

**FINAL OFFICIAL DOCUMENT**  
**UC RIVERSIDE**  
**1993**

**RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION REFERENDUM**

**Introduction:** This referendum was written by a student planning committee, approved by the Chancellor, and is a legally binding document. Please read the referendum carefully and cast your vote accordingly. It provides for planning to begin immediately. The new fee assessment would begin when the center is completed in Fall 1993.

**Funding:** A student fee will fund the construction, maintenance and operational costs. The construction cost will be approximately \$13 million (\$59/qr) or \$15 million (\$69/qr) and the loan to fund the proposed project will run 27 years. During that period, if the enrollment grows beyond the annual average necessary to fund, operate and maintain this facility, any surplus funds will be used for additional expansion, a fee reduction, or retirement of the debt. At the time of the final debt retirement, the fee will be adjusted appropriately. All funding decisions shall be made by the Recreation Center Board of Governors.

Additional Funding Sources

<u>Registration Fees</u>	1991/92	\$ 50,000 on-going
	1992/93	\$ 50,000 on-going
	1993/94	\$ 50,000 on-going
		<u>\$150,000 On-going Total</u>

This will not result in fee increases and is available from a portion of the normal Reg Fee contributed by the increased enrollment annually.

Non-Student User Fees

\$ 25,000 per year

Community Donations

Bleachers, scoreboards, weight equipment, etc.

**Location:** The committee has recommended that the space immediately north of the on-campus baseball diamond between the A&I Residence Hall and the existing track would be the appropriate area to locate the new recreation center.

**Center Usage Priorities:** The center will be available for use by all registered students for no additional charge and faculty/staff who purchase a recreation card. The priorities in order of usage for the recreation center are as follows:

- 1) Intramural Sports
- 2) Open/drop-in recreation
- 3) Recreational clubs and sports clubs
- 4) Special events (including concerts, tournaments)
- 5) Intercollegiate athletics (for those events that cannot be accommodated in the current gym)
- 6) Physical education (for those classes that can't be offered in the current gym)

**Governance:** The center will be governed by a nine-member board comprised of six representatives appointed by ASUCR, and three appointed by GSA. The Chancellor, or her designee, will be non-voting, ex-officio. The Board will be able to grant non-voting ex-officio status to other members of the campus community at its discretion. All decisions made by the Board can be reversed by a two-thirds vote of both Legislative Council and Graduate Student Council and are subject to the Chancellor's final approval.

A separate part, or full-time director of the recreation center shall be appointed by the Chancellor upon the recommendation of the Board as soon as is feasible. The director shall be an employee of, and paid by, the Governing Board out of the Recreation Building Fee. The Chair of the Governing Board, under Board policy, shall oversee the director on all day-to-day and other matters. The Chair, after consulting with the Board, shall make all recommendations to the Chancellor regarding performance reviews and any recommendation with respect to dismissal and advancement.

It shall be the responsibility of the board during construction to:

1. Review and approve through appropriate UCR offices the detailed program analysis, Program Planning Guide, Environmental Impact Report, architectural program, and subsequent design development.
2. Approve all fiscal aspects including but not limited to, the project budget, the construction contract, and subsequent operating budget proposals.
3. Report regularly in open forums to the student body on progress.
4. On-going coordination with campus Development Office to ensure continuing fund-raising for these facilities.

Upon the completion of the facility, the board will be responsible for:

1. All facility operations and policies, approving all budgetary aspects (including annual budget, usage fees, etc.).
2. Scheduling usage and fees-for-use of the facilities for all concerned parties.
3. Making available an annual report detailing the fiscal operations of the facility to the Chancellor and students.
4. On-going coordination with campus Development Office to ensure continuing fund-raising for these facilities.

**Additional future expansion.** This center will be designed to allow for expansion as enrollment continues to grow and funds become available.

**What will happen to the current gymnasium?** Expanding physical education classes would use most of the time available in current physical education facility. This facility will also continue to be used for intercollegiate athletics and will have some limited availability for continuing recreation/intramurals use in the short term.

**When would the proposed fees begin?** The fee, if approved by this referendum, will begin in 1993, the year the new center is projected to open and continue until 2019.

**What is the impact of the student's fees on financial aid?** The Office of Financial Aid will meet the full need of all eligible students resulting from this increased fee. For UCR's highest-need students, this increase will be met with grants which do not have to be repaid. For other eligible recipients, the increase will be met through grant assistance, low interest loans, and/or employment earnings. Because individual financial aid awards may vary, more detailed information is available in the Office of Financial Aid, 1156 Administration Building.

