



Policy #4-08

The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA)

of the 2008 - 2009 Session

December 3rd, 2008

*Be it Enacted by the Association, having been considered by the
Ad Hoc Committee on President Commissions a*

POLICY

Creation of Presidential Commission to address Recreation and Intramural Sports Program

(Decided: [28/0/1])

Nature of the Problem:

Currently, a formal voice to address the needs of recreation and intramural sports does not exist. While there is a huge demand for University Park intramural programs, currently there is not a formal mechanism to address this demand. In addition University Park operates with an open door policy, and allows anyone (Penn State student or not) to use Penn State facilities (i.e. Basketball Gym, fields). This generates more people at already overcrowded venues of recreation. Further sports camps or outside teams take priority over Penn State students using the facilities, with the funds generated not trickling down into the Intramural Sports program which so many students utilize. At many universities, there is an extensive voice of students, faculty and administrators to address the need for recreational facilities, with Illinois being a leader in this field. After discussions between UPUA President Gavin Keirans and Director for Rec. Sports Tom Lovins, there appears to be a clear need for Penn State to have this outlet.

Rule/Procedure/Code:

The President shall be charged to organize a vehicle for the expression of opinions and desires from students, faculty and staff with regard to the Recreational Sports programs and facilities on our campus through the formation of a Presidential Commission overseen by the President and Executive Board vested with the authority to carry out the above outlined goals and events. The following shall be restrictions and/or requirements of the Commission or President. The Commission shall:

1. Advise the Director of Recreation Sports on the use of all Recreational Sports programs and facilities, including the formulation of guidelines relative to the use of recreation facilities
2. Detail programs and policies for recreation usage
3. Evaluate facilities and services while communicating with users and participants
4. Identify needs and propose new ideas
5. Advise the development of an effective system of accountability by which facilities, programs and services of Recreational Sports are monitored and evaluated
6. have membership appointed by the UPUA President and will be comprised of students, faculty and staff
7. Have the President evaluate the membership and the commission yearly, and will exist unless the President in office deems it unnecessary.

- 1 8. The Commission shall report semesterly to the UPUA Assembly all recommendations in a formal
2 presentation. The UPUA Committee on Diversity and Student Life shall have oversight of this
3 Commission to ensure proper communication and discharging of the commission's
4 responsibilities to the undergraduate student body.
5 9. Have voting members for the first year consist of Dr. Frank Rusch of Special Education, Dr. Bob
6 Ricketts of Kinesiology and Hank McCollum of the College of Science, Rec. Sports Director Tom
7 Lovins and three undergraduate students in addition to the Chairs *selected by the UPUA President*.
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9 Respectfully Submitted,

11 Gavin Keirans,
12 UPUA President

Michael Smith,
Off Campus Rep

Jim Byrne,
Off Campus Rep

14 Ad Hoc Committee on Presidential Commissions

17 Ad Hoc Committee Vote: 4/0/0

Signature of the Assembly Chairman:

Ralph K. Ciavella

Hank McCollum

[President]

Affirm

Veto

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