

SPORT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday May 11 2016

TIME: 5.30pm

VENUE: 80.07.07

OPENING	
1.	<u>SPORT COUNCIL MEETING – OPENING & WELCOME</u>
2.	<u>PRESENT:</u> Sally Tanner – Senior Coordinator, Sport Jack Arnold – Sport & Recreation Officer (Clubs and Community Sport) Jack Plowman (Uni Games), Georgia Rajic (Soccer / Netball), Julia Bridle (Aikido), Juan Salinas (WTF Taekwondo), Leah Tran (Recreation), Myles Siegersma (Cycling), Dermott Lindley (Basketball), Rose McMahon (Touch Football), Jack McQuinn (Underwater), David Keo (BJJ), Andrew Ng (Table Tennis), Qing Loh (Snow Sports), Jessica Riveria-Villicana (Kung Fu), Lauren Hayes (Outdoors), Keegan Almeida (Kendo)
3.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> Tiffany Holland (Touch Football), Krishna Prayaga (WTF Taekwondo), Victor Nham (ITF Taekwondo)
4.	<u>ABSENT</u> Badminton, Cheerleading, Cricket, Hockey, Squash, Surf, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Waterski & Wakeboard
5.	<u>MATTERS ARISING / ACTION REPORT</u> There were no matters arising
6.	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> N/A
7.	<u>WELCOME & THANKS</u> J. Arnold (Sport and Recreation) opened the meeting at 5:30pm and welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.
9.	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> J. Arnold (Sport & Recreation) introduced any new people to the meeting, including Sally Tanner (Senior Coordinator, Sport).
10.	<u>LINK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE</u> Last Meeting: The Sport Council representatives on the Link Consultative committee provided an update on the most recent meeting. J. Plowman advised that it was great to meet the representatives from the Arts programs along with the Dean of Students. G. Rajic said they put forward some of the grievances as raised by the Sport Council, including issues with marketing and promotions of clubs and other programs and facilities. The representatives found it a little hard to put forward any grievances as the committee members wanted to hear the good news stories like statistics and positive participation stories. J. Plowman & G. Rajic asked the meeting to provide any good news stories that can be taken to the next Link Consultative meeting. Program Demographics: J. Arnold presented three graphs which demonstrate the growth in club membership along with the peak times that club members sign up to clubs. This was an interesting section that clearly identified that the first few weeks of each

