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## **Student Recreation Center Expansion**

**The expansion of the Student Recreation Center (SRC) is almost complete, with an official Grand Opening slated for October 3, 2014. It includes more space, features, and programming for all students, including graduate students. Below is a list of frequently asked questions about this project.**



**Q. Why did we need to expand the Student Recreation Center (SRC)?**

**A.** The health and wellness of all students is a priority at UCR. Many students were experiencing limited or no access to SRC facilities and programming due to an acute shortage of recreation space and overcrowded conditions. The original SRC was built for a student population of 11,000; today, our student population is more than 22,000. The facilities had to expand to accommodate the needs of all.

**Q. Whose idea was it to build the new facility?**

**A.** UCR undergraduate and graduate students. It started in 2007 when a graduate student requested a new pool at a meeting of the student-led Recreation Facilities Governing Board (RFGB). Other student voices followed asking for expanded space and access. A survey was conducted to assess recreation needs and student willingness to bear the costs to meet these needs. In accordance with their constitution and bylaws, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and The Associated Students of UCR (ASUCR) approved the referendum to be put on the ballot, and students voted in favor of it.

**Q. Who decided what the new facility would have?**

**A.** Students. The facility components correlate directly to the needs and priorities expressed by graduate and undergraduate students in multiple surveys conducted by a third party consultant in 2008 and 2009.

**Q. Why are student fees being used to fund the expansion?**

**A.** A student referendum was the only funding source available for the expansion. This was only a viable option if students voted to approve it and fund the project through increased student fees. Students voted yes to this referendum in 2010.

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**Q. Did students know there was a fee associated with the referendum?**

**A.** Yes. The referendum stated that fees would increase once the expanded space was open. Graduate and undergraduate students voted to fund this project with an additional \$149 fee, bringing the total fee to \$208 per quarter.

**Q. What will the additional fees cover?**

**A.** The fees will pay for the design, construction, and maintenance of the expanded facility as well as expanded graduate and undergraduate programming.

**Q. I don't use the SRC - can I waive out of it?**

**A.** No waiver is available. The approved referendum for student fees to fund the facility is binding and the cost incurred for design, construction, and maintenance must be met.

**To find out more about the expanded Student Recreation Center, please visit [recreation.ucr.edu](http://recreation.ucr.edu).**

If you have additional questions regarding the SRC and the expansion project, please email Lindy Fenex at [lindy.fenex@ucr.edu](mailto:lindy.fenex@ucr.edu) or call him at (951) 827-4461.