

RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION PLANNING PRINCIPLES

Based on a student fee referendum in 1986, the Cal Poly Recreation Center was built and opened in 1993. Since that time, usage of the Recreation Center increased to the point that crowding became an issue. In 2007, Student Government held discussions with student groups regarding this space issue and proposed an increase in the Cal Poly Student Union fee to fund the renovation and expansion of the Recreation Center. The fee referendum, held on February 27 and 28, 2008, resulted in an overwhelming vote supporting this increase with 75% of those voting in favor of the Recreation Center expansion. The students approved a fee increase of \$65 per quarter, and the cost of the renovation/expansion cannot exceed what can be funded by this fee increase. Additionally, students shall not pay this increased fee until the renovation/expansion is completed.

This project is the result of a shared student vision that supports the campus environment. The expanded facility will be a welcoming destination for the entire campus community to relax, recreate and socialize.

During the educational campaign the students identified ten components to include in the expansion. The following planning principles incorporate those components.

1. Commitment to increasing usable space to meet the needs of a growing student population.

Students were specific in the need for more usable space at the Recreation Center. The usable space will be increased and will include the following:

- a. Increased size of Weight Room – as close to triple the current space as possible;
- b. Creation of a Multi Activity Center (MAC) for indoor soccer, floor hockey and events;
- c. Addition of two gym courts for basketball, volleyball, etc;
- d. Leisure pool with a sun deck area.

2. Commitment to an inviting atmosphere.

The lobby of the expanded Recreation Center shall be welcoming, containing space for student amenities (such as a juice bar, events lobby, meeting room, check-in area, and pro shop/market). A focus will be made on incorporating a more inviting and pleasing atmosphere into the various activity spaces, including the gyms.

3. Commitment to the renovation of existing space consistent with new construction and upgraded to be compatible with current facility standards.

- a. The architectural design of the addition to the current Recreation Center shall compliment the existing Recreation Center style.
- b. Existing spaces will be renovated to be consistent with the new construction and current standards.
- c. Renovation of existing locker rooms to provide for updated showers, safe and sanitary conditions and an ADA-friendly environment.

4. Commitment to quality materials, equipment and furnishings and sustainable building practices in compliance with CSU Chancellor's Executive Order 987.
 - a. Sustainable, quality building materials shall be used in construction to meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the CSU Sustainability Measurement System, which shall be equivalent to LEEDTM "Certified." Compliance with LEED standards shall strive to reach the highest level as allowed by project budget constraints.
 - b. Natural lighting and natural climate control shall be utilized wherever possible. This may result in a higher initial cost, but there will be the benefits of greater user satisfaction and lower replacement/maintenance costs in the future.
 - i. In high demand areas where a comfortable temperature cannot be provided by natural air flow, air conditioning shall be provided.

5. Commitment to designing for flexibility.

Areas of the Recreation Center, while being designed for specific activities, may need to be adapted in the future based on campus needs and recreation trends. Facility design and planning techniques shall anticipate this need where practical.

6. Commitment to accessibility throughout construction

The Recreation Center shall remain open during construction for accessibility by current students and paid members whenever possible.