

**RECREATIONAL SPORTS BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007-08**

I. STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

Pursuant to *Faculty Policy 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

- 4 Recreational Sports Board meetings
- 1 budget subcommittee meeting

The RSB and the budget subcommittee were involved in the following:

- In conjunction with Kahler Slater Architects of Milwaukee, the Division of Recreational Sports facility master plan was completed. The process concluded with a recommendation to construct a 148,200-square-foot addition to the natatorium that also includes extensive remodeling to the existing Natatorium and Gym Unit II buildings. The proposed addition will provide expanded recreational programming opportunities on campus and will include four new gymnasiums, locker rooms, several multi-purpose studios, racquetball courts, four-lane walking/jogging track, a wellness suite, and a large fitness center for cardio and weight training, and an indoor artificial turf facility. Since this would be a segregated fee-funded facility, the future of this project will depend upon a successful student referendum.
- The budget subcommittee met with staff of Recreational Sports to review the proposed budget and price/rate summary for services. The Recreational Sports Board approved the 2008-09 budget on February 13, 2008.
- Completed the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), designed to assure the continued performance of essential functions during a wide range of potential emergencies. In general, the large, open spaces in facilities managed by Recreational Sports are available for temporary housing or medical needs.
- Personal fitness training services increased by 44% from the previous year.
- Recreational Sports became a Continuing Education Provider for the American Council on Exercise.

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- The indoor recreational facilities had 1,443,662 uses in 2007-08. Use by facility:
 - 728,296 Southeast Recreation Facility
 - 369,906 Natatorium
 - 251,496 Camp Randall Sports Center
 - 87,980 Nielsen Tennis Stadium
 - 5,984 Lathrop Hall
- While exact numbers are unattainable, it is estimated that 130,000 uses of outdoor recreation facilities occurred.
- Upgraded ID tracking software to electronically verify visits for those eligible for rebates toward membership fees from their health insurance carriers.
- Created a student summer membership to recreational facilities for incoming first-year and transfer students that had been admitted for the fall semester.
- Implemented Event Management Software, creating greater efficiency in scheduling hundreds of spaces in recreational facilities.

III. CURRENT ISSUES OR CONCERNS

Indoor recreational facilities are antiquated and too small to meet demand. New trends in programming (personal fitness training, greater demand for cardio exercise spaces, group exercise rooms, etc.) necessitate recreating spaces not intended for that purpose. A recreational facility master plan has been created to address not only the scope of facilities, but the creation of flexible spaces capable of modification as trends and interests change.

IV. FUTURE ISSUES

- Long-range plans for recreational facilities will need to be addressed.
- Comparatively low segregated and user fees limit campus recreational services.

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

Chess Adams
David DeWitt, chair
Tom Givnish
Heidi Kaepler
Patricia McManus

Staff

Jeff Anders
John Archambault
Don Schutt
Tom Tabone

Students

Andrew Arnot
Bryce Heth
Logan Hulick
Jake McGhee
Rachel Witt

Ex Officio

Dale Carruthers
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