

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, TO INCREASE THE FUNDING OF CAMPUS RECREATION BY \$560,000.

- WHEREAS: "The National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA, 2002) reported that participation in recreational sports programs has been shown to have a number of positive contributions and correlates with outcomes such as scholastic achievement, persistence rates, and satisfaction with overall collegiate experience.", and
(Hackett, Matthew. Exploring the Relationship Between Recreational Sports Employment and Academic Success. April 2007)
- WHEREAS: Campus Recreation is a critical part of the Northern Kentucky University Community, serving students as well as faculty and staff and local community, and
- WHEREAS: Student participation in Campus Recreation programs is at record levels and continues to increase with student usage of the Campus Recreation Center increasing by 14 % last year to 104,000 visits, and student participation in Intramural Sports increasing by 10%, as well as Norse Fitness participation increasing by 79%, and
- WHEREAS: Campus Recreation's operating budget is heavily dependent on generated revenues and these revenues have declined sharply due to a variety of factors including the general downturn in the economy, and
- WHEREAS: Campus Recreation is already in dire need of assistance to maintain its current operations and meet the increased demand for programs and services from students, and
- WHEREAS: Campus Recreation has an inventory of approximately \$500,000 worth of equipment and there is not a system in place to allocate financial resources as this equipment ages and requires costly repairs or replacement, and
- WHEREAS: Student Sport Clubs have increased by 75% from 2007-08 and their funding has been reduced from \$50,000 to \$30,800, and
- WHEREAS: SGA has passed previous resolutions; 2008-2009.006, 2007-2008.016, 2006-2007.004; regarding the funding of club sports, and
- WHEREAS: Campus Recreation is one the largest employers of students, approximately 100, on campus and with the recent increase of minimum wage to \$7.25, Campus Recreation may have to restrict student employment opportunities as well as reduce hours of operation.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, on this 23rd day of February 2009, that the Student Government Association requests the University Administration increase the funding of Campus Recreation by \$560,000.

Signed: 
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Attest: 
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