guest/visitor tickets, having more festivals throughout the year, etc. (12/5)

-SFAB Goals were drafted, will need to be reviewed before becoming the “official” list of goals. (12/5)

Winter Quarter 2014

Discussion of Winter Break Projects:

-RIMAC: LED lighting and concrete work were completed on the front patio, with more lights to be installed in the trees on the patio in the following weeks. The lighting aspect of this project was especially necessary because recent surveys had listed the RIMAC patio as an area of campus that was a “dark area” of campus, which caused students to feel uncomfortable after dark. (1/16)

-RIMAC: lift platforms of the weight room were extended to accommodate for more access to the squat racks. (1/16)

-Triton Ball Park: Meetings are ongoing, construction will begin at conclusion of team’s season. (1/16)

-RIMAC Annex: Electrical updates and a new meter were put in at the Short Stop facility. (1/16)

-CV: hot water re-piping was done, allowing hot water to recirculate, thus allowing for instant hot water and less water being wasted during showers. CV also had the preparations made for their own water bottle refill station, which will be fully installed and operationally in the following weeks. (1/16)

-RIMAC ATR: had new rubber flooring installed that will be much more durable and much easier to clean than the old material was. (1/16)

-Spanos Weight Room: HGW chosen as architects, meetings are underway. (1/16)

-Short Stop Grand Reopening: newly renovated Short Stop now open for business (gelato and paninis). (1/16)

-Update on Capital Projects: Discussion regarding the impact of the Trolley Project on Sports Facilities. The Trolley itself will be aerial, allowing vehicles and pedestrians to pass underneath, but the construction will take a large toll on many of our facilities, with their large staging area on the West side of Warren field as a prime example. The plan is for SANDAG to help with other projects as mitigation for letting them use our field(s). (2/13)

-Triton Ball Park design is being completed, construction drawings will be done soon. Some features include: permanent grandstands, restrooms, and a new clubhouse. (2/13)

-Spanos Weight Room is proceeding, the conceptual work is being looked at, and the architects believe that the existing building will first need to be brought up to current fire codes. Price estimations will be forthcoming. (2/13)

-The East Campus Planning Committee is working on a plan of what the campus area east of Interstate 5 will look like in the future, and is collaborating with the Medical Center, FD&C, and SFAB’s East Campus Recreation plans so that the campus as a whole can have an integrated look and as connected of a “feel” as possible. (2/13)

-A future site is being retained for the planned Triton Event Arena on East Campus, as well as any necessary or future food and retail spaces on East Campus. The desire is to create a “complete community with necessary services.” (2/13)

-Student Services Fee Budget Call: We have short notice to get our response in to the Student Services Fee Budget Call. Over the last decade our annual funding has been cut by around 200k. As a result, we have cut back on the services provided to us in our maintenance contract. We have funded ongoing operations from elsewhere, namely income funds. In the past we used our income to fund capital improvements and major repair and replacement on the perimeter facilities, but they are now used entirely for regular maintenance and operations. It is specifically stated that we can't request restoration of funds. The parameters set out by SFAC makes it very difficult to justify our request for funding as they've geared it to programmatic requests. In past years the board has interviewed each unit regarding the requests. This year they will not be meeting each unit. Our request is going to be based upon the "increased workload" request which is also included in the call, but it specifically warns that this type of request will be more carefully scrutinized, and be unlikely to receive funding. Unfortunately it is the only option available to us. Our department, while vital as a source of support to many department's programming and activities doesn't run any programs. The approach that we need to take is show that due to increased enrollment and costs that our workload has increased beyond what we can support with the funding provided to us. We are proposing that if we are funded by SFAC we will return some of the money we have to ask Recreation and ICA for to meet minimum maintenance requirements. (2/27)

-Board's thoughts on the Budget Call Proposal:

1) Must base it on student demand; can we show that there is unmet demand that we could meet to increase student participation? The wear and tear is greater, meaning that it costs more to keep up with maintenance related to regular use.

2) If we continue to increase play to generate income will that help happen? This also increases both the costs of maintenance and the amount of "down time" needed for the fields to recover from heavy use.

3) Have we stopped doing things because of lack of money? Yes, we have been deferring maintenance on high costs projects, leading to poorly maintained, and possibly dangerous conditions at some facilities.

