

Indiana State University

2004 - 2005 Administrative Annual Report

Recreational Sports

Year in Review

Achievements

As you have heard, increasing public awareness of Indiana State University's accomplishments is crucial to building student enrollment, influencing policy makers, and developing a place of pre-eminence in the Midwest. What do you consider to be your department's accomplishments for the 2006-07 year that will contribute to this effort? (Please list in priority order and limit to no more than 8.)

1. Completion of Student Rec Center feasibility study. 2. Subsequent successful passing of student referendum by significant 68% approval for construction and operation of student rec center. 3. Marketing of HHP recreation facilities, especially racquetball facilities, to former members of Body Heat following the closing of that facility. This resulted in a number of new members added to the non-university membership rolls. Additionally, schedules were slightly adjusted to accommodate these newer members. 4. Completion of HHP Pool mechanical renovation. 5. With the addition of a new assistant director of intramural sports, changes were slowly integrated into that program. Intramural participation was up this year, mainly due to two factors. First intramural softball was moved from ISU's traditional fall season to spring. This resulted in the largest number of softball teams in many years. Secondly, the continued efforts in reaching students through electronic media has finally reaped benefits through more student awareness. 6. Climbing wall participation increased significantly. This is probably due to students simply being more aware of its presence.

Action Steps

In light of the new [strategic direction](#) of the University can you modify your action steps or develop new action steps that will aid in the implementation of the University's Strategic Indicators?

1. The most significant project would be the construction of a student recreation center. In the event that final approval is granted through the Board of Trustees and the State of Indiana the recreational sports staff will be immersed in the construction and planning process. This will also include the formal initiation of a student recreation advisory board, a natural development out of such a student centered project. 2. The movement towards such a facility would create an entirely new recreational sports structure not only administratively but budgetarily as well due to the dedicated student fee supporting the operations of the facility. This would result in more customer friendly hours of operation and be a boon to town/gown relations.

Assessment

What are two ways in which you evaluated the quality or effectiveness in your area last year? What changes did you make based on those assessments?

1. The most significant manner in which recreational sports evaluates effectiveness is by looking at participation figures. The most significant change in participation is that we added spectators to our participation count. The rationale is that spectators are under our supervision and they are participating in the program, just in a less active manner. Staffing and budgeting are areas that can be dependent upon spectator statistics. 2. An assessment was undertaken to attempt to measure the level of experiential learning student employees received while performing their duties as

employees with the department. The instrument was a self-assessment survey where student employees gauged the level of improvement that they felt they gained in various areas of personal and professional development. 81% of responses to the 21 different questions said that working for recreational sports improved a variety of professional development skills.

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Please describe the progress you have made on these action steps.

1. In-roads were originally made through the Student Recreation Association and Union Board. Student leaders of each had vowed to work together in an effort to do joint outdoor recreation trips. Due to Union Board budget cuts and lack of student leadership momentum the efforts were unsuccessful. 2. A new assistant director for intramural sports was added as well as a new graduate assistant. The transition was a successful one in terms of rearranging office responsibilities to accommodate the new staff member. 3. Most of the work this year revolved around the successful completion of a student referendum to support the construction and funding of a new student recreation center. 4. Students participated in state and regional conferences through NIRSA and IRSA. More office work was initiated in terms of undergrads helping coordinate intramural activities and reports.