

Faculty Council Standing Committee
Type B: Student Services and Activities
B-2 Recreational Sports Committee
2017-18 Annual Report

The committee was comprised of the following members:

Dean J. Almy	Associate Professor, Architecture
Rehema Apio	ESL Receptionist, International Office (<i>left university January 2018</i>)
Matthew Bowers	Clinical Assistant, Kinesiology and Health Education
Mark L. Bradshaw	Lecturer, Accounting
Alyssa Coleman	Intramural Council Representative
Linda Dickens	Senior Director of Institutional Accreditation and Effectiveness
Thomas W. Dison	<i>ex officio</i> , Senior Associate Vice President and Director, Recreational Sports
Natalie Hinson	Student Government Representative
Xiaofen Keating	Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
Kunz Mainali	Student Government Representative
Richard A. Morrisett	Professor, Pharmacy (<i>resigned from committee February 2018</i>)
Patrick C. Olson	Admissions Ambassador and Volunteer Coordinator, Office of Admissions
Angeline Close Scheinbaum	<i>chair</i> , Associate Professor, Advertising and Public Relations
Christen Smith	Assistant Professor, Africa and African Diaspora Studies
Audrey J. Stone	<i>vice chair</i> , Assistant Professor, Kinesiology and Health Education
Jacob Watson	Sport Club Council Representative

September 20, 2017 - Election of Vice-Chair

Introductions were made and the election for vice chair took place. Angeline Close Scheinbaum explained the duties and qualifications for the position of vice-chair. Patrick Olson nominated Audrey Stone, Matthew Bowers seconded the nomination. The committee voted unanimously to elect Audrey Stone to the position of vice-chair.

Committee Overview

Tom Dison provided an overview of Recreational Sports and the role of the Recreational Sports Committee along with a sampling of departmental highlights from 2016-17. The committee watched a PowerPoint presentation, which provided a synopsis of the programs, services and facilities that Recreational Sports offers, as well as information on its development efforts and a list of its challenges and plans for 2017-18. Packets of RecSports publications and related materials were distributed.

October 25, 2017 – Function Review

The Faculty Council asked each of the General Faculty Standing Committees to review and evaluate its function and composition and to propose changes as needed. This evaluation is required every two years. The committee was also asked to consider whether the two-year review period is appropriate or if it could be extended to every four years. After discussion, the committee agreed that changing to a four-year review cycle was adequate. It also agreed that some changes in its function might be appropriate, but tabled the discussion until the November 29 meeting, at which time the group would discuss the most clear and concise way to articulate the proposed changes.

Membership and Facility Usage Fees

The committee reviewed Recreational Sports' proposed 2018-19 membership and facility use. Based upon a considerable increase in the costs of Facility Services, ITS user costs, and UT administrative fees, RecSports planned to recommend a five percent across-the-board increase in facility use fees. Continuing its move toward simplifying rates and rate structures, RecSports planned to request no change in primary faculty/staff rates, an increase in affiliated and non-affiliated memberships, and the standardization to a single locker rate. The committee also reviewed a proposed future plan, beginning in 2019-20, to adopt a rate structure that includes two primary categories – UT and Non-UT. As part of this plan, the department intends to offer recurring credit card charges as a primary payment option, and perpetual membership renewal dates.

The committee was supportive of RecSports' 2018-19 proposed fees, and for moving forward on implementing the future simplification of membership structures and payment options.

November 29, 2017 – *RecSports Financial Presentation*

Tom Dison gave an overview of how Recreational Sports is funded, and how it goes about meeting its expenses. He discussed the concepts and philosophy upon which the department approaches budget issues and gave an explanation of how the budget process works relative to the Student Services Budget Committee (SSBC).

February 7, 2018 – *Gregory Gym Infrastructure*

Tom Dison provided an overview of the proposed plan for updating Gregory Gym's infrastructure. Based on an assessment performed by an outside engineering firm, Recreational Sports has identified areas that need to be upgraded, including mechanical, lighting and electrical systems, plumbing, technology, and structural elements. RecSports plans to pay for the infrastructure projects by reallocating funds that were previously earmarked for debt service once the Gregory Gym bond has been retired.

March 21, 2018 - *Recreational Sports Assessment*

Recreational Sports consistently conducts research and collects data in an effort to identify trends, allocate resources, and determine future directions. The department schedules up to eight assessment projects annually. The data that RecSports collects includes usage and participation, demographics, satisfaction levels, cost effectiveness, and student outcomes and benefits. The most recent survey was conducted in the spring of 2016. Tom Dison reviewed that survey with the committee.

April 18, 2018 – *Election of Chair Elect/Wrap-up*

The Faculty Council requested that this meeting be used to elect a chairperson for the following academic year. Close Scheinbaum reminded the committee that the chair must be a faculty member. Audrey Stone and Xiaofen Keating both expressed interest in the position. The committee voted and Audrey Stone was elected to serve as chair beginning September 2018.

Tom Dison provided various miscellaneous updates, including a list of recent and upcoming events and projects in which Recreational Sports is involved.

Committee Activities/Meeting Topics for the 2018-19

- Election of vice-chair
- Introductions and committee overview
- Review of RecSports accomplishments from 2017-18
- Review of RecSports goals for upcoming year
- Recreational Sports' budget requests for 2019-20
- Membership and Facility Usage Fees for 2019-20
- Updates and Announcements
- Special Topics as needed

Angeline Close Scheinbaum, Chair