4) With facilities that look badly maintained we can't use the facilities as a benefit for perspective student athletes and students. In regards to the "1st year experience" and climate of wellbeing and promoting a positive campus image, having good looking fields, one of the first things you see when coming on campus, is crucial to admit day and recruitment efforts. There are studies showing that students who participate in recreational or ICA programs have better grades, retention, and graduation rates.

5) Students want high quality accessible facilities. If departments create new, or expand programs, but field quality is poor, those programs will suffer.

6) Must emphasize that the referendum money is unavailable to the perimeter facilities. In addition, poor quality fields lead to more injuries of its users.

7) ICA, REC, and SFO all need to agree with the proposal, as the three departments can work together to achieve a common goal. (2/27)

-Preliminary 2014-2015 Rec Fee Budget Presentation: The total RIMAC and CV fee is almost \$9 million; approx. 33k increase from last year. There is about a 2% increase in expenses, which is in congruence with average cost of living and CPI increases. Capital Balance sits at 837k, and the list of items on the project/expense sheet is being refined, as some items are being deleted, some are being prioritized, and some have already been completed. Increased costs can be pointed to the

extended RIMAC operating hours, as well as to increased costs of laundry in the Equipment Room (3/13)

Spring Quarter 2014

-Triton Ball Park: Project funded by Athletics; it includes a clubhouse and a seating bowl. There are authentic in-ground dugouts, a built in press box, and restrooms under the bleacher seating. There is a plaza with mobile food truck concession area, which saves a great deal of money when compared to the projected costs of constructing a permanent concessions stand or snack bar at the Ball Park. Construction will begin at the conclusion of the NCAA D2 baseball season. (4/10)

-Spanos Weight Room Expansion: To expand the existing building above the track and field stadium, SFO would have to update the existing Fire Safety and ADA features to meet the current commercial building standards. As a money-saving option, SFAB opted to build an entirely new building across the patio with a "sprinting lane" going between the two buildings. The existing building will receive interior renovations, which will create an additional office and hydrotherapy area, and Facilities Management will complete the Fire and ADA code updates for the building at a later time. This option saved all parties in excess of 660k in total costs. (4/10)

-Synthetic Turf at Muir: The project's start date is moved to September 2014. The field's placement was moved approx. 14 feet to the west in an effort to create a wider sideline. The last component needed to be agreed upon is the permanent field lining, which will be decided between REC and ICA as the primary sport user of the field will need the field to be permanently lined to accommodate them. Also, while the light poles around Muir Field are in good condition, the fixtures will need to be replaced. (4/10)

-Budget Timeline was revised, with each step of the process being pushed back 1 Board Meeting, or 2 weeks. The Final Budget Presentation was moved to April 24, Committee review and response was moved to May 8 and Final Budget Presentation to the Board for Approval was moved to May 22. (4/10)

-SFAC Proposal: The board endorsed the budget proposal submitted by SFAB. There were a total of 59 separate proposals split into 5 categories. SFAB's proposal was submitted to the campus budget office as high priority. SFAC also wants to see the campus and Academic Affairs pay more for the services provided by all of the Sports Facilities, essentially to help share the cost of our projects. This idea was supported by the Council of College Provosts, and the idea that all 6 colleges should help pay for campus events was brought up. (4/10)

-SFAC Student Impact Report: The Budget proposal is still "high priority" and is at the Campus Budget Office waiting for the Chancellor's approval. SFAC will soon start a Student Impact Report, using focus groups to gather and record student opinions regarding current projects. The information will help inform and will help serve as a source of institutional memory for future SFAB boards. (4/24)

-2014-2015 Rec Fee Budget Proposal: Committee decided to postpone funding for the cart storage area and the arena tricaster for another year, and the reserve contribution was decreased slightly in order to balance the budget. A reallocation of funds was completed to fund the IM director at .50FTE. Supplies and expenses were reduced in both the maintenance and the Rec Admin budgets. (4/24)

-USE Policy Committee: Main topic of discussion is the Block Schedule Policy. The goal is to create an updated policy to outline when things can be placed online, confirmed, or released to the public (or made live online). (5/8)

-Student-At-Large Applications go live. (5/8)

