

UC Athletics and Recreation

MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 2011

3:15 – 4:30 PM

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

MEETING CALLED BY	Tom Wistrcill
TYPE OF MEETING	First committee meeting
FACILITATOR	Tom Wistrcill
NOTE TAKER	Mary Cooke
ATTENDEES	Jake Berklene, Mary Cooke, Tim Cox, Charles Fey, Anthony Fosselman, Jessica Goerke, Nancy Homa, Michael Kimble, Kris Kraft, Kathy Rex, Dan Satter, Daniel Shaffer, Jim Walczyk, Tom Wistrcill

Agenda topics

INTRODUCTIONS

TOM WISTRICILL

DISCUSSION	Committee members introduced themselves, which campus constituency they represented, how long they have been at The University of Akron, and their department.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

TOM WISTRICILL

DISCUSSION	<p>Nominations, seconds, discussion and vote were taken for each position. Elected officers for our committee are:</p> <p>Chair – Kent Marsden (CPAC member)</p> <p>Vice Chair – Kris Kraft (Faculty member)</p> <p>Secretary – Mary Cooke (Staff member)</p>	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

GOAL OF OUR FIRST MEETING

TOM WISTRICILL

DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will look at what is the charge of our group, but first we need to understand that Athletic and Recreation are two distinct departments. 2. Comment by Dr. Fey – because this committee is looking at two distinct departments; we should look to identify and accomplish 1 or 2 goals from each department this year. 3. Tom Wistricill suggested that he and Jim Walczyk share about each of their departments so we may begin to understand what each department does whom they serve, and some of their goals for their departments. 4. Daniel Sheffer worked on the University Council document that outlines the scope of our work as a committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Tom Wistricill read the addendum page that outlines responsibilities of our committee [page 20 of the August 19, 2011 University Council document]. . Dr. Fey will send committee members the latest version of the University Council document so that everyone may read it.

CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Dr. Fey will send committee members the latest version of the University Council document.	Dr. Charles Fey	Completed 10/28/2011

BRIEF PRESENTATION ON STUDENT RECREATION AND WELLNESS SERVICES

JIM WALCZYK

DISCUSSION	<p>Jim Walczyk gave a brief overview on the Student Recreation and Wellness Services (SRWS) department.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SRWS is based on components found nationally and recognized by the National Intramural-Recreation Sports Association (NIRSA), the guiding association for campus recreation and wellness. 2. SRWS encompasses Informal Recreation, Aquatics, Intramurals, Fitness and Wellness, Club Sports, Outdoor Adventure programming, with supporting aspects such as the Climbing Wall; along with fitness equipment and dance and exercise rooms. 3. The student union meets some recreation needs with bowling and billiards available for students. 4. SRWS is operated primarily with student employees; the past school year 220 students were employed by SRWS. They are trained and overseen by SRWS contract professional staff. 5. The main funding SRWS receives is by the student facilities fee; classified as an auxiliary operations, activities and staffing are balanced since SRWS has no control of expenses that have gone up and continue to go up. 6. Possible goals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. One would be additional facilities based on a growing number of on- and near-campus students and regional location (weather impacted); the current Rec Center is nearing capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on Spring 2011, Rec Center has regular (2x/week +) attendance of 2,100+, 1x/week attendance of 9,600+ of the nearly 12,000 enrolled students (50% use rate) • SRWS shares facilities with Athletics b. SRWS also wants to build faculty and staff inclusion; this helps with student retention and building the UA community
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently there are over 650 staff who are members; SRWS wants to build aspects and resources of health and wellness of the campus community with other Health & Wellness components already on campus • Offer discounted rate to alumni/retirees to build the UA community <p>c. Need for additional green space – this would be a good discussion for this committee – particularly lighted fields, as well as additional indoor areas.</p> <p>7. The presentation on November 16 will be a more comprehensive review and explanation of SRWS and what it is about.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Jim Walczyk will present a PowerPoint presentation on SRWS at our next meeting.	Jim Walczyk	11/16/2011

BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

TOM WISTRICILL

DISCUSSION	<p>Tom Wistricill gave an overview of the Athletics Department – he proposed that both he and Jim give formal PowerPoint presentations at our next meeting as well for the benefit of the committee members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The University of Akron is an NCA Division IA Athletic Department; there are 120 in the United States. 2. We are in the Mid-American Conference (MAC); we have 19 sports and 480 student athletes. 3. Budget <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$24 million, 70% of which is funded by UA, 30% is self-generated. b. Has a breakdown of about 1/3 each spent on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships • Personnel • Operations (includes equipment, travel, recruiting, facility operations) c. About \$7 million is paid back to UA in scholarships 4. Main goal is focus on students and their success <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Graduate our student athletes – doing well with a 71% graduation rate over the past 6 years, about double the general UA graduation rate.
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- Student athletes have very good support for academics.
 - Retention is also very good.
- b. Academics of student athletes
 - c. Social aspects of student athletes' development
 - d. Personal and career development
5. Athletics also has a focus on Community because sports and the department are very visible – whether good or bad, they are in the news
 - a. “Front porch” to University
 - b. Over half of coverage of the University is athletics
 - c. Over half of public’s first contact with UA is through Athletics
 6. Athletics has active sales and development teams; development raised about \$2 million last year.
 7. Just announced earlier today – NCAA voted in paying \$2,000/year to student athletes; this amount is fixed for three years
 - a. May cost Athletics \$300,000 - \$500,000 per year
 - b. 135 students are on full scholarships to UA, but students whose scholarships add up to a full scholarship are eligible as well.
 - c. All the details need to be figured on this new ruling.
 8. Another goal of Athletics is to raise more money so the University can give less.
 - a. However, expenses are assigned by the University; Athletics has no control over those
 - b. For example, expenses went up \$700,000 this year for Athletics due to tuition and salary increases.
 9. Needs of Athletics
 - Renovation of the JAR (James A Rhodes building) as well as baseball fields

