

# **CAMPUS RECREATION**

## **Unit Plan: 2009 - 2014**

Our mission is to provide recreational opportunities to a diverse campus community that enhance the learning and workplace environment and promote mental and physical health via quality facilities, equipment and programs. Our programs, which include Open Recreation, Intramural Sports, Outdoor Program, and Club Sports, offer a broad range of coordinated activities for individuals and groups that promote health awareness, a sense of community and a lifelong appreciation for wellness and recreational activities. Supporting the value of student development, our programs strive to offer opportunities to students that develop leadership skills and promote responsibility while maintaining a balance between personal, professional, and academic pursuits.

We aspire to provide quality recreational opportunities to the UW campus community with the ultimate goal of providing “something for everyone”. It is also our desire to help students learn about making healthy lifestyle choices, enhance UW students’ feeling of loyalty, engagement and belonging to the University as well as learning to appreciate individual differences and similarities.

The forthcoming planning and possible construction for a renovation and addition to Half Acre Gym will be the issue of greatest relevance to the institution. The need to build excellence in capital facilities and infrastructure is especially prominent in an aging facility that is visited by 1,500-2,000 UW community members on most school days during the academic year. Many new, multi-million dollar recreation facilities are being built throughout our state as well as neighboring states and students attending the University of Wyoming will expect similar, if not better, facilities on our campus.

The Half Acre Expansion Planning Team, charged with the developing level 1 and level 2 documents for the proposed renovation of Half Acre Gym, will suggest this expansion be more than updating a gym. They intend to recommend the renovation and addition produce a state of the art Wellness Center. This Wellness Center will include the most up to date equipment and exercise opportunities with the renovated portion of the product as well as newly constructed exercise areas which will be similar to recreation centers throughout the state and country. The Wellness Center will include space not only for physical wellness but classrooms, laboratories, and offices that will be used to focus on other types of wellness such as intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual.

Another institutional issue which Campus Recreation will be involved with is mentioned in Creation of the Future III. The geographical setting and partnership with NOLS is pushing forth an effort for outdoor opportunities to become an area of distinction for UW. The Outdoor Program is in the process of becoming the coordinator of the NOLS academic program.

Action Item	Link to Planning Documents/Mission	Timeline for Implementation
Continue planning process for renovation and/or addition to Half Acre gym	This will continue with UW's aspiration to build excellence in capital facilities as well as contributing to the University's mission of promoting personal growth, physical health, athletic competition and leadership development as well as Campus Recreation's mission to provide quality facilities.	FY 2009
Continue to expand the bike library through collaboration with ASUW to assist with non-motorized student travel on campus	The bike library has been very well received and can continue to grow, especially with a renovation/addition to Half Acre which would allow for more storage and maintenance facilities for the library.	FY 2009
Complete the UW Recreational Fields with lighting and appropriate storage facility in collaboration with the Intercollegiate Athletic Department	This is another facility that can enhance the excellent facilities on campus with the addition of lighting for evening recreation and a storage facility to add convenience for maintenance and storage for programs using the fields. This links back to the Campus Recreation mission of providing quality recreational opportunities and facilities. Providing evening recreational opportunities will meet the needs of our students.	FY 2010
Participate in the planning and implementation of a faculty/staff wellness program	This item will enhance the health and wellness of UW faculty and staff and increase the level of wellness opportunities for the entire campus community. The expansion of Half Acre Gym will also help to provide appropriate facilities for this to occur.	FY 2009-FY 2014

Work in collaboration with UW Foundation to solicit private gifts for renovation of Half Acre Gym	In President Buchanan's "Vision and Goals" document, enhancing the involvement of deans and directors in major gift fundraising for their college or unit is mentioned under the goal of leadership. This will become very important for Campus Recreation with the upcoming expansion/renovation project of Half Acre gym.	FY 2009-2014
Provide more educational opportunities in Half Acre Gym	With the proposed expansion/renovation of Half Acre Gym, more opportunities for Academic classes, as well as in-house educational opportunities (CPR/First Aid, Outdoor education, fitness classes) will be able to increase with expanded facilities.	FY 2009-2014
Continue to expand Outdoor Program to an area of distinction for UW	In Creation of the Future III, outdoor opportunities are mentioned as a possible area of distinction due to our geographical setting and partnership with NOLS. The Outdoor program is beginning this process by becoming the coordinator of the NOLS academic program. This will be the first step in promoting this program as an area of distinction. The Outdoor Program will continue to develop outdoor opportunities for the UW community to help fulfill this goal. Expansion and renovation to Half Acre Gym is crucial in making the Outdoor Program an area of distinction.	FY 2009-2014