

2005-2006 Administrative Department Annual Report

Recreational Sports

Year in Review

Enrollment

What steps did you take this year to aid ISU in overcoming enrollment challenges?

1. We were very active in planning the new proposed student recreation center.
2. We continued to provide programming that enhances the quality of life for students at ISU.
3. We were very active in resource fairs during student preview days.
4. We continue to program recreation and athletic programming for Hoosier Boys State and Hoosier Girls State. These two events often assist in the recruitment of a number of delegates as future ISU students.

What can your office do next year to help overcome enrollment challenges?

1. Continue with the construction of the student recreation center.
2. Continue to be involved in recruitment days.
3. Continue to assist with Hoosier Boys State and Hoosier Girls State.

Action Steps

Do you have any further progress you would like to report?

1. This spring a group of dedicated students and various ISU faculty/staff came together and initiated the planning stages of a new student outdoor recreation focus group. This resulted in a successful outdoor programming training session that set the groundwork for a trip program that will be initiated next year. Students will be able to participate in a number of outdoor adventure type activities such as backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, whitewater rafting, etc.
2. Although the office lost three valuable staff members (associate director, administrative specialist, informal rec graduate assistant) for the second semester, the course has been set for a much needed staff reorganization. The hiring of an operations manager in April has been a great success. We also have a commitment for 2006-08 of a new graduate assistant with aquatics specialties, something we have not had in the past. In addition a new AAI will be hired to begin July 5.
3. Again, the student recreation center should break ground this fall.
4. Undergraduate supervisor Megan Morris received a student state award by IRSA and graduate

assistant Danniell Bettmann was elected state student representative for IRSA. One undergraduate, three graduate assistants, and two full-time staff members attended the IRSA State Workshop in Vincennes in November; one undergraduate and two graduate assistants attended the NIRSA Region III Student Lead-On Workshop at Central Michigan University in January; and one undergraduate, two graduate assistants and the assistant director attended the NIRSA National Conference in Louisville, KY in April.

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. As part of the Division of Student Affairs' efforts in the area of Effectiveness & Efficiency Review, the Office of Recreational Sports performed an assessment following the CAS standards including an independent review team study.

- Most of the feedback following the team review revolved around the need for further operational funds, especially in view of the new student rec center project.
- We are drastically underfunded in terms of student wages when compared to peer institutions.
- The lack of any type of reserve funds was noted.
- It was noted that there was a need to revisit our mission statement.

2. Intramural sports programmers routinely survey participants and captains to gain feedback following each intramural sport. This usually results in the tweaking of rules and regulations for the following season.

Budget

As you know, ISU is facing significant budget challenges. Finding ways to overcome these while increasing efficiency requires innovation. How are you overcoming your budget challenges this year?

Due to two straight years of budget reallocation, the significant challenge becomes how do we service student recreational sports needs when student wage dollars must be cut. This has been accomplished in two ways.

1. The HHP equipment room attendant duties from the 12:00-4:00 have been taken on by the equipment attendant. This has saved on average a little over \$100/week.
2. The increased number of non-university memberships have helped alleviate the budget crunch.

Strategic Initiatives

Development Activities

What role might your unit play during the silent phase of the comprehensive fundraising campaign?

Through any efforts involving the new student recreation center.

Future Goals

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Have you considered any action steps your department could make to enhance Indiana State University's reputation as a University of choice? If so, please indicate what you are planning to do and tell us which area of planning your steps fall under.

1. Continue to put forth strong student development and experiential learning opportunities for our student participants and student employees. EL
2. Continue rec center project. EM, IE
3. Continue to massage staffing solutions in time of low enrollment. EM
4. Continue to enhance the opportunities for community engagement through facility opportunities such as racquetball, etc.

Feedback

This box is to allow you to share any ideas you have on enhancing enrollment, dealing with budget, challenges facing the administration, etc.

I feel we fall short when recruiting students in "our back yard." I think a strong marketing initiative must take place in the Wabash Valley.

The student rec center should be a major player in the recruitment and retention of students.