-Sun God Preparations: Activity Rooms will be closed all day on Sun God. The Weight Room and Locker Rooms will remain open until noon. After 2pm, RIMAC will be closed to the public. Softball practices will be held at an alternate location while the stage is being installed. There will be a detox station added on the Arena floor, accessed via the Green Room entrance. North Campus residence halls will be closed off to non-residents, and no guest tickets are being sold. This is the first year that volunteer "Floaties" are introduced, who will roam about the festival and help people who are having a bad time. Discussion arose regarding the potential purchase of tickets by graduate students, alumni, and staff, as well as the closure of Hopkins parking structure starting on the Thursday before Sun God at 7PM, as it will likely have a negative effect on Rec classes and programming. (5/8)

-Sun God (Operational Perspective): 17,000+ attendees, fewer people taken to detox, fewer ER transports. The heat of the day had a very negative effect on the field itself, as it dried it out much faster than anticipated. The death of a student in the Village was very sad news; as a whole, the operation of the event ran fairly smoothly and was considered to be a success. (5/22)

-ERC RA's and Deans, as well as some SFAB members, heard multiple reports of verbal sexual harassment by some of the Staff Pro members at Sun God, and the students harassed were directed to OPHD and SARC. (5/22)

-Confusion regarding the wristbands given to ERC and Village residents caused some distress as some residents were barred from entering their apartments and dorms by Staff Pro. Also, Staff Pro did not give some students trying to get to class at Rady access. (5/22)

-SFAB members heard rumors that some Preuss students climbed over some fences and got into the event. Security as a whole will be reviewed for future events. (5/22)

UCSD Sports Facilities is composed of:

- Canyonview Aquatic Center
- RIMAC (Recreation, Intramural, Athletics Complex)
- North Campus Recreation Area (NCRA)
- Main Gym
- East Campus Recreation Area
- Warren Field
- Muir Field
- Sports Deck
- Various tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts

Future Planned UCSD Sports Facilities:

- Muir Field Artificial Turf Project
- Spanos Weight Room Expansion
- Triton Ball Park Project

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (ICA) TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Men's Sports

- Baseball: 38-16 Overall, 26-10 CCAA, made final of NCAA Regional Tournament
- Basketball: 15-11 Overall, 11-11 CCAA
- Crew: 3rd Place at Western Sprints (IRA Championship Qualifier)
- XC: 1st Place at UCSD Opener, 1st Place at Coyote Invite, 6th Place at NCAA Regionals
- Fencing: 1st Place at South/South Duals, 1 Qualifier for NCAA Championships
- Golf: 3rd Place at SSU Invite, 3rd Place at CCAA Championships, made NCAA Regional
- Soccer: 14-3-5 Overall, 11-2-3 CCAA, made 3rd Round of NCAA Championships
- Swim/Dive: 2nd Place at Arena Invite, 1st Place at PCSC Champs, 7th Place at NCAAs
- Tennis: 15-10 Overall, made 1st Round of NCAA Championships
- Track & Field: 2nd Place at All-California Champs, 2nd Place at CCAA Champs
- Volleyball: wins at GCU, Cal Baptist, UC Merced, and University of the Pacific.
- Water Polo: 14-14 Overall, 4-1 WWPA, 1st Place at WWPA Champs, made NCAAs

Women's Sports

- Basketball: 16-11 Overall, 13-9 CCAA, made 1st Round of CCAA Tournament
- Crew: 1st Place at SD Crew Classic (Novice 8, Varsity 4+)
- XC: 1st Place at UCSD Opener, 2nd Place at UCR Invite, 11th Place at NCAA Regionals
- Fencing: 1st Place at South/South Duals
- Soccer: 7-6-5 Overall, 6-5-5 CCAA
- Softball: 34-18 Overall, 22-10 CCAA, made NCAA West Regional
- Swim/Dive: 1st Place at PCSC Champs, 5th Place at NCAA Champs
- Tennis: 9-16 Overall, 9-0 wins at Hawaii-Hilo, Whittier, WNMU, and CSU-Stanislaus
- Track & Field: 1st Place at All-California Champs, 2nd Place at CCAA Champs
- Volleyball: 26-6 Overall, 17-5 CCAA, made NCAA West Regional Semifinal
- Water Polo: 27-13 Overall, 4-0 WWPA, 1st Place at WWPA Champs, made NCAAs

Highlights – included below is a brief summary of Recreation highlights from 2013-14:

Recreation

- Meet the Beach – successful completion of the sixth year. Over 3,000 students attend.
- Employ over 400 student staff and over 350 part-time instructor staff.
- Provide extensive student leadership, and personal/professional development training.

