The Health & Recreation Fee
Student Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
(December 13, 2011)

The Board meeting was called to order by Andrew Wall, Chairperson, at 5:05 PM in the Marsh/Johannessen Conference Room of the Campus Health Service.

After conducting the introduction portion of the meeting, Andrew Wall asked student representatives for GPSC, SHAC, International and Fraternity and Sorority Programs if they had reviewed the Governing Document and had any questions concerning the role of the Health & Recreation Fee Student Advisory Board.

With no questions raised, Andrew Wall reviewed the background of the H&R Fee and took the opportunity to emphasize the important role the Student Advisory Board plays in providing input and monitoring how the Fee funding is applied to the operations of the Department of Campus Recreation and the Campus Health Service. He went on to state that the student representative (board member) has a responsibility to not only solicit input from their constituents, but to communicate information shared at the Board meetings with them. In this way, they will serve as good ambassadors for their respective student constitutes. He also stated that the Board only meets a few times during the academic year and comments and questions are always welcome.

The meeting was then directed to administrative representatives from the Department of Campus Recreation and the Campus Health Service. Kris Kreutz, Director, Administrative Services for the Campus Health Service, provided several pieces of information to the Student Advisory Board members. He first reviewed a pie-chart that represented the funding sources that were either replaced or otherwise covered under the new full Health & Wellness (Recreation) Fee. Additionally, he distributed and offered insights on the portion of the Campus Health Service (CHS) staffing that was added as a result of the Fee funding – the Demand-based Staffing. Importantly, it was noted that the vast majority of these positions, approved as a part of the original Fee proposal to ABOR, were clinical and/or direct patient/student care positions. Student Advisory Board member questions were addressed that pertained to why these particular positions were identified for CHS staff addition and Kris Kreutz as well as Harry McDermott, M.D., M.P.H., Executive Director of the Campus Health Service, provided the answers. Essentially, the Demand-based Staffing positions were chosen because demand for these services was outstripping available professional capacity. In addition, when the UA CHS has looked at comparably sized public universities, the UA CHS professional staffing ratios in Counseling and Psych Services has been well below the standard ratios of professional staff to students. Finally, Kris Kreutz distributed copies of the CHS Executive Summary which offers a comprehensive overview of the breadth of services, collaborative relationships, grants, awards and teaching activities that are provided by the CHS. In addition to the hard copy distributed, Kris encouraged the Student Advisory Board members to visit the CHS Website for more information as well as an electronic copy of the Executive Summary.

At this point, Lynn Zwaagstra, Director of the Department of Campus Recreation, reviewed the breadth of services as well as ongoing changes that were occurring with the Campus Recreation Center (CRC). She, along with Mark Zakrzewski, Associate Director, shared CRC usage information and budgetary statistics – the latter being displayed in pie-chart form. Some questions from Student Advisory Board members arose relative to equipment utilization and repair/replacement, student employment and
program offerings. Both Lynn and Mark offered comprehensive responses that resulted in a better understanding of the new Board members. Additionally, Lynn Zwaagstra offered some key information including: The new Strategic Direction for the CRC, a Vision/Mission/Facilities/Programs piece and a sample of the CRC November 2011 monthly report that offers Area Specific Highlights and is posted on the CRC website. All of this information was well-received.

Copies of the materials (with the exception of the CHS Executive Summary) will be shared with Student Advisory Board members for further distribution to their constituents and they will also be posted on the Student Affairs Division (Fee) Website.

The next item of business was introduced, introduced by Andrew Wall, and discussed by the Student Advisory Board members was to work toward drafting a formal proposal to the UA Senior Administration to change the internal UA-title of the “Health & Wellness Fee” (as it appears on the UA student Tuition and Fees statement) to the “Health & Recreation Fee”. It was felt that the better description of the fee was Health & Recreation Fee since it more clearly defines the recipients of the fee funding and this was the language approved by the ABOR during the Fee approval process. The construction of a formal proposal was unanimously agreed upon and Andrew Wall agreed to take the issue forward.

The Board was then provided insight into the next steps for the Board’s consideration. Since the Department of Campus Recreation and Campus Health Service will be finalizing their budgets for submission to the UA Administration in early February 2012, it was recommended by Andrew Wall that the next Board meeting take place in late January or very early February 2012 in order to discuss the submissions prior to them being approved. In addition, the Board will need to elect a Secretary for the purposes of assisting with the setting of Board meetings and attendance/minute taking.

With there being no further business, Andrew Wall closed the meeting by encouraging Student Advisory Board members to let him know if there were any questions about the meeting or distributed materials and he would not hesitate to have them addressed.

The first Health & Recreation Fee Student Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.