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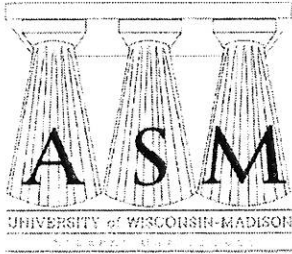
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2 of Recreational Sports on matters of programming, financial assessments on students, and
3 facilities management. In recent years, both Recreational Sports and the Student Services
4 Finance Committee have identified a need to change the compositional makeup of the
5 board to more accurately reflect demographical usage, monetary support, and
6 programming advisory needs. The goal of this legislation is to yield support of ASM-
7 Student Council as this memo is taken up by the Faculty Senate to debate this change. The
8 current structure of the Recreational Sports Board consists of: five faculty members, five
9 academic staff members, five student members, Director of the Division of Recreational
10 Sports, (who is ex-officio, nonvoting) and one nonvoting representative from the Division of
11 Intercollegiate Athletics. However SSFC and the Director of Recreational Sports Dale
12 Carruthers have been in constant communication and have come to the decision for the
13 reconstruction of the Recreational Sports Board, so that it may be better equipped to fulfill
14 its mission and serve the campus.

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16 The Associated Students of Madison acting in Student Council do enact as follows:

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18 **Be it resolved,** Council fully supports the change of the Recreational Sports Board to be
19 composed of: eleven appointed student members, two faculty appointees, two staff appointees,
20 the chair will be a student elected from within the board, and the Director of Recreational Sports
21 serves as an ex-officio member.

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23 **Be it further resolved,** ASM-Student Council supports this action because student
24 representation is currently lacking of the Recreational Sports Board. Students Segregated Fees
25 are used for 57.6% of the facilities' revenue. Students are also the majoritarian of users, which is
26 reflected by Student Usage of 73% through the 2009-2010 school year and only 11% by faculty
27 and staff.

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29 **Be it finally resolved,** ASM-Student Council Urges the Chancellor, ASEC, and the Faculty
30 Senate to approve this proposal because students have the most vested interest of how these
31 facilities are managed.
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Disposition:

Secretary:

Chair:

To: Darrell Bazzell, Vice Chancellor for Administration

From: Dale Carruthers, Director of Recreational Sports

Re: Recreational Sports Board Proposal

Date: May 26, 2011

SUMMARY

The Recreational Sports Board is a shared governance committee that advises the Division of Recreational Sports on matters of programming, financial assessments on students, and facilities management. In recent years, both Recreational Sports and the Student Services Finance Committee have identified a need to change the compositional makeup of the board to more accurately reflect demographical usage, monetary support, and programming advisory needs. The goal of this memo is to outline the relevant policies and concerns both units have, and ask that the makeup of the board be changed so the division may be better equipped to fulfill its mission and serve the campus.

CURRENT FACULTY POLICY AND PROCEDURE

6.48. RECREATIONAL SPORTS BOARD.

1. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Recreational Sports Board shall consist of the following members:
 1. Five faculty members.
 2. Five academic staff members.
 3. Five student members.
 4. Director of the Division of Recreational Sports, ex officio nonvoting.
 5. One nonvoting representative of the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

To avoid the appearance of conflicts of interest, voting membership on the Recreational Sports Board will not be open to faculty and academic staff members who are affiliated with units that are shared users of recreational facilities or that receive funding through student segregated fees.

2. **FUNCTIONS.**
 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.

CONCERNS

The following excerpt from the SSFC report to Chancellor Martin specifically recommended that the make-up of the Recreational Sports Advisory Board be changed to more accurately reflect student use as well as financial support. The specific reference to the Committee is in bold type below.

4.5 Recreational Sports

Recreational Sports strives to provide high-quality physical recreation opportunities to the students, faculty, and staff of UW-Madison. Recreational Sports maintains the South East Recreational Facility (the SERF), the Natatorium (the Nat), the Nielsen Tennis Stadium, and the Shell. Students, faculty, and staff use these facilities for a variety of different purposes, ranging from cardiovascular exercise to spinning classes to intramural sports. Recreational Sports is not attached to UW Athletics, which does not receive SUF funds.

In FY11, Recreational Sports is requesting a segregated fee budget of **\$2,258,300**, an increase of \$305,000 or 15.6%. This year, the State has reduced financial support of Rec. Sport's maintenance projects from 100% to 50%. In discussions between SSFC leadership and Rec. Sports administration, it became clear that, with the current maintenance needs of the facilities and uncertainties regarding the continued support of even 50%, an effort should be made to invest in the facilities now as opposed to later. Thus, students would effectively be seeing investments made in this area matched by the state and helping to reduce costs over the long term. Initial discussions included an increase of up to \$5 per semester, however Rec. Sports Administration felt a \$2.34 increase would be sufficient to cover these costs in the immediate future.

SSFC this year concentrated on two primary aspects of the Department of Recreational Sports. First, the recreational sports facilities on campus are in dire need of significant remodeling and reconstruction. Current capacity is not enough to meet current demand, and without additional space there are very few options to try to accommodate this problem. We continue to encourage Recreational Sports to search for creative solutions to these problems, while recognizing the constraints the department is put under. Although remodeling could help alleviate the space constraints, such projects are only short term solutions and would prove very costly with only marginal returns. The only long term solution is either a new facility or a major construction project on an existing one, and although the NatUp renovation was voted down last spring, SSFC recommends that the project be brought back up for referendum in several years time.

