

## **2005-2006 :: Recreational Sports**

### **1. Mission Statement:**

The mission of Recreational Sports is to provide leisure opportunities as well as a quality indoor/outdoor facility for students, faculty, and staff. It is also the mission of Recreational Sports to provide the opportunity for learning through wholesome competition among students, faculty, and staff and to foster physical, social, and emotional development with a sense of sportsmanship.

### **2. Objectives:**

#### **2.1 Expand existing outdoor fields.:**

Expand existing outdoor fields in order to meet the needs of a diverse student/faculty/staff population.

##### **2.1.1 Related Strategic Plan Item(s):** V-2 Enhanced Quality of Life

#### **2.2 Expand and upgrade existing indoor facilities. :** Expand and upgrade existing indoor facilities in an effort to increase user satisfaction.

##### **2.2.1 Related Strategic Plan Item(s):** V-2 Enhanced Quality of Life

#### **2.3 Expand current recreational program opportunities:** Enhance current recreational program opportunities for a diverse campus population.

##### **2.3.1 Related Strategic Plan Item(s):** V-2 Enhanced Quality of Life

### **3. Measures & Findings:**

#### **3.1 Report of Student Requests for New Outdoor Field:**

Report of requests from the students through the student government to expand and upgrade the current outdoor recreational fields.

##### **3.1.1 Success Criteria:** Approval for funding and a plan to construct new outdoor multi-purpose recreational field.

##### **3.1.2 Related Objective(s):** Expand existing outdoor fields.

##### **3.1.3 Results Related To Success Criteria:**

Students have indicated the need for a multipurpose outdoor field that will allow UTD to host a variety of activities and events in an effort to meet the needs of a diverse student population. Received approval for funding and created a plan to construct the new multi-purpose field.

##### **3.1.4 Achievement Level:** Met

##### **3.1.5 Further Action:** Yes

#### **3.2 Benchmark best practices on other campuses:** Research and compare the current recreational sports program at UTD to other existing programs.

##### **3.2.1 Success Criteria:**

Benchmark report that outlines best practices at other universities/institutions related to recreational sports programs.

##### **3.2.2 Related Objective(s):** Expand current recreational program opportunities

##### **3.2.3 Results Related To Success Criteria:**

Created benchmark report that revealed the need to add at least 2 more programs and a full-time staff person to oversee the expansion of programs.

##### **3.2.4 Achievement Level:** Met

##### **3.2.5 Further Action:** Yes

#### **3.3 Review suggestion box submissions:**

Review suggestions submitted to the suggestion boxes placed throughout the Activity Center in order to receive feedback from patrons.

##### **3.3.1 Success Criteria:**

Report of suggestions for new programs, equipment upgrades, and other related suggestions that are relevant and feasible to expand current recreational program opportunities and keep patrons satisfied.

##### **3.3.2 Related Objective(s):**

Expand and upgrade existing indoor facilities. ; Expand current recreational program opportunities

##### **3.3.3 Results Related To Success Criteria:**

Report of suggestions revealed the need to add at least 2 more programs, one full-time staff member to oversee the expansion of programs, and pool equipment including a chair lift and pool vacuum.

##### **3.3.4 Achievement Level:** Met

**3.3.5 Further Action:** Yes**3.4 Equipment & Facilities Observations & Suggestions:** Observation notes and user suggestions related to current condition of recreational equipment and facilities.**3.4.1 Success Criteria:** Report of suggested improvements in equipment and facilities that meet ADA requirements.**3.4.2 Related Objective(s):** Expand and upgrade existing indoor facilities.**3.4.3 Results Related To Success Criteria:**

Based upon the report that was generated from observations and the suggestion box, it was found that there was a need for a new chair lift that would meet ADA requirements as well as a pool vacuum that would allow proper cleaning of the pool.

**3.4.4 Achievement Level:** Met**3.4.5 Further Action:** Yes**5. Closing the Loop:****5.1 Construction of a multipurpose/cricket field:** Construction of a multipurpose/cricket field**5.1.1 Related Objective(s):** Expand existing outdoor fields.**5.1.2 Related Measure(s):** Report of Student Requests for New Outdoor Field; Review suggestion box submissions**5.1.3 Responsible Person:** Tricia Losavio**5.1.4 Target Date:** Spring 2006**5.1.5 Priority:** High Priority**5.2 Installation of new natatorium equipment:**

Installed a new chair lift that meets ADA requirements and purchased and began using a new pool vacuum that helps with the cleaning of the pool

**5.2.1 Related Objective(s):** Expand and upgrade existing indoor facilities.**5.2.2 Related Measure(s):** Review suggestion box submissions; Equipment & Facilities Observations & Suggestions**5.2.3 Responsible Person:** Tricia Losavio & Bill Conoley**5.2.4 Target Date:** Fall 2005**5.2.5 Priority:** High Priority**5.3 Additional programming and staffing:**

