



## AUGUST 2006 AMENDMENT to FACILITIES MASTER PLAN 2000

The University of Southern Colorado (now Colorado State University-Pueblo) Facilities Master Plan approved in March 2001 included several outdoor facility projects intended to enhance physical education, recreation, and intercollegiate athletics. Indoor recreation space was addressed only in the context of renovation of the existing Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) Building which did not include improvements to or creation of new recreation space. Existing recreation space on the campus consists of use of HPER facilities after all academic and athletic needs are met and the Sam Jones Recreation Center. The later was constructed as an addition to the original HPER facility in 1989 and includes a swimming pool, four racquetball courts, locker rooms, and support areas.

In fiscal year 2003-04 the University President charged a group of administrators, faculty, and students to assess the institution's current student life facility needs and to make recommendations for improvements. The Task Force Report issued December 2003 identified a student recreation center to be the priority new construction need. In fiscal year 2004-05 the University began discussions with the student about implementing a mandatory student facility fee to support student life facility needs. Those discussions culminated in the Associated Student Government (ASG) Senate approval of such a fee in spring 2005 and its subsequent approval by the Board of Governors. Those discussions and the ASG action included revalidation of construction of a student recreation center as the student's first new construction priority. A \$10/credit hour mandatory Student Facility Fee was implemented in the Fall 2005 Semester. Since that time student leaders and the Student Facility Fee Advisory Committee have confirmed construction of a student recreation center as priority use of revenue generated by this fee. As a result, the CSU-Pueblo Facilities Master Plan is amended as follows:

*A student recreation center will be constructed beginning in 2007 for primary use by students with secondary use via membership purchase by campus faculty and staff and the public. It will include weight and exercise space, a gymnasium, a running/walking track, multi-purpose activity and meeting rooms, the Experiential Learning Center (ELC) programs, locker rooms, and office and building support space. The facility will be constructed as an addition to the southeast corner of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) Building and will be jointly operated with that facility. The existing natatorium and racquetball courts within the Sam Jones Recreation Center in the HPER facility will be renovated as part of this project and will be operated as part of the student recreation center. The student fees supporting the Sam Jones Recreation Center in the HPER facility and membership and rental revenue will support the ongoing maintenance of the student recreation center.*

**Funding:** Debt supported by the Student Facility Fee  
**Cost:** Estimated total project cost is \$10,116,387 in 2006 dollars