

**Student Services Annual Department Report
Department: Recreational Sports and Intramurals**

Humboldt State University

Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

University Center

Recreational Sports and Intramurals

University Center Mission Statement

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Description of Goal

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2a: Meet the recreational interests of our student population.

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Learning Domain:

Description of Outcome

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Measurement Strategy: Existing Data

Assessment Method

Disaggregate intramural participation by sport and class level. Observation.

Results of Assessment

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Professionalism	4.8	4.5	5	5	5	4
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To provide a welcoming space that cultivates healthy lifestyles.

5a: a. The Recreational Sports facilities and offices will be inclusive of and welcoming to all.

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Staffing and Budget Snapshot

Investments

-  [Budget snapshot](#)
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Related Items

There are no related items.

End of Year Summary

Summary and Conclusions

Recreational Sports was able to involve and engage students, foster an environment for academic and personal and professional development, provide opportunities for skill acquisition, provide a welcome space, and meet the recreational interests of our students.

We were able to measure these areas and from what we found, we seem to be on the right track. We will pay attention to the outcome of these assessments and make changes accordingly in order to best serve our student population.

There is room for improvement in our leadership trainings, in our ability to use resources with the environment in mind, and making sure everyone is comfortable in the office at all times.

Next Steps and Plans for Improvement

Related Items

There are no related items.