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ASI PROPOSES NEW CAMPUS RECREATION CENTER

**Students will be Asked to Vote on an Environmentally Sustainable
Recreation Center on March 5 & 6**

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Pomona, CA- This quarter, students at Cal Poly Pomona will vote on a referendum to support the construction of a comprehensive recreation center. Associated Students Inc. has been dedicated to the research and feasibility of this project to provide more recreation and wellness opportunities to the campus community and to meet the needs of current and future Cal Poly Pomona students.

The root of a possible recreation center stems back to August 2004 with the South Campus Study for Athletics, KHP and ASI Facilities. The results of this study showed existing facilities do not meet the current needs of our campus and are in urgent need of updating and/or replacement. This is due to the increased participation in intramurals and student health and wellness programs. Also, the current facilities do not meet the recommended space allocation by the American College of Sports Medicine for weight and cardiovascular equipment at a campus of our size. After the study, ASI student leaders and staff visited local universities and their recreation centers.

Based on positive student survey results, the ASI Senate voted unanimously in March 2007 to proceed with the feasibility study for a recreation center, and to engage the services of HGA architects and programming consultant, Brailsford & Dunlavey, which conducted focus groups with students and the campus community in May 2007. The proposed Recreation Center will alleviate many of the major problems facing recreation at Cal Poly Pomona and provide many benefits to students and the campus.

Many of the benefits the proposed Recreation Center would bring to the campus include: the creation of 300 new student jobs and internships, increase in space for club and intramural teams to practice and play, promotion of greater campus pride, and encouragement of healthy minds and bodies that are basic to academic success. The proposed building will also include eco-friendly construction processes and many "green" and environmentally sustainable design features with equivalence of a LEED Silver Certification.

The proposed Recreation Center would open in 2012 and would be built in the area surrounding the current location of Darlene May Gymnasium, which would be renovated and enhanced to preserve its legacy, and adjacent to the swimming pool off the south side of W. Eucalyptus Drive. Once approved and completed, the project would provide additional and state-of-the-art facilities to support a wider range of educational and out-of-classroom learning

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opportunities.

Here is a comprehensive list of the proposed amenities suggested by Cal Poly Pomona students that the proposed 126,000-square-foot Recreation Center would offer :

- 4 times the weight and fitness equipment than the Bronco Fitness Center
- Indoor, elevated ¼ mile jogging track
- New 3 court gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and badminton
- Renovation of Darlene May Gym into 2 new Multi-activity Courts for basketball, volleyball, badminton and indoor soccer
- 5 new multipurpose rooms for dance, yoga, group exercise and martial arts
- Rock climbing and bouldering wall for novice to expert climbers
- New student life quad and activity field for intramurals
- New recreation pool with outdoor deck and lifeguards on duty
- 2 new racquetball courts
- Juice bar and lounge space

The proposed Recreation Center would be mainly funded through student fees because the state of California does not provide funding for the construction of non-academic facilities. If the Rec Center Referendum passes with a favorable majority vote, the proposed building will increase student fees no more than \$149 per quarter only after the building opens in 2012.

Students will have the opportunity to vote on a referendum this March 5 and 6 which asks whether or not students support the increase in fees. All of the background and facts on the proposed Rec Center is detailed and can be confusing. In order to educate the campus community, Team 2012 was formed. This team is a group of well-informed students who give presentations regarding all there is to know about this proposed project. They provide important information and answer questions that range in topic from sustainability to the potential fee increase. Team 2012 can be requested to make presentations in club meetings, department meetings and classrooms by visiting the Rec Center 2012 Web site and clicking on the Team 2012 link.

More details can be found at www.reccenter2012.com. Questions can be sent to reccenter2012@asi.csupomona.edu.

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