

PSU Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, April 20, 2012
11:00 a.m.
102 PSU Student Recreation Center

The meeting began with lunch catered from the Mall Deli. Members present included Shela Webb, Megan Byers, Kim Vogel, Sara Mitchell, Emily Gronau, Vince Daino, Bill Stobart, Chuck Killingsworth, Dan Ferguson, John Oppliger and Janice Jewett.

Introductions - Dr. Jewett began the meeting with introduction of members. An agenda was available with the following items:

COE Advisory Board Meeting/Dinner - Committee was invited to an all-COE Advisory Board meeting on April 17th by Dr. Howard Smith, Dean COE. The meeting involved updates from various advisory committees on campus. Dr. Oppliger told members that the Rec Department was thought very highly of on campus.

Update on GPA requirements – The increase in the GPA to a 2.5 went into effect Fall 2011. This gpa is required in the core, emphasis areas, and prior to Internship for all new students as of Fall 2011.

Update on expansion of minor options - Minor options (effective Fall 2011) have also changed as a result of the recommendations of the advisory board. Options include:

Recreation Administration: Business Administration, Marketing, or Natural History

Community, Corporate and Hospital Wellness: Business Administration, Marketing, Public Health, or Exercise Science

Recreation Therapy: Psychology, Gerontology, or Public Health

TR Updates (5th course) - Dr. Killingsworth discussed NCTRC required changes, which will go into effect January 1, 2013. The internship requirement will be 560 contact hours with a 14-week minimum, which PSU is currently doing. The 400 – level course proposed for this is entitled “Trends & Issues in TR” and is in Faculty Senate at this time.

Dr. Killingsworth spoke to the group about his plans for phased retirement from the university. He will be teaching two online courses until the Spring of 2014 and will be moving to California sometime mid June. He & Lynda are expecting a grand-daughter any day!

Accreditation – PSU is one of 81 accredited programs in the United States. Dr. Jewett informed the committee of our next review which will be Fall 2014. Our site

visit can be at any time from October 2013 to Spring 2014. Dr. Killingsworth spoke of a survey being sent by the CARTE committee to request which accrediting agency TR programs would prefer. PSU is accredited through COAPRT.

Other Business – Program guides were available for review. Discussion followed on the Design Maintenance Class becoming part of the core so all majors would have this course. Vince Daino spoke of the different operations involved in the internship to include facilities, operations, aquatics.

Dr Ferguson updated members on the search for Dr. Killingsworth's replacement. The committee is considering three candidates and contemplating whether to bring two or all three to campus for interviews. Dr. Jewett informed members that most phased retirement positions are not re-hired until the phased is complete.

Dr. Oppliger asked for input from the committee on professionalism of our students in the workplace. Discussion ensued with respect to student teacher evaluations. Other discussion followed with regard to grading of an internship and the weight of the supervisor's recommendation. Dr. Ferguson covers this topic in his Pre-Internship class and noted that around 47% of the students in this class do not work and this lack of experience may cause a negative impact on their work experience. Vince Daino advised members that students from PSU wanting an internship at the Rec Center need to clear it with their advisor before he will hire them. Incoming calls from relatives concerning student's progress or job application was discussed. Dr. Killingsworth spoke of the important of students on the advisory board.

Dr. Ferguson invited members to an event featuring Lee Jones this afternoon at 3:00 in 109 Grubbs Hall. Mr. Jones was born with Down Syndrome, obtained a BS in Recreation from Washington & works at a rec center in Kansas City. Dr. Ferguson had opportunity to hear him speak at an earlier workshop.

Vince Daino advised members that ground will be broken soon for the Performing Arts Center. This will involve moving the outdoor basketball, tennis, & sand volleyball courts.

Dr. Stobart asked members to consider replacements for Jim Rice, Advisory Member, who has resigned from the Chanute Recreation commission. Faculty will meet to consider this & student members for future meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Downing