

PSU Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, April 28, 2016
12:15 p.m.
102 PSU Student Recreation Center

The meeting began with lunch catered from the Mall Deli. Members present included: Kim Vogel, Emily Gronau, Vince Daino, Bill Stobart, John Oppliger, Janice Jewett, Steven Lilly, Bryce Winklepleck, Dawnelle Burris-Shelley, James Kidd, Jim Kidd, Amanda Bastian, Ryan Metcalf, and Sara Vacca. (Laura Covert was teaching a class)

Guest: Dr. Howard Smith, COE Dean; Debbie Kidd

Introductions - Dr. Bill Stobart began by introducing board members. James and Jim Kidd were a feature story on the PSU website and KSN TV station. The father/son duo have taken every college class together. Dr. Stobart welcomed and thanked members of the Advisory Board for their service.

Dr. Stobart introduced Dr. Howard Smith, Dean COE, who also welcomed and thanked the board for their input and service. He also expressed his appreciation to Dr. Stobart for his years of service to PSU.

Dr. Oppliger presented a document outlining enrollment figures since 2000. Figures show the Recreation program has grown, particularly in the area of Therapeutic Recreation. He informed the board of the need for programs to be analyzed and appreciated their input and suggestions concerning any program changes. An agenda was available with the following items:

COAPRT - Dr. Stobart informed the committee of the NRPA accreditation visit by him and Dr. Oppliger to Las Vegas this past September. Progress reports and Annual reports were sent to COAPRT for review.

Faculty Update - Dr. Bill Stobart announced to the board that he would be retiring on July 31, 2016. He informed them that Ms. Sarah Ball had been hired as new faculty (for Dr. Dan Ferguson's position) and the department will be interviewing another candidate in the near future.

Program Review - Dr. Stobart informed the board that the Recreation Program Review (campus committee) went well. All Recreation faculty were involved in this review.

Enrollment Figures- Dr. Stobart indicated that there are currently 81 majors and 10 minors in the department.

Internship Placement - A list of Internship sites was provided in a variety of facilities, cities and states. Ms. Laura Covert supervises these students.

Dance Minor - Dr. Janice Jewett spoke to members about the Dance Minor and Certificate. Enrollment has increased. The minor is also an option for students in the Recreation Administration and Community, Corporate, Hospital Wellness Emphases areas.

Kim Vogel attended the Dance Showcase and stated that it was professionally done. Dr. Jewett hopes to have a second one. Dr. Stobart praised Dr. Jewett for her work on the minor. The Bicknell Center for the Arts was a good venue for the program.

Conventions - Ryan Metcalf, Dr. Janice Jewett, Laura Covert and several students attended the KRPA Conference in January in Dodge City. Laura Covert and six students attended the Midwest Therapeutic Recreation Symposium in April in St. Louis, MO. James Kidd, who attended this conference last April, shared his experience. Dawnelle also stated that the convention was not just for TR patients, but for TR therapists.

Other – Students in Dr. Dave Miller’s Senior Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Class have designed a hand cycle and will be presented to the Recreation department in the near future.

Dr. Stobart thanked Ryan Metcalf for serving as an instructor for the 2015-16 academic year. Dr. Stobart informed committee that there were no changes to class structure for the next year; but with two new hires, there could be in 2017.

Kim Vogel stated that the next NRPA convention would be in St. Louis and reminded faculty of volunteer opportunities for students.

James Kidd was grateful for the new equipment, particularly Beeper Ball, that had been purchased through the Dean’s Office for the Recreation Department. There is still a need for more wheelchairs for some of the activities.

Dr. Stobart stated that Ms. Covert would be defending her dissertation Fall 2016.

Dr. Oppliger asked the committee for any suggestions regarding the program and discussion was held on job opportunities in and around the area.

Dr. Stobart asked for the need to expand the board. Suggestions were given regarding representation from Pinamonti and the YMCA; as well as Calvin Jones and Will Morris.

Kim Vogel mentioned the Brownfield Property project and was interested in working with the Recreation department on design ideas. Other activities mentioned included a mini-golf tournament.

Dr. Stobart announced that Brittany Shires was the Recreation Major of the Year and Dr. Howard Smith thanked the board for their time and service to the department.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Downing