Add two new programs and hire a full time professional staff person to administer this expanding programs

**5.3.1 Related Objective(s):** Expand current recreational program opportunities**5.3.2 Related Measure(s):** Benchmark best practices on other campuses; Review suggestion box submissions**5.3.3 Responsible Person:** Tricia Losavio**5.3.4 Target Date:** Spring 2006**5.3.5 Priority:** High Priority**6. Analysis:****6.1 Program/Unit Strengths:****6.1.1 Objectives/Outcomes Exceeded or Met:**

The assessments showed that there was a need for additional programming and facilities. As the university grows, Recreational Sports will have to continue to grow and add new programs, facilities and staff. Recreational Sports was able to complete all of its objectives.

**6.2 Program / Unit Weaknesses:****6.2.1 Objectives / Outcomes Partially or Not Met:**

Recreational Sports will need to continue to review current programs, facilities and staff in order to meet the needs of a growing and diverse university community.

**7. Report:****7.1 Executive Summary:** Facility Usage Totals:

- Building use increased ~13% from 185,853 in 2004/2005 to 212,508 in 2005/2006. (+26,655)
- The increase was due to the number of participants in the various summer camps and the opening of the expanded fitness center.

- The Main Gym recorded the most significant increase in usage

Revenue Generated:

- Revenue increased ~.02% from \$131,270 in 2004/2005 to \$133,519.80 in 2005/2006. (+\$2,249.8)
- The increase was from renting the Main Gym for the summer camps

Intramural Participation:

- Participation increased ~67% from 3,544 in 2004/2005 to 10,782 in 2005/2006. (+7238)
- The increase was due to a change in counting participation for each sport. The change was made to make the numbers reflect overall participation.

Club Sports:

- Participation increased ~88% from 214 in 2004/2005 to 1,789 in 2005/2006. (+1575)
- The increase in participation was due to a change in participation counts. Any activity that involved a club was counted for participation totals.

## 7.2 Top 3 Program/Unit Accomplishments:

In September, the UTD Ultimate Frisbee Club hosted the "Ultimate 101" tournament and Wrestling hosted its first meet in November. The sport club program is growing and hosting events like this only helps to increase participation. The Hockey club won its 4th straight Division II title and competed in the Elite 8 National Tournament in North Carolina.

Recreational Sports hosted the NIRSA Regional Flag Football Tournament in November, with over 72 teams representing Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee. This was the first tournament that UTD and Recreational Sports has hosted. In August, UTD received the bid to host the first ever NIRSA National Flag Football Tournament to be held in January. This will bring a lot of exposure to the University and teams from all over the US will attend this event.

In March, 30 students participated in the second annual Ski Trip to Angel Fire, NM. The trip was held over spring break and the students represented a diverse population. Some of them had no prior skiing experience prior to this event.

In May, Kristin Chambers left the University and was replaced by Elizabeth Ramirez. Victor Lauersdorf was hired as the Coordinator for Fitness and Aquatics. The interview process for Elizabeth's replacement is currently underway.

The North Texas Backyard Brawl was started this past year. This is a 3 sport competition between UTD and Texas A/M Commerce. UTD won 2 out of the 3 sports to take home the trophy. One student officiated the Regional Basketball tournament hosted by TCU and received a bid to nationals in Anaheim, CA. Several new sports were added such as NCAA Pick'em, Dodgeball, and a Bench Press competition.

A wooden floor was installed in the Multipurpose room to allow for more groups to be able to use that space. Rubber mats were placed in the free weight area of the weight room to help protect the floor in that area. A Group Exercise program was started with over 10 different classes offered throughout the day.

**7.3 Research Activities or Publications:** No activity to report.

**7.4 Instructional/Training Activities (presented or received):** No activity to report.

## 7.5 Public Service:

Recreational sports takes an active role with the Corporate Challenge games that are hosted by the city of Richardson. Our department is the liaison for the University and is in charge of advertising, recruiting teams, individual players and overall UTD spirit.

**7.6 Other External Activities:** No activity to report.

## 7.7 Contributions to UTD:

Recreational Sports is the host to various university sponsored events such as graduation, career fairs, home athletic contests, concerts, Alumni dinner, ceremonial banquets and awards, the President's Investiture, freshmen convocation, and Corporate Challenge.

## 7.8 Top 3 Program / Unit Challenges:

The major challenge that Recreational Sports faces is the need for building space. With the growth of the sport club and group exercise program, in addition to the current programs and athletic contest, indoor space has become very limited. Additional dance type rooms and classroom space will need to be added to the facility.

Another challenge is the lack of staffing for the outdoor field complex. With the addition of the multipurpose field there has been an increase in the amount of time needed to properly maintain that area as well as the current fields. Another full time grounds keeper is needed to help with this task.