

**RECREATIONAL SPORTS BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009-2010**

I. STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

Pursuant to *Faculty Policies and Procedures* 6.48.B., the functions of the Recreational Sports Board (RSB) 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

- 5 Recreational Sports Board meetings
- 1 budget subcommittee meeting

Highlights for 2009-2010:

- The budget subcommittee of the board reviewed the 2010-2011 recreational sports budget and approved moving it to the next level, approval by the full Recreational Sports Board. Full approval by the board took place on January 26, 2010. Subsequently, the Student Services Finance Committee reviewed and approved the budget.
- The student referendum to renovate and expand the Natatorium recreation facility was not supported by students. The voter turnout was the highest in UW-Madison history, with 13,665 students voting. The voting results were 8,354 (61%) against the proposal and 5,311 (39%) in favor.
- Created a new web site and received feedback from the Recreational Sports Board.
- Information technology services for recreational sports were transferred from the School of Education to Administrative Information Management Services.
- Began the process of implementing software programs in intramural sports and facility management to improve service to patrons.
- Automated the process by which groups request space in recreational sports facilities.
- Installed new carpeting in the SERF cardio room.
- Began using Facebook and Twitter to enhance marketing efforts.
- Rebuilt an ice compressor at the ice rink.

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- In conjunction with the housing division, created a plan to replace Natatorium outdoor tennis courts and sand volleyball courts that will be lost due to a new residence hall and dining services.
- Installed a new ultra-violet filtration system at the Natatorium pool.
- Installed new flooring in the weight bays of the Camp Randall Sports Center.
- Provided updates to the proposed Intercollegiate Athletics ice rink project and impact to the SERF.
- Cooperated with University Health Services to utilize the SERF as an alternative site to dispense H1N1 immunizations.
- A state mandate required a \$287,094 reduction in cash balances to fund financial aid. In addition, a 1% budget reduction of \$40,876, a 2% salary reduction of \$23,493, as well as a \$32,778 furlough reduction were implemented. The total amount of reductions was taken from the Nielsen Tennis Stadium cash balance.
- Recreational Sports, along with University Health Services and the Office of Human Resources, are spearheading an idea to create a comprehensive campus wellness program.
- The Women's Water Ski and Wakeboard Club received \$2,900 and the Dance Elite Club received \$2,100 from the Virginia Horne-Henry Fund.
- Discussed the possibility of creating additional exercise equipment at Nielsen Tennis Stadium to better serve students and faculty/staff in that particular area of campus.
- Closed certain activity spaces for several weeks at the Natatorium due to an asbestos abatement project.
- The indoor recreational facilities had 1,567,876 uses in 2009-2010. Use by facility:
 - 776,726 Southeast Recreation Facility
 - 417,617 Natatorium
 - 269,465 Camp Randall Sports Center
 - 99,133 Nielsen Tennis Stadium
 - 4,935 Lathrop

Use of the indoor recreation facilities has increased 35% since 2000-2001.

III. CURRENT ISSUES OR CONCERNS

- State-mandated cash balance reductions to fund financial aid will require anticipated upgrades to facilities to be deferred. In addition, these reductions will likely impact fees charged for services.

IV. FUTURE ISSUES

- As a result of the defeat of the Natatorium upgrade and expansion project, recreational sports staff will search for alternative spaces throughout campus in an effort to expand services.
- Although a significant capital project to upgrade and enlarge a recreation facility will not move forward in the short term, such a project will remain a high priority.

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- Should state-mandated reductions continue, the scope of services provided as well as the cost of such will likely be significantly impacted.
- Due a state mandate, the Nielsen Tennis Stadium roof replacement has been deferred until FY13. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.9 million. The funding for the project is 50% state funds, 25% Recreational Sports, and 25% Intercollegiate Athletics. Deferring such projects can result in greater cost over time.

V. SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATIONS

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

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Faculty

Tom Givnish, chair
Heidi Kaeppler
James Malter
Patricia McManus
Ivan Soll

Staff

Peter Crump
Robert McGrath
Stephen Rader

Students

Bryce Heth
Logan Hulick
Martenzie Johnson
Sheala Mullaney
Daniel Solarz

Ex officio

Dale Carruthers
Sean Frazier