

Wellness and Recreation Services Advisory Committee
April 28, 2008 Meeting

Present: Paige Nagle, Kelly Eckhart, JoAnn Wolfe, Kristi Phillips, Bill Patterson, Susan Dobie, Tony Smothers, Seth Brown, Tim Klatt, Chris Denison, and Kathy Green

First of all, we should have asked if there are any committee members who will not return in the fall. Please notify Kathy! Thanks. We've got a great group, so hope not to lose anyone.

Thanks for all the shared thoughts and discussion today.....lots to talk about and so little time.

1. Student Services Fee Committee report: the SSF committee decided not to support our requests for utilities, an Intramural Sports secretary, or senior level student employees. The committee does support us moving forward with a proposal to the Board of Regents for implementation of a Mandatory Recreation Fee, however. For that process, we need letters of support from students. Since our student Advisory members are supportive of this fee, we request that student members of the WRS Advisory Committee write a letter expressing their support and rationale. Students agreed they will get together to do so. Be sure to include Ellen Schiltz, Neal Molitor, and other students who were absent today. Thanks! Let Kathy know if you have questions about the letter.

There was helpful discussion and suggestions as we move in this direction, including using this opportunity to really ask for what we need to not only catch up but get ahead in financial stability for WRS. It was also suggested that we get student input regarding what lost services they would like reinstated. We need to increase student awareness across campus of the issues and invite their input.*Chris Denison will ask a May term research class to conduct a survey of student interests in re-instated facility hours.

We should post on our web site information about the issue and should post the minutes of our Advisory Committee meetings.

We will continue to discuss with students and our administrators how to best approach this BOR request with attentiveness to student costs and fees and to WRS ability to best serve student interests.

2. Customer Service: Follow up on issues raised at the last meeting was reported related to the pool areas, fitness areas, and Welcome desks to assure quality service and customer safety. It was mentioned that the showers in the women's locker room are still dripping (almost running) hot water. The clock in the women's locker room also seldom is accurate. WRS staff will follow up on those issues.

3. WRS new web site: members report that the site is user friendly and well organized. Susan loves the grass. There were a few typos (which Kathy would like reported). We need to place urgent announcements on the front page as they occur. The vertical grey wording up the left side is not appealing. Continue to give us feedback as you use the website.

4. Employee Wellness: Kathy plans to meet this summer with HR staff regarding future

possibilities in Employee Wellness. She'll let WRS Advisory faculty/staff members know in case any wish to be involved (I hope so!). Susan Dobie would like to get her students involved with an established long range plan as part of the UNI employee wellness program. Kathy and Susan will talk this summer.

5. Facility and other topics: Parking lot project is finally back on track and in the end we hope there will be additional parking for persons with disabilities. The WRC has lost a custodian, plus the ones remaining now have to clean the HPC, so they are REALLY stretched. Keep WRS staff informed if you notice a decline in cleaning quality. WRS staff have undertaken "green" initiatives to reduce energy use but also to recycle paper, cardboard, returnable bottles and cans, and plastic of all sorts. A weekly routine is set up and staff take turns making the "run" to the recycling centers. We will report in the fall what we have recycled over the course of a year.

I hope I haven't left anything out. I was late and then interrupted a number of times in getting these meeting minutes written and sent.

Thanks for all your involvement and contributions this year. You are greatly appreciated!

Kathy