

**TITAN STUDENT UNION TITAN RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 4, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Amy Ramirez, Chair of the Titan Recreation Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ramirez, Ramsey, Sherman, Walker

Members Absent: Hernandez

Non-Voting Members Absent: Derby

Ex Officio Present: Willer

Guests: Grant Deering

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted. (Walker-m/Ramsey-s)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 10, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. (Ramsey-m/Walker-s)

NEW BUSINESS

**Proposed Change to SRC
Operating Policies – Sports
Club Reservations**

Willer stated that the policy related to this item is Item M, under Section 11 (General Reservations Policies). The current policy reads as follows: "Student Recreation Center rooms designated for special events are the Harvey McKee Fitness Studio, Martial Arts Studio, Dance Studio, Instructional Training Room, Pool & Deck, Deck Only, and any other combination of the 3-court gymnasium. Affiliated student organizations may schedule up to two (2) single-date reservations each semester."

Walker requested to change the policy as follows: "Affiliated Student Organizations may schedule up to two (2) single date reservations each week of the semester. Requested times and dates must be submitted by the student organization a month in advance."

Walker stated that the idea came from the sports clubs who wanted to reserve the facilities for practices, but the policy only allows two times per semester.

Walker stated that the policy would allow the clubs to reserve spaces two days each week. Walkers stated that he was unsure how many clubs exercise the right to reserve space. The only two clubs that have voiced a concern were the volleyball clubs (both men's and women's) and the table tennis club.

Sherman made a motion to discuss the proposed policy change. Walker seconded the motion.

Willer stated that she did not have the number of student

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organizations that have made reservations, but it is a substantial number. For the spring semester, there are 35 reservations requests in process for student organizations, mostly to use the gym. There have been no requests from the volleyball clubs.

Ramsey stated that he had a concern since all of the students pay for the building and should have the opportunity to use the spaces during open play.

Walker asked what the current policy for the gymnasium use was.

Willer stated that the policy (page 10) states that "one court will always be designated for "open gym"."

Willer stated that there is a strong Intramural program. Two courts are reserved a week for their play.

Willer stated that they are close to 3,000 students a day using the facility on a regular basis.

Walker asked if there were certain off-peak times.

Willer stated that the off-peak times include early in the morning from 6am-9am, Monday through Thursday; Friday evenings after 5pm; and Saturdays and Sundays.

Willer stated that Item L under General Reservations is as follows: "Student Recreation Center rooms designated for group activity are the Harvey McKee Fitness Studio, Martial Arts Studio, and Dance Studio. Affiliated student organizations may schedule these designated spaces not to exceed one (1) two-hour reservation per week. An additional reservation may be requested on a space available basis not more than one (1) week before the meeting date."

Willer stated that the table tennis club has made a reservation once a week for 2 hours in the Harvey McKee fitness room for the spring semester. They had also made the same reservation last semester.

Sherman asked about the impact during the Intramurals. Sherman asked if the one open court meets the needs of the students.

Willer answered no. Willer stated that they made a proposal to the Athletics department to use the Titan Gym for Intramurals when it is open. The gym has already been reserved by the volleyball club. Having a reduced number of courts available for the Intramurals program is making it difficult to grow the program.

Ramirez asked what the main use of the courts by the sports clubs would be.

Walker stated that they would use the courts for practices. Walker stated that he put reserving the space two times a week since it seemed reasonable. The volleyball programs have been growing.

Willer stated that they let the volleyball clubs know that they would be able to reserve two courts on two different dates for the entire

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day as a special event (per semester). They would be able to hold a tournament or a series of games. The volleyball clubs were only looking for practice space.

Sherman stated that looking at the off-peak times is something that the Committee should look at.

Walker stated that he has spoken to the clubs about looking at the off-peak times.

Willer stated that the other option that is available to the volleyball club is to use the open hours as unorganized play time since they are students. The general operating setup in the gym is to have two courts set up for basketball and one court flip flops between badminton and volleyball at 2pm every day. Currently, there is low usage of the volleyball court during open play time. They just need to remember that the play is open and they could be challenged for the space.

Sherman asked what happens to the court when it is not being used.