Second, student representation on the Recreational Sports Advisory Board is lacking, considering the majority of the usage and monetary support of these facilities are students. Students represented 73% of the usage in 09-10, compared to only 11% for both faculty and staff, and yet the advisory board is comprised of 10 faculty/staff and only 5 students. Even when it comes to monetary contribution, student segregated fees comprise 57.6% of the facilities' revenue, compared to 12.8% for faculty/staff, which doesn't include the additional revenues by students for pay-for-use services within the facilities. Beyond pure monetary and usage arguments for additional representation, students bring enthusiasm, creativity, and above all else, a vested interest in how these facilities are managed.

Additionally, the lines of reporting to the Faculty Senate that currently exist are a vestment from the days when they were housed under the School of Education. Since this is no longer the case and they are now an auxiliary unit within the non-allocable structure of segregated fees, we believe the make-up and governance of the committee should follow the same lines as the other non-allocable units. Up to this point the University Committee has

resisted attempts to change these things, arguing the consistency afforded the committee by the current makeup. The factual truth is, however, that simply is not the case with the Recreational Sports Advisory Board. The greatest consistency will lie with students providing input to Rec Sports to determine direction for current and future students. Both the SSFC and Rec Sports administration agree that this would be the best way for the department to be able to accurately serve student interest and desires is by hearing directly from them and having them participate in the direct governance of the department. Therefore, given the overwhelming student use, primary student monetary support, and vested interest in these facilities, SSFC recommends the composition of the Recreational Sports Advisory Board be changed to reflect these issues.

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Although not included in the report to the Chancellor by SSFC Chair Manes, the SSFC and Recreational Sports staff agree that this advisory group should be chaired by a student member and not a faculty member as is currently the case. Given the new committee structure, meetings should be scheduled in the evenings to best accommodate student availability.

Finally, the argument has been made for the case that, despite these concerns, the best continuity and service the board can provide would be afforded by the faculty and staff. It has been suggested that these individuals would bring institutional knowledge and serve as a more permanent fixture on this board, and would be capable of contributing more than the students who are so often transient on this campus. While good in theory and perhaps a valid case for other shared governance committees, greater student input is required to assess trends and suggest direction to best serve the student population. The Division of Recreational Sports needs this type of support from their advisory board more than any other, as the primarily student user-base these facilities serve are very dynamic in programming needs. Given it is the responsibility of this board to provide such input and oversight, it is essential that the membership on the board enable the Division to continue to develop and grow in serving the campus to the greatest degree possible. Greater student representation on the Recreational Sports Board is the best possible means of realizing this goal.

ADVISORY GROUPS FOR MAJOR AUXILIARIES

1) University Health Services

The Health Advisory Committee consists of 15 appointees, 7 faculty/staff, 7 students, and Dr. Van Orman, Dr. Ryan and Arnold Jennerman are consultants.

Several of the faculty/staff appointees are in the medical field, which makes sense.

While the advisory group is a shared governance committee, they do not present an annual report to the faculty senate.

2) University Housing

Approximately 20-25 students from all the halls comprise the advisory group. There are no faculty/staff members on the committee but select staff from housing participate.

The advisory group is not a shared governance committee and does not present a report to the faculty senate.

3) Unions

The Union Board is comprised of 15 voting members, 1 faculty member, 1 academic staff member, 2 alums, Union Director and Associate Director, ASM Chair, 3 students appointed by ASM, The Union President and 3 Vice Presidents are students, 1 student appointed by the Union Directorate. The Dean of Students and the Union Program Director are ex-officio members.

The advisory group reports to the Chancellor and does not present a report to the faculty senate.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The shared governance board is comprised of 5 faculty, 5 staff, and 5 students. The chair of the board currently must be a faculty member. The Director of Recreational Sports and Senior Associate Director of Athletics are ex-officio members. This board is the only major auxiliary that prepares and presents an annual report to the faculty senate, a carryover from previously being administratively aligned with the School of Education. To consolidate the major auxiliary units, the Division of Recreational Sports was reassigned to the Vice Chancellor for Administration in 2005.

The recommendation for future composition of the Recreational Sports Board is as follows:

- Eleven appointed student members
- Two faculty appointees
- Two staff appointees
- The chair will be a student elected from within the board
- The Director of Recreational Sports serves as an ex-officio member.

Additionally:

- FPP 6.48 should be eliminated or amended to accurately reflect changes, thus removing this board as a committee of the faculty.
- The appointment of an Intercollegiate staff member as ex-officio to the Recreational Sports Board and the appointment of the Director of Recreational Sports to the Athletic Board should be evaluated. The reason for the appointments to these boards is due to sharing recreation facilities for intercollegiate athletic purposes, although little discussion regarding this topic takes place at the Board levels. Currently, the Director of Recreational Sports and the Senior Associate Director of Athletics meet regularly to discuss issues associated with shared use facilities. This communication should be expected at the staff levels and is much more beneficial than serving on the Boards. It is

the recommendation of Recreational Sports that these ex-officio appointments be reconsidered and possibly eliminated with the expectation that communication between the respective staffs remain at a high level.