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To: University Committee
From: Jesse Markow; Co-chair of Recreational Sports Board
CC: Jane Richard; Office of the Secretary of the Faculty
Doug Reindl; Co-chair of Recreational Sports Board
John Horn; Director of Recreational Sports
Date: 8/19/2014
Re: Recreational Sports Board Configuration

On June 23, 2014, I first learned of action taken by the Faculty Senate in 2012 to change the configuration of the membership of the Recreational Sports Board. As passed by this group, the configuration is to be 2 faculty, 3 academic staff, 3 classified staff, and 4 students. In discussions with Doug Reindl and John Horn, I confirmed that this was new to all of us and we all responded in the same way. That is, pleased to see the increase in classified staff, but not at all pleased to see that the student representation was decreased relative to all others.

Recreational Sports may be a unique environment for faculty governance. Our first function is that the Board “Advises the administration concerning the development, programming, staffing, maintenance, and financing of recreational sports facilities for faculty, staff, and students.” This was recognized in the previous configuration cited in the Division of Recreational Sports Annual Report 2011–2012, “The previous Board consisted of 5 faculty, 5 staff, 5 student members... The updated membership includes 5 students, 2 faculty, 2 academic staff, 1classified staff...”

Given the following data from the Division of Recreational Sports most recent annual reports, we feel that it is necessary to maintain at least 50% student representation on the Board.

Year	Total Revenue	Revenue from Segregated Fees	Percentage of Revenue from Segregated Fees	Percentage of Facility Usage by Students
2011–2012	3,897,449	2,098,107	54%	75%
2012–2013	4,227,208	2,326,344	55%	78%
2013–2014	5,114,709	2,866,751	56%	74%

This is especially true at this moment, following the passage of the campus-wide referendum in support of major elements of the Recreational Sports Master Plan that will lead to a significant increase in student segregated fees in the near future.

If there is a feeling that classified staff should be increased, going to 2 representatives would be welcome, holding faculty and academic staff at 2 and with a concomitant increase of student representation from 5 to 6.