

**RECREATIONAL SPORTS BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012-2013**

I. STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

Pursuant to *Faculty Policies and Procedures* 6.48.B., the functions of the Recreational Sports Board are as follows:

1. Advises the administration concerning the development, programming, staffing, maintenance, and financing of recreational sports facilities for faculty, staff, and students.
2. Initiates actions in matters of budget and personnel for the chancellor.
3. When issues related to academic matters develop, decisions shall be restricted to a subcommittee consisting of the faculty members of the committee. Disputes about identifying issues as academic shall be resolved by the University Committee.

II. CURRENT OR PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Highlights from the five Recreational Sports Board meetings conducted in 2012-2013 include:

- Implemented IM Leagues Software for Intramural Sports Operations. In addition, purchased 16 iPads through a We Conserve grant to eliminate virtually all paper from our Intramural Program operations. Reduced paper output by over 50,000 copies on an annual basis.
- Continued technology expansion to offer online registration for all programs. Membership and locker online services scheduled to be fully complete in summer 2013.
- Implemented several new membership options for users, including perpetual memberships, expanded payroll deduction, and more temporary membership services.
- Replaced all strength and conditioning equipment at the Natatorium.
- In line with vice chancellor for administration strategic initiatives, Recreational Sports has created an "Engagement, Inclusion and Diversity Plan" as a result of the EID survey conducted in 2010-2011. Recreational Sports has also created a "Key Performance Indicator Dashboard" to measure program success.
- Converted the vast majority of marketing materials into digital form.
- Added indoor futsal (soccer) at the Southeast Recreation Facility. Through this renovation, the Intramural Sports Program was also able to offer a new sport that attracted almost 100 teams.
- Recreational Sports continues to expand special events in order to generate new revenue. At this point, we feel that we have not impacted use by students with this expansion.
- The Student Services Finance Committee proposed and approved funding to request that the Division of Recreational Sports re-open the master plan and consider a broader scope for purposes of a 2014 referendum for new and expanded indoor and outdoor recreational facilities.
- The Near East Playfield has been closed for a number of years to accommodate a staging area for numerous construction projects. The completion of the DeJope Residence Hall allowed the division to level the field with topsoil and plant new seed. That playfield space is expected to open in fall 2013 for use by the division.

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- Several club sports within the division remain nationally competitive and have won numerous national club tournaments.
- Indoor recreational use is on pace once again to surpass 1.6 million users in 2012-2013. The numbers for 2011-2012 are below:

735,079	Southeast Recreation Facility
413,824	Natatorium
273,649	Camp Randall Sports Center
93,343	Nielsen Tennis Stadium
11,966	Lathrop Hall
<u>139,670</u>	Outdoor Spaces (includes only scheduled programs)
1,527,861	TOTAL

III. CURRENT ISSUES OR CONCERNS

Many facilities within the unit are aging and have significant major repair projects to keep the facilities up to code. Without the approval of a master plan, significant funds will be needed to repair the facilities in coming years.

IV. FUTURE ISSUES

State mandated reductions and the 50/50 split on all major repair projects in facilities have severely impacted the Recreational Sports budget. In response to these issues, Recreational Sports worked closely with student leaders to expand segregated fees for 2013-2014. The Student Services Finance Committee supported and approved this budget expansion to prepare the division better for these current expenses. Expected projects included in the FY 2014 budget include roof repairs at the Southeast Recreation Facility and Nielsen Tennis Stadium, and HVAC and plumbing repair at the Camp Randall Sports Center. Facilities conditions assessments are continuing, and we expect the expenses to increase in foreseeable future.

The division expects to move forward with a master plan to present to the campus in a referendum in April 2014.

V. SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATIONS

The Recreational Sports Board passed a motion requesting that the Division of Recreational Sports work closely with students and the campus community to develop a master plan for the purpose of going to referendum in FY 2014.

The Recreational Sports Board will continue to work closely with Division of Recreational Sports staff and campus administration to consider long-range recreational services to benefit the campus community.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Faculty

Heidi Kaeppler, co-chair
Doug Reindl

Ex officio

John Horn
Jeff Schmidt

Staff

Peter Crump
Jesse Markow, co-chair
Stephen Radar

Classified Staff

Cathryn Pierce-Mosher

Students

Christian Blatner
Nathan Ebben
Ian Malmstadt
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