

SFAB

February 27, 2014

ICA Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Sammy Chang—Chair, Associated Students Representative

Seyi Oshinowo—Vice-Chair, Member at Large

Richell Wee, Marshall College

Lori Mandjikian, Roosevelt College

Ben Tam, Revelle College

(Proxy For) Mili Parikh, Warren College

Aleks Stasiuk, Member at Large

Bob Bitmead, Faculty Representative

Don Chadwick, Sports Facilities

Wendy Taylor-May, Intercollegiate Athletics

Michele Palmer, Executive Secretary

Meeting called to order at 3:45 pm with quorum.

INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION

1. Approach for Student Service Fee Budget Call: We have short notice to get our response in to the Student Services Fee budget call. Over the last 10 years our annual funding has been cut by approximately \$200k. We've 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 support to many departments 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.

The Boards thoughts regarding our proposal:

- 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.
- 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 field s to recover from heavy use.
- Have we stopped doing things because of lack of money? Yes, we have been deferring maintenance on high costs projects, leading to badly maintained, and possibly dangerous conditions at some facilities.
- 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 Intercollegiate programs have better grades, retention, and graduation rates.
- Students want high quality accessible facilities. If departments create new, or expand programs, but field quality is poor, those programs will suffer.

- We are hoping that Recreation and ICA will endorse our proposal, that we can all present our proposal as a way to fund 3 departments by funding one. We will request less help from both areas if this funding is approved.
- Some things we could do to allow for more play would be over seeding in the winter, this is costly- and we would still need to have dedicated seasonal and weekly down time, but field condition would be better in the winter.
- Must emphasize that the referendum money is unavailable to the perimeter facilities. Also that poor quality fields lead to more injuries.

ACTION

1. Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2013, no objections.

AREA UPDATES

Due to time constraints, updates sent out via email:

Recreation:

1. The Zombie Apocalypse 5K is next Thursday, March 4 at 9pm. Sign-ups still ok.
2. Our Triathlon Team hosted the Tritonman Triathlon last weekend with over 500 collegiate competitors. It is the only elite level Triathlon in the country hosted by a collegiate team. It is also the first collegiate race to gain certification as an environmentally sustainable event. This included no paper bibs, no swag bags, and composting after the race.

Athletics:

Softball is currently ranked 13th and are 12-2.

Baseball is tied for fifth in conference and is 7-6 overall.

Men's Basketball is 14-10.

Women's Basketball is 15-9 one more win will clinch a place in the CCAA Championships.

Women's Water Polo is ranked 13th and is currently 10-6.

Men's Volleyball will be playing Grand Canyon February 28th, at home.

17th ranked Women's Tennis is 6-4.

Men's Tennis is 14th.

Golf finished 5th at the Cougar Classic, and now head to the Coyote Classic.

Track & Field, at the Claremont Rossi Relays, accumulated 3 NCAA Division II Championship qualifying marks.

Fencing, Men's and Women's are heading to their 10th consecutive Intercollegiate Fencing Conference of Southern California.

Next meeting March 13, 2014 ICA Conference room

Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.