

Recreational Facility Fee 2021



Snapshot HPC operation and RecSports programs

- The HPC is open 90 hours a week.
- Over 150,000 visits annually to utilize fitness facilities
 - ~100,000 student visits
- Fitness
 - Over 35 fitness classes offered each week, free of charge to students.
- Wellness
 - Wellness special event programming offered throughout the year. Ex: Wellness Wednesdays, 100 mile club, Meditation Mondays, Lazy Man Iron Man, Facility education, Wellness Triathlon etc.
- Intramurals/Club Sports
 - Currently offering 30 activities offered each semester, free of charge to students
- Outdoor Adventures
 - Over 300 students participate in an OA activity yearly. Students currently pay for trips to help offset costs.



Importance of RecSports

- Retention - 74% of students report that campus recreation facilities influenced their decision to continue attending chosen University. 67% - campus recreation programs
- Recruitment - 65% of students report that campus recreation facilities influenced their decision of which University to attend. 62% - campus recreation programs.
- Student Engagement/Experience - 100,000 student entries into HPC yearly - Over 15,000 program participations
 - Participant identified skills
 - Feeling of well-being (50%)
 - Overall health (50%)
 - Stress management (43%)
 - Self-confidence (34%)
 - 90% of students report recreation will be important to them after graduation!



Current Recreational Facility Fee

- \$40/semester – has not increased since the creation of the department and HPC
- \$105/semester – average Recreational fee for public schools in Texas
- RecSports is tasked with generating \$250,000 in revenue to offset the fee funding.
 - This often requires facilities to be closed off from students for external events
 - Community memberships increase the amount of patrons making it more difficult for students to access equipment.



What changes do the students want?

- A comprehensive review of end of year surveys from (2015-2020) performed by RecSports reveals the following facility/programmatic needs from students:
 - Extended Hours of operation (Fridays and Weekends)
 - More Fitness Classes offered after 8pm
 - Yoga, Spin, Martial Arts most requested!
 - Updated equipment
 - More space on fitness floor
 - More equipment! Especially cardio equipment.
 - Climbing Wall
 - Increased Open Gym time
 - More Outdoor Adventure Trips



Program changes with increased fee

- Extended programming hours to include PHE, IM Field, and extended weekend hours in HPC (\$25,000)
- Add Outdoor Recreation professional staff member (\$55,000).
Outdoor adventure program additions:
 - Twice as many regional trips for students. More access to rental center and increased on-campus events utilizing trails and lakes (\$15,000).
 - RecSports would remove the fee to participate in regional trips to make trips possible for all students (\$15,000).



Program changes with increased fee

- Added fitness programming after 8pm (per student survey) and additional wellness programs like instructional cooking and massage therapy (\$25,000).
- RecSports would implement a replacement plan that would insure equipment is replaced when needed and our students have access to new, innovative equipment (\$75,000).
- Increased maintenance budget to keep facility and equipment up to date and functional. Currently, these costs take away directly from programmatic experiences (\$50,000).
- Overall annual cost increase: \$270,000.



Facility needs/changes with increased fee

- Front desk renovation (\$200,000). This project will increase the useable square footage on our main fitness floor and convert one racquetball room into functional fitness area.
- HPC Pool Resurfacing (\$150,000). The current surface is over 15 years old and beginning to fail.
- Creation of family changing and gender neutral locker room (\$175,000). This area is a major need for safety of the facility as well as creating a welcoming environment for all.
- Many other projects projected out over FY 24 and beyond. (Renovated Locker Rooms, Outdoor basketball court, Climbing Wall/building expansion, and more!)



Thank you!

