

PSU Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
Friday, May 3, 2019  
11:30 a.m.  
217 PSU Student Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Laura Covert-Miller who introduced the HHPR faculty. Lunch was catered from the Mall Deli while all enjoyed a power point depicting events of the last school year. Members present included: Kim Vogel, Emily Gronau, Vince Daino, John Oppliger, Janice Jewett, Sunni Stipp, Ginger Cawley, Jayna Guerra, Andi Vietti, Michelle Alexander, Mike Moore, Steve Lilly, Damon Smithhisler, Lucas Arnold, Brad Stroud, Mallory Roberson, Regi Casner, Sarah Ball, Rick Hardy, John Oppliger, Taya Leach, Amber Davish, Tami Burt, Ashten Clark, Peyton Cravens, Mikayla Hernandez, and Laura Covert-Miller.

Unable to attend: Sara Vacca, Matt Neal, Craig Hull, Devin Gorman, Jim Truelove

Guests: Kylie Edgecomb & Erica Martin

Dr. Covert asked everyone to introduce themselves and distributed agenda for the meeting with the following items:

Welcome – Dr. John Oppliger, HHPR Department Chair, welcomed everyone and noted that PSU was one of only two accredited recreation programs in the state of Kansas. He reminded all that our faculty were Recreation professionals and noted that changes were happening in the degree programs. The Recreation program is gaining students.

Intern, Dance Certificate & Recent Grads – The following spoke about their specific emphasis:

Megan McBee – Rec Intern with Corporate Fitness Works who was unable to attend but submitted an online video. She spoke about her duties assigned as an Intern, the size of the company and classes from PSU that prepared her. She was offered & accepted a job with Corporate Fitness Works! Dr. Covert-Miller went on to explain the different kinds of internships for the emphases areas and reminded members they were able to ask for interns from our program.

Ashten Clark – 2018 Graduate who is employed with Pittsburg Parks & Rec. She spoke about the many events that are sponsored, with emphasis on Camp Now & Then and the OK Kids Day. She enjoys events that include children and wished to have more public speaking experience as part of the program at PSU. She is also pursuing a Master's Degree from PSU.

Tami Burt – Dance Certificate major who started at FSCC then took a break to be with family. She found the Dance program at PSU and praised instructors. She co-choreographed and performed in the first Dance Showcase and introduced Dance to staff and students at Northeast School District. She teaches the Monday night Country/Western and Ballroom Dance Class for the HHPR Department. She hopes to own her own studio in the future.

Lucas Arnold – May 2018 graduate in Recreation who is now a Kanas Game Warden. Praised the Recreation program and core classes and added that Natural History Minor with public speaking got him prepared for this career. He also completed 14 weeks of Law Enforcement and travels all over the state. He is responsible for two counties in Kansas. Prior to coming to PSU, Lucas was in the military.

Breakout Groups

Faculty members met with professional representatives associated with the four emphasis areas: Rec & Sport MGMT, Therapeutic Recreation, Community & Worksite Wellness, and Hospitality MGMT. During the breakout session, groups discussed topics that included trends in the field, technology, research topics, student strengths and areas for improvement, and other various items.

Overall Group Discussion

Large group discussion included summarization of small group topics and discussion of marketing the recreation program.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Covert thanked all for coming and asked anyone to contact her if they had any questions or suggestions. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Downing