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

Tom Wistrill will present a PowerPoint presentation on the Athletics Department at our next meeting.

Tom Wistrill

11/16/2011

MEETINGS

TOM WISTRILL

DISCUSSION

1. The committee decided that we would meet monthly.
2. We can continue to meet at Tommy Evans Lounge.
3. We will meet on Wednesdays at 3 pm.
4. At our November meeting, Athletics and Recreation will present (half an hour

	each) a PowerPoint presentation for the committee.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
As noted above, Athletics and SRWS will present PowerPoint presentations on their respective departments.	Tom Wistrill Jim Walczyk	11/16/2011

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NOVEMBER 16, 2011 3:15 – 4:30 PM

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

MEETING CALLED BY	Kent Marsden
TYPE OF MEETING	Committee meeting
FACILITATOR	Kent Marsden
NOTE TAKER	Mary Cooke
ATTENDEES	Jake Berklene, Mary Cooke, Charles Fey, Anthony Fosselman, Jessica Goerke, MaryLu Gribshaw, Nancy Homa, Michael Kimble, Kris Kraft, Daniel Shaffer, Jim Walczyk, Tom Wistrill

Agenda topics

INTRODUCTION AND UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW

KENT MARSDEN

DISCUSSION	<p>Kent Marsden introduced himself, and shared some of the history and mission of University Council.</p> <p>It has taken seven years to get to this point with University Council. In 2003, when AAUP came to campus, it mandated a campus-wide review of shared governance. In 2005, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) was favorable to our approach in a 2005 site visit.</p> <p>We have calendar year 2012 to look at the University Council document (dtd August 19) and structure and prepare a final format, which Rex Ramsier will present to the North Central Accreditation Team scheduled for Spring 2013 .</p> <p>We need to establish terms of office consistent with other standing committees. There are 4 students (2 UGRD, and 2 GRAD), each with a 1 year term.</p> <p>Year 1, we will need to have: 4 members with 1-year terms (students); 4 members with 2-year terms, and 4 members with 3-year terms. Kris Kraft will organize a plan.</p> <p>Mike Kimble has 2 years remaining on CPAC. This is Nancy's last year on SEAC, but she</p>
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can ask for an additional year appointment to finish her term on the UC committee.

Kent recommended that Nancy take to SEAC the proposal to extend every SEAC member's term for 1 year to accommodate University Council. CPAC has done this.

There is no language in the UC document for those not on the UC committee.

Comments:

The Vice President responsible for major areas should be on the committee as co-covener.

The Director of SRWS (Jim Walczyk) should be as much a part of the committee as the Director of Athletics (Tom Wistrill).

Kent asked for a vote on the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Director of Student Recreation and Wellness Services being Ex Oficio members of this committee with no term limit. Was unanimously approved.

Kent also asked for a vote on the minutes of the committee meeting of 10/27/2011. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Meeting dates – the day that seems to work best for everyone is Thursday afternoon, 2nd and 4th of month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 8, at 2:00 pm, in the Tommy Evans Lounge. Kathy Rex will send the meeting reminder.

There is the first University Council meeting on Tuesday, 11/22, at 8:00 a.m. Tom Wistrill will need to give an update on the first two meeting of our committee because Kent is unable to attend the UC meeting.

For future meetings of our committee, some suggestions are to arrange tours (Rec Center, JAR, Field house) and then work on the University Council Document draft – Athletics & Recreation section.

Dan Sheffer will follow up on whether students have received permission for an excused absence from class to attend UC council meetings. Permission was in process, and Dan will get confirmation.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Kris Kraft will organize a plan for the first year of our University Council committee so that terms become staggered.	Kris Kraft	
Tom Wistrill will present an update on our committee at the first University Council meeting on 11/22.	Tom Wistrill	11/22/2011
Dan Shaffer will follow up on students having an excused absence from class to attend UC committee meeting	Dan Shaffer	

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON SRWS

JIM WALCZYK

DISCUSSION		
Jim Walczyk gave a presentation on Student Recreation and Wellness Services.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON ATHLETICS

TOM WISTRILL

DISCUSSION		
Tom Wistrill gave a presentation on the Athletics Department.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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