

## SGA 2024-25 Campus Recreation Board

### Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024

Leach Center Wet Classroom

#### A. Attendance

- a. Present: Asha Advani, Jonah Calvery, Cassie Hiatt, Grace Patterson, Caroline Swift, Kate Varchetti, Freddy Juarez
- b. Excused: Jack Arena, Ivy Johnson
- c. Absent: None
- d. Ex-Officio Present: Chris Morris, David Peters
- e. Guests Contributing: SGA Senator Alexis Holliday, Kate Fernandez, Lauren Mayo

#### B. Overview of Board Responsibilities

- a. Brief History of the Board & General Responsibilities  
*Mr. Peters provided a brief history of the Rec Board with its formation in the 1990s in association with the opening of the Leach Center. He also summarized the responsibilities of student members to be the liaison between the student body and departmental staff as well as the valuable role Rec Board members play in collaborating with other SGA entities.*
- b. Distribution of Board Bylaws & Procedures  
*Board bylaws and procedures were distributed to the members in attendance.*

#### C. Election of New Officers (Peters / New Chair)

- a. Chairperson  
*Mr. Peters called for the election of the Chair. Hiatt nominated herself for Board Chair, seconded by Swift. No other members stood for the position. Hiatt was elected with by unanimous vote of student members in attendance.*
- b. Vice Chairperson  
*Chair Hiatt called for the election of the Vice Chair. Arena was nominated by Varchetti, seconded by Swift. Calvery nominated himself, seconded by Patterson. Calvery shared a statement regarding his candidacy. Arena provided a statement via recorded video. Calvery was excused from the room. The remaining Board members discussed the candidates. A secret ballot was conducted. Arena was elected as Vice Chair.*

#### D. General News & Updates

- a. Campus Recreation (Morris / Peters)  
*Mr. Morris shared that conversations with Athletics to enhance the partnership are ongoing. The Lakefront Park recently deployed new 2-person kayaks as a safer alternative for its 2-person canoes. Events continue at our facilities including Homecoming Odds and Evens this week at the Main Campus Fields.*

#### E. Liaison & Committee Reports (Peters / New Chair)

- a. Overview of Opportunities  
*Mr. Peters and Chair Hiatt provided an overview of liaison and committee positions for the Rec Board.*
- b. Schedule to Fill Appointments  
*Positions related to SGA (Senate Budget and Senate Liaisons) were prioritized to be filled immediately due to ongoing SGA meetings. Chair Hiatt selected Patterson for the Rec Board Finance Committee, Budget Chair position. Swift and Johnson were selected for the SGA Interagency Relations Liaison positions. Other liaison and committee positions will be selected based on Board member feedback and confirmed at the December meeting.*

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#### F. Old Business

*No old business to report.*

#### G. New & Continuing Business

##### a. Recent Student Foundation Funding

*Hiatt and Swift shared information on the \$500 in funding recently received by the Rec Board to create braille maps and other resources (as funds allow) to be placed at the Leach Center Front Desk to assist visually impaired patrons. Senator Holliday shared information about ongoing accessibility focused initiatives of the SGA Senate. Former Rec Board Chair and Guest Lauren Mayo provided context to the previous Board's request for funds as this initiative is handed off to the new Board. Mr. Peters will work on ensuring the funds are transferred to the department. The Rec Board will work with departmental staff and the Student Accessibility Resource Center to develop the resources.*

##### b. Finals Week Study Day at the Lakefront

*Chair Hiatt shared that she and previous Board members had been working with Campus Rec Lakefront staff (Bay Bennett) to assist in planning a Study Day at the Lake for Friday, December 6, 12-4 p.m. It will be a partnership with Her Campus, a student organization, and will feature hot drinks and light snacks for students who come out to the Lakefront for some quiet study time that day. Her Campus representative Kate Fernandez shared her group's enthusiasm for partnering on this event.*

##### c. Campus Rec Board Rules of Procedure

*Chair Hiatt moved to suspend Roberts Rules of Order for general Board operations and discussion during Board meetings, with the exception of Board Bills and Resolutions. Pattersons seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of members in attendance.*

#### H. Final Announcements

##### a. Upcoming Meetings (Peters / New Chair)

*Mr. Peters shared that meeting in December for a department overview, in addition to a business meeting, would be a good way for Board members to gain a base of Campus Rec knowledge that will help propel them in their work in the spring. Chair Hiatt will work to determine the best time for a meeting, preferably on Tuesday, December 10. Finals week schedules for Board members play a role in finalizing the time.*

#### I. Adjournment

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#### Next Meeting & Future Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Afternoon Time TBD, Location TBD
- Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm, Leach Center Wet Classroom