FitLife:

- 18% Increase in Personal Training revenue.
- Student Personal Wellness continues to be enrolled at capacity. Offered new sections for Graduate Student Personal Wellness .
- Successfully developed and hosted the first UC FitCon conference on campus. A fitness/wellness based conference for full and part-time fitness/wellness instructors within the UC system. An opportunity to network and gain educational credits toward certifications.

Intramural Sports:

- Collaborated with Warren College to create and implement a college based sports program to introduce freshman and transfer students to Recreation and Intramural Sports.
- Collaborated with San Diego State University, University of San Diego, and Cal State University San Marcos to expand the intercollegiate Intramural Championship series.

Sports Clubs & Rec Clubs:

- Incorporated several new Sports Club program wide events to invoke a larger sense of community within the program and on campus – including the 2nd Annual Sports Club Dodgeball Tournament (partnered with Toys for Tots), Challenge Course Event for Sports Clubs Captains and Leaders (partnered with Outback Adventures) and the UCSD Sports Clubs Campus Clean-Up, where students mingled and gave back to our own campus.
- Received \$30,000 donation from alumni, Jon Sundt, towards new scoreboard on Muir Field and \$5,000 for the Annual Sports Clubs Banquet. This also allowed us to give our student Sports Club Supervisors an increase in hourly wages.

Rec Classes:

- Established a counselor development program within KnockAround (youth camp program).
- Introduced Zombie 5K Run – a student programmed event and class.
- Developed various crafts based classes in an effort to meet the need from the closed Crafts Center.

Masters:

-Celebrated 31 years of operation of a highly successful Masters Programs – all under the direction of Sickie (Ron Marcikic).

-Trained over 28,000 athletes. Over 40 have been with the program 20 years or more.

Outback Adventures:

-Served record numbers of non-resident students through our Adventure Trips programs, especially on holiday weekends and spring break.

-Continuing success offer Academic Programs with Dr. Herbst of ERC's MMW. Program now in its 3rd year with future expansion planned.

-Highly successful and visible all campus special events including Reel Rock Film Tour, Boulderdash climbing competition and Moon God Full Moon 5k.

Sports Facilities Advisory Board

Mission:

The Sports Facilities Advisory Board (SFAB) is the principal advisory committee on sports facilities and related policies at the University of California, San Diego. SFAB operates with the approval of the Chancellor, the Associated Students, and the Graduate Student Association. The Committee is charged by the Chancellor and given the responsibility of ensuring that the sports facilities have the emphases, breadth, and coordination to complement optimally the philosophy, missions, and goals of UC San Diego. The SFAB shall review and approve the annual operating budget, space allocation, rent assessments, custodial standards, capital improvements, maintenance and renovation, purchase of equipment, and hours of operation. With respect to increases in the mandatory Sports Facilities fee, SFAB will review and approve all proposed fee increases prior to their implementation except those increases mandated by referendum language or Regental policy.

Attendance, while not dismal, has been a concerning and challenging aspect for the Board's business. Several planned Board meetings have been cancelled or delayed due to being short of quorum. Such a situation led to a discussion on whether or not the Board should meet less frequently arose in the beginning of the year. While no changes to the meeting schedule were made, the Chair assured the Board that meetings would be cancelled should there be evidence for either a lack of quorum or an insufficient amount of agenda items. It is urged that the Chair annually inform governing bodies choosing the representatives of the necessity and importance of their representative's attendance and of the work Sports Facilities Advisory Board.

***The SFAB Charter and Bylaws can be found on the Sports Facilities Advisory Board's website, or can be accessed at this web address: <http://sportsfac.ucsd.edu/sfab/>

*** Furthermore, any questions regarding this report can be directed towards Lewis Simon, Chair of the Sports Facilities Advisory Board from May 2014 to May 2015, at simon.lewissimon.lewis@gmail.com.