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Title: AR11 "In Support of the Outdoor Leadership Development Center on the Brackenridge Tract"

Stage: Draft

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Section I: History and Purpose

Whereas, throughout the past 30 years, the need of an outdoor leadership facility has been discussed;^B

Whereas, the Division of Recreational Sports is charged with providing numerous facilities for student recreation, education and character development;¹

Whereas, the overall idea of the Outdoor Leadership Development Center is to provide the student body with a retreat-type facility equipped with outdoor activities to enhance leadership and personal development as well as a waterfront for recreational purposes;²

Whereas, initial steps in developing the Outdoor Leadership Development Center are being taken by the Division of Recreational Sports;³

Section II: Student Need

Whereas, the University of Texas is a top-tier university which strives to provide its student body with the finest resources for education and personal development;⁴

Whereas, such a facility will help advance the university's goal of shaping leaders for the future;⁵

Whereas, providing sufficient student space has been a central issue around campus within recent years;⁶

Whereas, such a facility will be open to students, faculty, and staff of the university thus fostering a greater sense of community on campus;

Whereas, an outdoor leadership facility will provide the student body and RecSports Sport Clubs with unique opportunities for athleticism, leadership, community building, and personal development through a combination of a student retreat center and recreational area;

Footnotes:

^A Chris Morley is currently president of Texas Crew and has initiated student action within RecSports to look into the creation of this facility.

^B The initial proposal for an outdoor facility was proposed by the Texas Union in 1969 by Barbara Higley and then again in 1973 by John Steele.

Whereas, an outdoor facility will also facilitate structural needs of many Sport Clubs by providing a physical home for these clubs;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Student Government at The University of Texas recognizes the efforts of the Division of Recreational Sports in striving to enhance the personal development and recreation opportunities for students on campus.

Be It Further Resolved that the Student Government supports the creation of an Outdoor Leadership Development Center to provide students with educational opportunities beyond those of the traditional classroom setting as well as an environment fostering leadership and community/personal development.

Be It Further Resolved that the Student Government requests that any decision to construct the Outdoor Leadership Development Center shall not come at the expense of any student housing.

Be It Further Resolved that the Student Government supports the thorough planning and development of this facility via a feasibility study to be conducted with the help of the Division of Recreational Sports and that the Student Government dedicates itself to earnestly represent the best interests of the student body in the endeavor.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution will be provided to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, the Office of the Chancellor of The University of Texas System, the Office of the President of The University of Texas at Austin, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Office of the Vice President for Employee and Campus Services, the Division of Recreational Sports, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Brackenridge Tract Task Force and any other administrative channels appropriate to the planning of this facility.

Footnotes

¹ http://www.utrecsports.org/about/vision_mission.php

² & ³ From a discussion with Tom Dison, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of RecSports.

⁴ http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/brief/t1natudoc_brief.php and <http://www.utexas.edu/welcome/mission.html>

⁵ http://www.utexas.edu/supportut/core_values/leadership.html

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<http://media.www.dailytexanonline.com/media/storage/paper410/news/2000/11/20/News/Union.Board.Student.Center.Will.Help.Ease.Overcrowding-701099.shtml>

INTRO

Article XLVIII

Student Community Coordinating Board

- Section 1: The Student Community Coordinating Board is a committee to enhance communication between student communities of the University and to increase inner-coordination coordination on issues that impact the student body.
- Section 2: Standing Membership is defined as follows: Chair of the Senate of College Councils, Co-Chair of the Graduate Student Assembly, President of the University Residence Hall Association, President of the Student Events Center, Chair of the Student Volunteer Board, Chair of the Spirit and Traditions Council, one representative from the Multicultural Information Center, President of Student Government, and Vice-President of Student Government. The Board shall also include one president of the five recognized Greek councils, who shall serve on a rotating basis. The President of the Texas Asian Pan-Hellenic Council shall serve in years ending in 0 and 5, The President of the University Panhellenic Council shall serve in years ending in 1 and 6, The President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council shall serve in years ending in 2 and 7, The President of the United Greek Council shall serve in years ending in 3 and 8, and The President of the Interfraternity Council shall serve in years ending in 4 and 9.
- Section 3: The President of the Student Government or the Student Community Coordinating Board may invite other student members as deemed appropriate with approval of the Board, except for activities concerning student regent selection.
- Section 4: President of Student Government shall serve as chair of the Student Community Coordinating Board

Article XLIX

UT System Student Regent Selection

- Section 1: Student Government is responsible for selecting five nominees for the UT System Student Regent position from UT Austin per Sec. 51.355 of the Texas Education Code.
- Section 2: The Student Community Coordinating Board shall be responsible for the distribution and promotion of the application for the student regent position as provided by the chancellor of the University of Texas System. ~~The chair shall call a meeting of the Student Community Coordinating Board before September 1st of each calendar year to coordinate this task. The Executive Director of Student Government shall serve as chair of the Student Community Coordinating Board during all duties relating to the selection of a student regent, but shall not have a vote. During this time, the President of Student Government shall not serve on the board.~~
- Section 3: The membership of the Student Community Coordinating Board participating in student regent selection shall be limited to those positions listed in the Article on Student Community Coordinating Board in Article XLV. ~~Three at-large positions shall be appointed by the Student Community Coordinating Board before September 1st, one of whom must be a graduate student and one a student with less than 4 undergraduate semesters at the University.~~
- Section 4: ~~By September 1st of every calendar year, Student Government and the Student Community Coordinating Board must solicit applicants for the Student Regent position.~~
- Section 5: ~~Applications for the student regent position shall be due on October 1st of every year.~~
- Section 6: ~~By October 10th of every year, the Student Community Coordinating Board shall choose at least 20 students for interviews based exclusively on the applications of the candidates. The names of the 20 finalists shall be forwarded to the Dean of Student's office on this date to verify academic and disciplinary status.~~
- Section 7: ~~By October 22nd of every year, the Student Community Coordinating Board shall hold interviews for at least 20 candidates and choose 10 applicants to forward to the Student Government Executive Board. All interviews and meetings concerning selection must be private.~~

~~Section 8: A panel consisting of the President, Vice-President, and committee vice chairs of Student Government shall select five candidates to forward to the Chancellor by November 1st. The panel may hold additional interviews with the ten finalists if necessary.~~

Section 9: Members of the Student Community Coordinating Board or Student Government selection panel applying to the Student Regent position shall not be included in the selection process. Organizations shall appoint a new representative to the Student Community Coordinating Board for the Student Regent Selection Process.