

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title:

Meeting Date:

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

CSN has sponsored men's baseball and women's softball as its two inter collegiate sports. After review and consideration CSN has decided to add women's volleyball and men's and women's soccer. This is an informational report concerned the addition of those sports and to update the Committee on CSN athletics department.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

This is a report only.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

CSN has made a decision concerned additional sports and wants to update the Committee.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Not applicable.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Not applicable.

7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

Not applicable.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #____ Section #____
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title #__ Chapter #__ Section #____
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #____ Section #____
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes____ No X
Explain: _____



COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
COYOTES

Report on the Development of Opportunity Sports at the College of Southern Nevada

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OFFICE OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS AND RECREATION**MISSION**

The Office of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation (OIAR) supports the academic mission of CSN while fostering connections with the greater Las Vegas community and beyond. The OIAR will contribute to the achievement of CSN's mission by providing student-athletes the opportunity to compete at their highest level of ability on an array of competitive intercollegiate athletic teams that emphasize academic success and graduation, "winning championships", personal development, growth in character, ethical conduct and sportsmanship.

VISION

The Office of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation vision is to model excellence as an NSHE collegiate program, as well as a National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Program.

CORE VALUES

The Athletic Office has adopted five core values to guide decisions and behaviors in fulfilling its mission and vision: 1) a confident and humble pride, 2) integrity in words and deeds, 3) sharing of our success with ALL stakeholders, 4) loyalty built on honest and trusting relationships, and 5) investing in humanity through our student athletes, employees, and our community.

SPORTS SPONSORSHIP

The College of Southern Nevada currently sponsors five intercollegiate sports and participates in the Scenic West Athletic Conference of the National Junior College Athletic Association. The five sports and the dates of inception are listed below:

Baseball: Start Date 1999

Softball: Start Date 2004

Women's Volleyball: Start Date 2015

Women's Soccer: Start Date 2016

Men's Soccer: Start Date 2016

ACADEMIC and ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

In 2014 the College of Southern Nevada embarked upon a plan to provide education and athletic opportunities to students and families of Southern Nevada. Simultaneously procedures were put in place to implement a recruitment goal of eighty percent of all student athletes in the CSN programs to be from the greater Las Vegas area and/or the State of Nevada.

Data was analyzed to determine the sports that would assist students in entering higher education through intercollegiate athletics. It was determined that the addition of women's volleyball and men's and women's soccer, would provide additional education and athletic opportunities to a wide variety of students from diverse gender, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

These sports are being developed with a staffing model that includes part time coaches and no initial athletic scholarships, and incorporates the concepts of "opportunity" sports. These sports exist to complement the academic experience, assure academic success and encourage students to continue their education beyond the community college model. The progression of the model would be to insert scholarship opportunities for student athletes in the future.

In the fall of 2014 Sue Thurman, most recently the Volleyball Coach at Las Vegas High School, and a local middle school teacher, was hired to run our volleyball program. The women's volleyball team competed in their inaugural season in the fall of 2015. All thirteen of the team members are from the Las Vegas valley, none were on athletic scholarship, and while competing accomplished a semester team GPA of 3.45.

In the fall of 2015 Geoff Hawkins, a former collegiate and professional player who is currently a local attorney, and Jennifer Schultz a highly recommended former collegiate player and coach, were hired to begin the development of CSN soccer programs. They will operate under the same opportunity sport conditions; they will schedule, recruit and organize collegiate soccer programs without athletic scholarships.

Initial soccer tryouts held at CSN resulted in over 130 men's players and 45 women's players registering. Many of those registered were first-time College seeking students. We expect each team to field a roster of 25-30 players to begin conference and non-conference play in the fall of 2016.

FUNDING MODEL

The current funding model for athletics is a combination of student activity fee's, athletic revenue, and fundraising dollars. The start-up cost for volleyball and soccer programs is \$35,000 each with ongoing funding of \$75,000 operational expense per sport.