

PSU Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 2013
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, Dan Ferguson, John Oppliger, Laura Covert and Janice Jewett.

Introductions - Dr. Bill Stobart began the meeting with introduction of members especially new faculty member, Laura Covert. Laura briefly told about herself. An agenda was available with the following items:

Faculty - Dr Stobart spoke briefly about each Recreation faculty and two adjunct faculty and asked each to share with the committee some of their concerns, highlights, etc. Dr. Bill Stobart shared that he is on sabbatical this semester studying facility design of Central Park in New York & Boston Commons in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Ferguson spoke of the CTRS standard changes that went into effect January 2013 which prompted the new course, Trends & Issues to be developed in the department. Ms. Covert conveyed that her classes had done a lot of community based projects throughout the semester at various education and medical facilities. She & Dr. Ferguson just attended the Midwest TR Symposium in St. Louis. Dr. Jewett also shared that her classes had done several community based projects, as well as visit Wellness Programs at Via Christi and Pinamonti Physical Therapy. She shared that there are advantages to staying local and recently attended the AAHPERD Convention in Charlotte, NC. Dr. Chuck Killingsworth is on phased retirement and teaching two online classes for the department. He resides in California and completes his phased retirement in May 2014. Sara Mitchell, adjunct, advised that there are more offerings for the students in Recreation at the KRPA Convention as opposed to the KAHPERD Convention. Vince Daino, adjunct, spoke about the class he taught and geared it toward Campus Recreation from start to completion of a facility. He advised his students to attend NRSA events.

Update on Program – The only update was the addition of Ms. Laura Covert to the Recreation faculty.

TR Updates – Dr. Ferguson spoke again briefly about the changes in this emphasis. The Recreation Department is awaiting legislation passage for the new courses and re-designed courses.

Accreditation – The Recreation program is up for accreditation in the Spring of 2014. Dr. Oppliger spoke briefly concerning the upcoming NRPA convention where new documentation will be presented.

Other Business – Sara Mitchell advised the department to consider offering a computer class. Kim Vogel shared that there is the ability to remote into their

system and advantages of creating a complete database. Possible programs could be Rec Track, Fusion, CSI and Vince Daino shared with the group what he uses at the Rec Center.

Each member was then given the opportunity to share concerns about the interns that come to their facilities. Most were positive comments; however they would like students to be more personable and have a complete resume when making application for the internship. Dr. Oppliger asked about the time frame of when PSU knows where the interns are at. The PSU interns find their own placements; and vary on when they start their quest.

Emily Gronau shared with the group that a position at Greenbush with the Ropes Course was available and summer camps would begin very soon.

Dr. Stobart thanked the members for attending & for the luncheon. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Downing