Process after the Referendum. The allocation of square footage represented for \$59 and \$69 is an estimate. If the referendum is approved, the Governing Board will approve a program and design a plan developed by a consultant to clarify all specific needs and related square footage. These plans are then developed into bid documents by an architect and then bid for construction. On-going fund-raising will continue throughout the process.

**PROPOSED RECREATION CENTER TO OPEN - 1993**  
Assignable Square Footage

	COST		Current Gymnasium
	(Select one Fee)		
	\$59 Qtr	\$69 Qtr	
Multi-Use Gymnasium with 4 Intramural size courts for Drop-in Recreation & Intramural Use (Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton), also Suitable for Athletic Contests, Concerts, and Other Special Events. The Facility can hold 3,000 - 3,500 Seats.	29,000	29,000	10,488 (2 intramural courts, 950 seats)
Weight Room/Cardiovascular	9,100	10,000	2,380 (3 rooms)
Multi-Purpose Rooms (Aerobics, Martial Arts, Dance, Table Tennis)	10,000	17,000	6,300 (3 rooms)
Indoor Racquetball/Handball Courts	4,800 (6)	6,400 (8)	--
Shower/Locker Room/Bathrooms	3,400	3,400	14,000
Equipment Room/Storage/Offices	4,300	4,300	1,212
This Referendum also provides additional Lighting for the Lower Intramural fields and the existing Outdoor Basketball/Sand Volleyball Courts.	--	--	--
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,600</b>	<b>70,100</b>	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

How Are Recreational Facilities Funded In The University of California System? In the University of California system, students do not pay tuition. Tuition is generally defined as monies paid to attend college to pay for general administration and academic buildings and operations. Within the University of California system, State tax dollars pay for these functions.

Nonacademic operations and facilities, such as student unions/commons and recreational facilities, however, must be funded primarily through student self-assessed fees which can be augmented by registration fees, user income, etc. Because of this, recreational facilities go through a "referendum" process to present a proposed set of facilities and related fees to the student body for its consideration in a formal vote. This Winter, for example, referenda for recreation and commons facilities have been passed at UC Santa Barbara (\$44/quarter) and UC San Diego (\$70/quarter). UCR (\$10) has the lowest facility fee in UC, except for UCLA (\$9).

Current Usage In general, the recreational facilities at UCR are very inadequate. The primary facility being used for intramural/recreation activities is the Physical Education building. This building is a State-funded facility approved for credit physical education classes and credit intercollegiate athletic use. Historical use patterns have allowed non-credit recreation/intramural use of the facility during the "off" hours that P.E. and intercollegiate athletics did not need use of the facilities. As P.E. classes continue to expand, with enrollment growth of 400-500 students per year projected on campus, there will be even less of an opportunity for recreation and intramural use within this building. The main gym floor is currently used for Physical Education credit classes from 8:00 a.m. until Noon; Open Recreation from Noon until 1:00 p.m.; Intercollegiate Athletics from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Intramurals/Recreation from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily.

About 40-50% of UCR students currently participate in Intramurals/Recreation. The time available for Intramurals/Recreation use is very inadequate for intramural players. Club sports (26 clubs - volleyball, floor hockey, soccer, etc.) do not have any place to play. Many teams who would like to participate in intramural basketball are also turned away. This facility would ensure the same quality of student recreational life for future students that past students have enjoyed.

Student Survey and Organizing Committee Last Spring, a survey of the student body indicated that additional recreational facilities were desired with the following preferences: a large multipurpose gym floor for recreational sports and special events [69%]; a fitness room [67%]; intramural lights [62%]; multipurpose rooms for aerobics, dance, martial arts, etc. [50%].

To address this need for new facilities, a committee of 10 students and 2 non-students has been appointed by the Chancellor. This Recreational Building Referendum Planning Committee has been meeting since last Fall, has visited campuses (Davis, USC, UCLA, San Jose State, UC Berkeley), and has consulted various on- and off-campus resource people and at open student forums in preparing this proposal.

**SAMPLE  
REFERENDUM BALLOT WORDING**

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree with the need for the proposed recreation center and select (choose one fee) \_\_\_\$59 or \_\_\_\$69 to be the quarterly fee to start Fall 1993. (If the referendum is approved, the fee with the most votes will be implemented).

\_\_\_\_\_ I disagree with the need for the proposed recreation center.