Willer stated that they will be discussing it at their next staff meeting tomorrow. When the court is set for badminton, it is used consistently.

Walker asked if the proposed policy language could be changed to identify off-peak times.

Willer stated that it is not defined in the policy language. It is up to the Committee to decide the language if they support the concept of allowing more reservations.

Ramsey asked if it would be possible to include language in general reservation policy "L" to include the gym.

Willer stated that if the gym is included in "L" that it would open up the reservations in the gym to one 2-hour reservation per week. Willer suggested adding the last sentence from "L" into "M". If the sentence was added, it would be any day, any time and wouldn't include time restraints.

Ramsey stated that he would like to include the off-peak hours (prior to 9am Monday through Thursday, after 5pm on Friday, and all day Saturday and Sunday).

Ramirez yielded to Deering.

Deering asked if it would be possible to see customer counts to determine off-peak hours.

Willer stated that she has been working on developing a report of customer counts for the TSU Board. The stats that they had include turnstile counts and headcounts that are done every hour by room. It will take some time to pull the numbers together in a meaningful way.

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Deering stated that he would like to see feedback from the clubs.

Willer stated that most of the reservation requests are not during the off-peak hours. The clubs have been using the building in a more social setting.

Deering asked about the partnership with Athletics and the available times in the Titan Gym.

Willer stated that Walker has been working with Athletics on this.

Walker stated that they do not have a set time. There have been a few requests through the Dean of Students Office to use the gym. Walker stated that the gym really is not an option.

Willer stated that there is a meeting with Titan Recreation, Athletics and Kinesiology once a month to discuss shared spaces. Titan Recreation has proposed to staff the gym during dark times. Before anything was finalized, the volleyball team reserved the space.

Ramsey stated that he had worked out possible language to be added to "M". The language read as follows: "An additional reservation may be requested on a space available basis before 9am Monday through Thursday, after 5pm on Fridays and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. Such reservations may be requested not more than one week in advance."

Walker stated that the change would be fine.

Sherman asked if there would be a limit to the number of reservations.

Walker stated that they could add twice per week limit.

Willer stated that "R" under General Reservations Policies states: "Recognized student organizations may reserve rooms up to 6 months in advance; and members of the general public may reserve rooms 4 months in advance."

Ramsey stated that the limit should be one two-hour reservation per week.

Ramsey asked how many sports clubs are looking at making these reservations.

Walker stated that the two volleyball teams—men's and women's—are looking for practice space.

Willer stated that the policy would be reviewed every year since demand may change.

Ramsey stated that he would like more feedback to write the policy language.

Ramsey made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Sherman seconded the motion.

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On a motion duly made, second and carried, the Titan Recreation Committee tabled the proposed change to the SRC operating policies for sports club reservations until the next meeting on March 4, 2009. (Ramsey-m/Sherman-s)

MOTION TO TABLE**3-0-0****Request to Revise the
Spring 2009 Operating
Hours for the Recreation
Services Desk and Rock
Wall**

Ramirez stated that the motion to revise the spring 2009 operating hours for the Recreation Services Desk and Rock Wall was returned to the Committee by the TSU Board at their January 28, 2009 meeting.

Willer stated that the proposed change to the operating hours would match the approved hours for the 2009-10 year. The proposed change was to extend the hours for the Recreation Services Desk to accommodate students and staff that would not visit the center until after 5pm. The Rock Wall hours were slightly shifted and added times during the day.

Willer stated that the recommended changes did not go to the Board for approval in time to print the Playbooks.

Willer stated that the Committee has the option to approve the changes and sending the item to the Board for approval.

**MOTION FAILED
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On the motion returned to the Committee by the TSU Governing Board, the Titan Recreation Committee failed to approve the revised Spring 2009 operating hours for the Recreation Services Desk and Rock Wall.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ramirez asked the members to review the SRC operating policies for the next meeting.

Willer stated that the members could contact her or set up a meeting to go over the policies. There will be changes proposed at the next meeting on March 4.

MEMBERS' PRIVILEGE

Willer thanked for the members for the discussion today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Deserita Ohtomo, Recording Secretary

Amy Ramirez, Committee Chair