

Request for Stephen F. Austin State University to increase support for the Wellness Center

Whereas, the Wellness Center was built with a majority of funds coming from surplus funds from the in-house faculty/staff insurance plan at SFA; and,

Whereas, these funds came from insurance contributions from the SFASU faculty and staff; and,

Whereas, the Athletic Director has publicly stated that once the Recreation Center is built the Wellness Center will be used only by faculty/staff and athletes; and,

Whereas, the Athletic Department uses the Wellness Center for physical conditioning of their student athletes; and,

Whereas, the staffing of the Wellness Center is through the Athletic Department's budget; and,

Whereas, the current staffing of 1 full time staff person along with student workers that are available only during academic semesters; and,

Whereas, between-semester periods are currently utilized to clean, refurbish and maintain the Wellness Center, as well as give the single staff person some break time; and,

Whereas, the equipment in the Wellness Center is not as user-friendly as the equipment initially located in the Wellness Center; and,

Whereas, the above staffing and work results in limited or no access by faculty and staff to the Wellness Center during periods when classes are not in session but faculty and staff are on campus and working; and,

Whereas, the current access for faculty/staff use is too restrictive; and,

Whereas, the lack of access during the above periods has a negative effect on the wellness of the faculty and staff;

Be it Resolved:

That the Faculty Senate requests that the SFASU Administration provide increased funding as requested by the Athletic Department for a second full time staff person to facilitate both the maintenance of the Wellness Center and provide more access during and between semesters for faculty/staff utilization of the Wellness Center. The Faculty Senate also requests that decisions regarding future equipment purchases of equipment for the Wellness Center be made in collaboration with the Director of the Wellness Program so that faculty/staff needs are met along with those of athletics.