

Student Fee Questionnaire - UI Swim Center

- **Overview of unit and how student activity fees are used:**

University Support Services (USS) has been tasked to carry out the day to day operation of the UI Swim Center. Dedicated student fees received allow us to open up the facility for free universal access for all registered UI students. The majority of the fees go towards paying the salary of lifeguards and supervisors. Over 50 UI students are hired, trained and supported as they work as lifeguards at the facility.

- **Describe the programs you host with your student activity fee funding.**

The pool is open 50 weeks a year. During that time there are 1500 hours of open recreation hours for free student swim opportunities. (30/hr/week) These funds also go towards supporting access for student athletes.

- **Approximately how many students are served by or attend your programs and events?**

Each year the pool has over 3250 visits from UI Students. We also employ 50-60 students each year as lifeguards and swim instructors.

- **Does your student activity fee funded program also receive funding from other sources (and if so please include a brief description of the other sources)?**

The UI Swim Center conducts swim classes and rents pool time to other users. There are also pass-through payments (for the guards) from Movement Sciences.

- **Have you received an increase to your student activity fee in the past three years and if so when, how much and for what purpose(s)?**

Yes, last year we received a 3% increase. Unfortunately the additional increase we received was offset by a reduction in student enrollments.

- **What opportunities do you see for other funding sources and what are your plans in the future to find other revenue?**

With the exception of the Athletic Department, all users pay a similar rate for their access. We are slowly working to increase fees. Unfortunately we face market forces that make increases problematic. We constantly strive to keep our swim classes and programs financially accessible for all members of our campus community.

- **What changes do you see happening to your program in the next 5 years – what is your vision and how does it fit in the university's strategic plan?**

We feel strongly that a vibrant and accessible swim center is part of a mosaic that makes the University attractive to future students as well as helping to balance the rigors of academic efforts for our current students. Obviously this is in direct support of the University's strategic plan.

- **What opportunities do you see for your unit and what challenges are you facing?**

We are constantly looking for avenues to draw in more and more UI students to the swim center. We feel strongly that students that use the swim center will have no problem seeing the value of their student fee support for such a valuable campus resource. For less than a couple of cups of coffee, students have access to one of the finest collegiate swim facilities in the northwest.