	<p>semester are the peak times to get students interested, engaged and involved.</p> <p>RMIT Communications:</p> <p>J. Plowman raised the issues with communication and providing opportunities to promote our programs. J. Plowman provided an example, RMIT won the 2015 Southern University Games title and it took three months to get a story published, a story regarding RMIT finishing 6th at the Australian University Games in 2015 has still not been published. The news stories on the RMIT website are not really advertising RMIT sport programs but programs that are in conflict with programs run by RMIT Sport.</p> <p>The Link Consultative Committee representatives circulated a google form asking for clubs to provide feedback around their experiences with promoting themselves and their offerings at RMIT.</p> <p>Issues for next meeting:</p> <p>J. Arnold raised that if clubs are having issues with facilities that they should speak to the Link consultative committee representatives to detail their problems. J. Arnold also indicated there are two clubs who were absent from the meeting that are turning away students because their current facilities are not able to cater for the numbers of students who wish to participate.</p> <p>J. Salinas (WTF Taekwondo) asked using myRMIT would be a potential way to promote different sport programs. J. Bridle (Aikido) supported this as she indicated most students don't visit the RMIT website but will use myRMIT.</p> <p>J. Riveria-Villicana (Kung Fu) said the Kung Fu club have been putting up posters but then having them taken down.</p>
11.	<p><u>APPAREL GROUP ORDERING</u></p> <p>J. Arnold raised the possibility of RMIT Sport and Recreation entering into an agreement with an apparel supplier which is see all club competitive team along with University Games teams supplied by said supplier. Obviously there are a number of different sports and also different disciplines that require coverage.</p> <p>R. McMahon (Touch Football) said that they currently use S-Trend and have had issues in recent times, they have missed a couple of deadlines, orders have been incorrect and delays in orders.</p> <p>D. Lindley (Basketball) said the club often gets their apparel orders from Asia (Malaysia, Korea, China) which has proved to be a good result for the club.</p> <p>S. Tanner indicated the design would be the same across all teams. The question was asked if clubs would rather collect from an on campus location or pay \$5 extra for home delivery. The general consensus was that clubs would like the cheaper option and have an on campus collection option.</p> <p>Q. Loh (Snow Sports) said its cheaper to buy in bulk and asked if the campus store would be able to hold stock and then clubs make smaller orders from the campus store.</p> <p>J. Bridle (Aikido) said that contacting people involved in fashion at Brunswick could have good contacts for suppliers.</p> <p>The general consensus from the meeting is that having one supplier would be a beneficial arrangement for RMIT clubs given the cost savings / collective buying power and having RMIT deal with the supplier on the clubs behalf.</p>
12.	<p><u>ON CAMPUS FACILITIES</u></p> <p>S. Tanner asked the meeting if clubs were being restricted by a lack of facilities on campus? All in attendance at the meeting were asked to keep reminding RMIT, the Dean of Students via the Link Consultative meeting of this fact. Clubs need to keep written notes and statistics to back up these facts.</p> <p>Notes and statistics can be sent through to the Sport Council representatives on the Link Consultative committee.</p>
13.	<p><u>RMIT SPORTS MASTERPLAN</u></p> <p>S. Tanner told the meeting that RMIT has engaged the services of an independent consultant to look at a Sports Masterplan for Bundoora. What sport at RMIT will look like at present and in the future. Sport Council will be shown the plan / report when it becomes available.</p>
17.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>D. Lindley (Basketball) asked where RMIT Sport currently store trophies and prizes from clubs and university games teams. S. Tanner said that everything used to be on display in Building 8 but is now either at Bundoora or in storage in the city.</p>

	<p>D. Keo (BJJ) asked if there could be a clubs parade / promotional activities organised on campus to help with the promotion. This could be done on Bowen / Swanston St's.</p> <p>K. Almeida (Kendo) said that Monash Sport have a huge noticeboard opposite to where all their trophies are displayed. This is a great visual cue and draws a lot of interest.</p> <p>M. Siegersma (Cycling) said the Building 51 cycling cage has been a great addition for students and the club are making use of the storage facilities in that area.</p> <p>J. Riveria-Villicana (Kung Fu) said that help with marketing and communications would be greatly appreciated. J. Arnold replied that the club should contact RMIT Sport who would be more than happy to assist.</p> <p>G. Rajic (Netball) said that the club was having some issues with insurance at Bundoora but they were working through that.</p> <p>J. Bridle (Aikido) said they changerooms in Building 8, Level 3 cause issues as they can be easily locked and that causes issues with people getting bags locked in there.</p> <p>J. Plowman (Uni Games) said that applications for the Australian University Games are coming up and if clubs have people who are wanting to participate that they should submit an application.</p> <p>R. McMahon (Touch Football) said it would be great to get some extra funding for sports fields as part of the masterplan.</p> <p>A. Ng (Table Tennis) enquired about the costs for Southern University Games, participants are being charged around \$300 per player. J. Arnold will enquire with E. Goulding regarding this.</p> <p>J. Salinas (WTF Taekwondo) said that martial arts programs at University games are held on the weekends before the main events meaning the participants don't get a great deal of support in terms of spectators. It would be great to have a package that covered the weekends too.</p> <p>K. Almedia (Kendo) asked if club members get discounted memberships at RMIT City Fitness. J. Arnold replied that while the prices are already very low for students, club members are not charged the joining fee if they contact RMIT Sport beforehand.</p> <p>Q. Loh (Snow Sports) asked for city based storage. J. Arnold advised there is storage available but only accessible during business hours.</p> <p>D. Keo (BJJ) asked for more storage at the RMIT Sports Centre and that students are attending LionHeart MMA's classes believing they are an RMIT offering.</p>
18.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>TBC</p>
19.	<p><u>MEETING CLOSED</u></p> <p>6:30pm</p>