

## HPER FACILITIES PHASE II

Our students have voiced concerns about the inadequate fitness facilities available for students. In response to this complaint, our Athletic Director worked with an architect to develop several options for renovation and/or expansion of the HPER building. The architect developed four options varying from simply renovating or reassigning the current space to adding additional space to the west and the south of the building. The cost of these options ranged from \$1,350,000 to \$5,140,000, but did not include all architect and engineering fees or programming fees. Please note that each option continued to build on the objectives of the previous option.

The student government was presented with all four options and costs based on a 10-year and 15-year payback. Based on its high cost, Option 4 was not viable. The student government selected Option 3 which has a cost of \$3,000,000. This option includes programming and architect and engineering fees. A referendum was put before the student body to approve or disapprove the fee. The students voted 233 for the fee and 45 against the fee. Only North campus students voted since they would be the students paying any approved fee.

The list below is information provided by the architect describing his ideas for the renovation and expansion of the HPER facilities based on information shared with him by the Athletic Director and HPER Facilities Manager. This document summarizes the proposal as approved by the students. The schematic was designed taking into consideration the need for recreational facilities and the desire for separation of athletics.

Recommendations proposed by the architect are summarized below. These recommendations will be incorporated into the project when approved by the Board of Regents.

1. Expansion of services within the existing square footage of the HPER Building (Options 1 and 2).
  - a. Will address crowded locker rooms and form a separation for students and the varsity athletes. Renovation of existing locker rooms would allow for more space in the general as well as faculty locker space. The need for a larger varsity locker room will also be considered, the expanded locker room may be located in the addition referenced in item 2 below.
  - b. Expanding the fitness and cardio areas will provide adequate space for all who desire to use the fitness facility. This will also allow for the installation of new circuit equipment and will expand the existing cardio area for greater student use.
  - c. A decision will be made with regard to renovating, removing or replacing the pool. Discussion about the pool will continue during the programming phase of

the project. These discussions will include students, faculty, staff and members of the community.

- d. Relocation of the training space to a more central location between the men and women's locker rooms will make access for all students more functional and allow expansion into the existing training space.
  - e. Allocating space for study areas and additional group exercise classrooms for greater options of wellness on the campus is also a key factor in this renovation. The added classroom/group training area may be accommodated by renovating one or two of the existing racquetball courts.
  - f. Other items that will be included are energy studies, mechanical/plumbing upgrades and building performance modeling.
2. Add square footage to the building to create new space for expanded fitness and wellness services. The expansion would be an addition of approximately 7,000 square feet that would accommodate the expanded weight and cardio rooms as well as a locker room expansion (Option 3).
- a. Adds space to the west face of the cardio and fitness floors to accommodate more circuit training options and expanded cardio area. The additional cardio and weight room space will expand wellness services and meet the needs of more students.
  - b. Allows additional space for the creation of a new pair of locker rooms for either general use or varsity athletics. This will help address the already crowded locker rooms, create better separation for the varsity athletes as well as the overall function of the building.

Project Sq. Ft. and Construction Estimate: 25,200 Sq. Ft. renovation at \$75.00/Sq. Ft. = \$1,890,000.00 plus new construction of 7,000 Sq. Ft. at \$130.00/ Sq. Ft. = \$910,000.00 for a total of \$2,800,000.00. An additional \$200,000 has been added to cover additional fees including architect and engineering.

