AUA Board Meeting    Monday October 2, 2006  12 noon    OCCS Conference Room


Program Planning
- October 4. “What is AUA?” This will be held in the River Rooms.
- November 15. Charles Wilson will talk about the University College, Chesapeake Room

Membership
- Ann sent out a message to previous award winners to urge them to become a member of AUA.
- Ann will send out a general message about becoming a member

Treasurer’s Report
- Bev distributed the treasurers report. The balance as of September 11 was $681.95.

Other
- Kevin Marbury visited to talk about the status of recreational sports and fitness programs on campus during current construction projects
  - He handed out the new brochure on recreational sports for Fall 2006
  - HPE project
    - Started out as a renovation but then expanded to include new construction plus partial renovation
    - Will be smaller but more efficiently laid out for better use of space
    - Will have a climbing wall, 3 racquetball courts, an indoor running track, and 15,000 square feet of fitness space (4-5 times what is we have currently)
    - Addition of some linear outdoor field / playing space (3, on the Powhatan side)
    - Project will take approximately 18 months from the start of construction plus the 60-90 days estimated for demolition.
    - Right now, the HPE pool is not available for use. The department explored the possibility of continuing to use it, but it cannot remain open during the project because of shared plumbing and other construction issues.
    - Timing: possible opening late 2008
    - Future phases / needs include a renovated pool and additional outdoor field space which could accommodate softball
  - There is less space available on campus because of other buildings; the football field will take up additional space
  - The program is trying to make relocations, etc as seamless as possible to current students
  - The Recreational Sports Department
    - Budget comes entirely out of student service fees with no additional funding source to cover faculty and staff recreation / fitness needs. Because of this, the program tries to make student needs top priority
– Likelihood: to support faculty / staff needs, there will probably be a fee charged (annual fee?) once the new facility is completed
– The unit was moved one year ago from Athletics to Student Services, so it no longer has direct control over any facilities except the 3 currently occupied. The Department has a good working relationship with Athletics so it still has access to some of their facilities, such as the AA gym and Foreman Field
– Currently located in the old Oceanography warehouse at 1015 W 47th St
– Check the department’s web page; they try to update it daily
  o Current facilities
    – Village fitness. High use, always busy. Planned for 40 people per hour, but usually has 50-70 per hour
    – Powhatan fitness just set up. Smaller facility. Less use so far
  o Problems
    • Rollins Hall pool
      o Has been repainted and ventilation and cleaning work done
      o But is not ADA compliant, so it cannot be used on a general recreational basis. It is currently being used by the swim teams and ESPER for some classes. AA/EEO have said they cannot open it to a wider audience.
    • Community pool and other facilities. The Recreational Sports Department has had a series of conversations with local Y and other facilities about providing services to ODU faculty / staff, but so far they haven’t been able to find times which work for each side.
    • Locker room facilities. There are no facilities for faculty / staff to change and leave their things. The Recreational Sports Department has arranged with the Athletic Administration building for the temporary use of their locker room facilities, but they are still working on issues related to supervision to ensure security. That building will also undergo renovation, so this is temporary.
  o Questions were asked concerning how AUA can help to increase access to recreational and fitness programs for faculty / staff. Kevin asked for time as the department continues to work on resolving the issues that have arisen. His goal is to get the facilities to where they need to be – by mid October, if possible. He doesn’t know the demand yet. He urged everyone to come and try out the facilities and show that there is demand for them. Once they know that, staff will figure out the next set of priorities. If any problems arise, contact any Rec Sports staff member.
  o The department’s phone (3-3384) is covered 8 am -10 pm (after 5 pm, call 683-4288)
  o They are trying to do more 5-5:15 programs and maybe Saturday programming.

Submitted by Ann Pettingill 10-4-06