

SFAB
March 15, 2012
ICA Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Garo Bournoutian—Chair, Graduate student Representative
Jason Karavidas, Alumni Representative
Mac Zilber, AS Representative
Angel Velasco, ERC Representative
Laura Schellenberg, Muir Representative
Oscar Bolanos, Sixth Representative
Sammy Chang—Vice Chair, Member at Large
Timothy Yu, Revelle Representative
Mariko Kuga, Thurgood Marshall Representative
Leonard Bobbit, Warren Representative
John Butler, TAC representative
Robert Bitmead, Faculty Representative
Don Chadwick, Sports Facilities
Matt Adams, Recreation
Wendy Taylor May, Intercollegiate Athletics
Michele Palmer, Executive Secretary

1. Meeting called to order at 3:31pm with quorum.
2. Amendment to minutes, change the word rick to risk. Approval of amended March 01, 2012 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey Update: Still planning on 1st week of Spring quarter. Planning to do a random selection of 10,000 graduate and undergraduate. We will also separately send the survey to rec card holders. The invitation letter may need to be adjusted for the rec card group. The Survey is approved with no objections.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget: There are some updated numbers since our last meeting on this budget. We have reduced the bottom line by \$29,624.00 in order to balance the budget. Reductions for Sports Facilities were made in 11 separate areas. Among the changes made were also an addition of the cost of gasoline for Sports Facilities Trucks, we had missed these costs before. All of these cuts are to be viewed as temporary. We recommend that the budget committee continue to meet in the spring so we can continue to discuss when we will need to enact the \$5 fee increase. (Robert Bitmead) wonders if we decide to delay the fee for longer if we should announce loudly to the campus that for the 4th consecutive year Sports Facilities has been able to tighten their belt rather than increase student fees. The Budget is approved with no objections.
2. Rec Card Discussion: (reference the draft letter sent to board) Students pay \$92 per quarter to use these Sports Facilities. For non-students there is a Rec card to purchase in order to use the facilities. The Recreation department sells those cards and the board doesn't see the money until Rec gives it to Sports Facilities. There is no board oversight. (Garo) feels it should be administered to Sports Facilities as it is a Facility fee to use the Sports Facilities This change would allow the board to see the money and its uses, and the allocations to the Recreation

department would be a line item on those budgets. (Robert Bitmead) The letter states that the board “shall have the ability to adjust Rec Card rates for the various non-student user groups as they deem appropriate, so long as the rates do not go below the equivalent fee assessed to enrolled students”, he (Robert) questions if it is within the board’s right to change fees. (GARO) The UCOP charter for this board says the board’s job is to oversee the use and access of the facility. This facility is not funded by the Regents; it is funded entirely by student fees. (Robert) A facility must be provided to be used by the faculty. The board should be cautious that this board can summarily raise a fee. (Garro) It is currently within the Recreation department’s right to raise the fee as they see fit, to the same effect. This letter merely requests the power to change fees be moved from the recreation department to the Sports Facility Advisory Board. (Robert) There seems to be 2 separate requests being made in this letter:

- a. The flow of money move from Recreation to Sports Facilities
- b. The power to raise fees as appropriate without oversight

(Matt Adams) The Recreation department sees this letter as an attempt to redefine the Rec Card. Membership to the Recreations program does have the benefit of access to the Sports Facilities, but there are other aspects to the membership as well. Currently Recreation pays a portion of the income to Sports Facilities in order to maintain said facilities. Recreation and Sports Facilities needs to come to terms regarding the percentage of money to support the facilities but having the board redefine the Card is not in the board’s right. (Don) This discussion may deserve the attention of a committee, the answer may not be what is in the draft letter at all, but there may be a different solution that is mutually agreeable. The main issue that needs to be discussed is transparency; to see the money, where it goes, and how it is used. (Matt) The Recreation department recommends that a committee NOT happen, as the board doesn’t have the right to change the card any way. (Garro) As the agreement concerning the money is between Recreation and Sports Facilities and affects the use of said facilities, the board’s oversight of the Sports Facilities indeed allows oversight over these monies as well. The Rec Card website lists the benefits of the Rec Card as access to all Sports Facilities, discounts on classes, eligibility to participate in Sports Clubs, and reduced rates on equipment rentals; there is a feeling that the other benefits are incidental to Facility access. (Garro) The students pay \$92. The rec card should therefor give \$92 directly to the facility and anything above that amount would then go to Recreation. Should there be 2 separate cards? A facility access card and a Recreation program card? Would having a per use fee help? As there is much discussion to be had regarding this topic, we will set us a sub-committee to further flesh this out.

AREA UPDATES

1. Sports Facilities: Sound Dampening is happening now in the Arena, it will take 3 weeks. The project should wrap up just before His Holiness the Dalai Lama arrives. We are replacing some deep cut sod on the baseball field, in preparation for the post season tournament. We are beginning work on the electric cart canopy. We are looking forward to an exciting Sungod in spring.
2. Intercollegiate Athletics: Women’s Basketball lost a tough game in the sweet 16; it was a good season, but a sad way to end it. Baseball 9-7 won recently. 2 fencers are going to nationals. Men’s and Women’s swim is in Texas for Nationals. Softball whooped up on Humboldt, Men’s volleyball beat UCSB. Track, tennis, crew and Women’s water polo are all happening this quarter. The “Brew&Crew” event in Mission bay is coming up and should be a huge event.
3. Recreation: Winter quarter is winding down, completing our rain make ups. Spring activities will begin soon.

Meeting adjourns at 4:15 pm

Next meeting April 12, 2012 3:30pm RIMAC ICA conference room