

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY, REQUESTING THE COLLABORATIVE EXPLORATIVE STUDY OF AN EXPANSION TO OR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CAMPUS RECREATION CENTER AND INTRAMURAL FACILITIES INCLUDING COST AND POTENTIAL METHODS OF PAYMENT.

- WHEREAS: The current Campus Recreation Center (CRC), housed in the A.D. Albright Health Center was constructed in 1984, a time when University enrollment was approximately 8,879 students, and
- WHEREAS: Student enrollment for Northern Kentucky University for the 2010-2011 school year is over 15,600 students, and
- WHEREAS: Forty three percent of the student population utilized the CRC resulting in 108,363 total visits in 2009-10, and
- WHEREAS: NKU faculty and staff also have access to the CRC, adding an additional 2,500 potential users whose use has increased over the past three years, and
- WHEREAS: According to the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association (NIRSA), the national planning average for the square footage of indoor recreation space per student is 9.86. The NKU CRC provides 4.48 square feet per student, less than half the average amount, and
- WHEREAS: There has been a 36% increase in intramural sports since 2007-2008 when 2,140 students were involved compared to 2,928, in 2009-2010.
- WHEREAS: There has been a 50% increase in sports clubs at the CRC since 2007-2008, and
- WHEREAS: The NIRSA national average for number of intramural fields on campuses with enrollments of 10,000 to 19,000 students is four and NKU has two that will be removed due to the road projects illustrated in the Campus Master Plan, and
- WHEREAS: According to the NIRSA document entitled, Planning Principles for College and University Recreation Facilities, "Student involvement in recreation sports programs, facilities, and services plays a significant role in recruiting new students, supporting the learning environment, integrating students into the social community on campus, affiliating them with the institution and enhancing a number of student educational and development outcomes...those outcomes include enhanced recruitment and retention of students, faculty, and staff." And
- WHEREAS: President Votruba, at the August 30, 2010 SGA meeting supported the exploration of options including but not limited to expansion, renovation or construction of a new facility.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, on this 11th day of October 2010, that the Student Government Association requests a comprehensive study to be completed in regards to the expansion or building of a new Campus Recreation Center in a timely manner.

Signed:



Kevin Golden, President

Attest:



Michelle Forlenza, University Improvements Chair