

Listening Sessions on April 28th & 29th held at the UW-Platteville Richland Campus Gymnasium

Below is information on the 5 listening sessions and answers of questions. (As of May 2019)

63 people attended the 5 listening sessions held on April 28-29

Of the people that attended:

71% were over the age of 60

7% were 50-59

14% were 40-49

8% were 30-39

Questions

- What would the hardwood floor (currently used for classes) be used for?
Some of the current equipment in the exercise area will be moved onto the wood floor. Increasing the space between pieces of equipment in this space to create more accessibility to users.
- Will there be Massage Therapy offered again?
The Massage Therapy program was popular when space was available to offer the service. Massage Therapy is an option of programming that could be offered with increased space.
- Are you planning for any growth?
The goal, when the addition is completed, is to provide enough space programming but also allow for continued expansion. This will be accomplished by creating spaces that will have multiple purposes.
- What is all currently inside the gym?
The current gymnasium has locker rooms, a weight room, lobby, maintenance areas, and a gymnasium.
- Where are we with the lifespan of the gym?
The UWPR gymnasium was built in 1967. Routine maintenance of the building, i.e. tuck pointing, replacing doors, and refinishing the gymnasium floor will be accomplished within the current addition plan.
- What is the estimate of the number of employees needed?
The budget for the addition will include adding one full time Programming Director. All other additional staff will be added, as needed, for classes or programs.
- Would the addition affect the Summer Sharks Swim Team?
It is important to continue the current programming that has been successful for so many years. The Sharks Parent Group will be asked to provide input into the addition plans.
- Are you intending to approach the City of Richland Center & Richland County for money for this project?
The contributions towards this project are currently being sought from private individuals, businesses and organizations. Grants are also being applied for.
- Where is the campus support for this project?

The University of Wisconsin Platteville Richland has supported this project which will provide recreational opportunities for students and staff.

- Are we doing matching grants or just grants and when are those grants coming in?
Grants are being applied for at the local, state and federal levels. A variety of many types of grants are being sought.
- How will you monitor the gym, with fobs?
Once completed, SRC Staff will monitor the gym with security cameras. A usage agreement will be established for when the gymnasium will be available to users.
- How long will SRC be closed while the addition is going up?
The goal is to remain open the entire time of construction. Entrance into the building will occur at the back of the building, while construction on the front is being completed.
- Do you anticipate an increase in membership rates?
The goal is to continue providing the SRC at an affordable rate for all users. While membership rates are reviewed every year, the addition/collaboration will not adversely affect the current fee structure.
- Any fear of opening the 75 year lease with the Board of Regents and then have them say that you can just have the gym with all the operating costs?
The Board of Regents will need to release the land between Symons Rec Complex and the UWPR gym. This process will be similar to when land was released in the 1998 addition. Problems are not expected in this process.
- What are the different levels of memberships?
Currently one membership to the facility gives a user access to all parts. It is anticipated that this type of membership will continue.
- When started how long will construction last?
- Early estimates, is that the construction will take 5-6 months. More details will follow.
- In 1987, there was plan A and it had to be modified to what exists since costs came in high, do you have a plan B?
In any building plan, there will be changes/ additions that will affect the overall scope of the project. The goal is to provide a facility within budget.
- How much is the gym currently used?
Due to UWPR staffing cutbacks, the gym has limited availability for students. Part of the plan for the addition is to install security cameras in the gym. This will allow users, when the gym is available, to check in at the front desk, throughout the day to use the gym.
- Who is going to benefit and who would this impose?
The entire community will benefit from increased recreational programming. The disabled, elderly and family with young children will especially benefit from increased accessibility to and within the buildings
- Being a member of SRC, will I have access to the gym?
The current plan, is when the SRC is open and there is not programming in the gym, the gym would be available for use.
- What has been the impact with private fitness facilities on SRC?
While the SRC provides similar weight room programming, the area that sets SRC apart from other facilities is the pool area. Many non-typical health club users benefit from the pool.
- Will there be 24/7 access to the gym?
This has not been decided yet.

- I assume the UWPR will have priority on the gym space?
UWPR classes and sporting events will be scheduled first, since this space will continue to serve as a UWPR facility.
- Play area – will there be sanitary issue?
Any space that is added will be sanitary and safe for children.
- Did the UWPR campus rain water/drainage survey address water retention issue?
The study completed in 2018, researched water run-off. The current building addition plan will utilize the information in the study to drain water away from the buildings.
- Is the family game/kids area closed off?
The current plans list this area as an open seating area.
- Do we provide day care? Would kid's area be available for full time day care provider?
Currently, limited day care is available, during the school year, while parents work out. There are not currently any plans to offer full time day care.
- Has the gym been tested for asbestos? (Note removal is never included in bid)
The gym has not been tested yet.
- What is the biggest push back so far?
The response has been positive for the collaboration. The biggest push back is finding the funding, without it coming from the tax levy.
- Would the gym area be available for renting the space for anniversary's and weddings?
A committee including staff of the UWPR and SRC will meet to determine policies and possible uses for the gymnasium space.
- Who will own the building?
The UWPR will continue to operate the Gymnasium. SRC and the UWPR gym are owned by Richland County.
- Do college students pay a fee?
Currently, the UWPR pay a fee to use the SRC.
- Will the university contribute?
This has not been determined.
- How many rooms in the family locker room? Where are the rooms to be?
The design of the locker rooms will be created by the architect. The maximum available space will be used.
- When will fundraising begin?
The SRC Foundation is currently seeking major contributors. Once 50-60% of the total cost has been raised, the 2nd phase of fund raising will be started to raise the remaining funds.
- When will you have answers to questions you don't currently have?
As the process goes forward, more answers will be coming.
- Is the county not willing to get a loan to do this?
As of the listening session dates, Richland County had not been asked about securing a loan. Since this time, Richland County is researching the options.
- Why won't the city pool come out here and be inside for all year round use?
The City of Richland Center has plans to build the new outdoor aquatic complex in the City Park.
- Were there any fundraising ideas?
Many ideas have been discussed at the SRC Foundation meeting. Anyone is invited to join these discussion at the monthly SRC Foundation board meetings.

Ideas & Comments:

- Provide near the gym a bike, hand weights and an upper body machine and a lower body machine for walkers
- Mark out a running route in the gym
- Look at replacing the bleachers, with new ones with rails.
- Sound system in the gym needs updating, it is very bad.
- Steam Room
- Consider bathrooms in the new addition area.
- New Land Aerobics area needs to be bigger than on the drafted plan.
- Contact Channel 3000 news for a write up/video
- Outdoor walking/running track around the campus
- Repurpose existing areas like the racquetball court
- Continue to do programs on the radio (excellent job)
- Really exciting – come with an Autistic son currently, but can only come when the whole family can come so that he can use the men’s locker room with dad. Also own a group home and this would be great for that as well
- Please let us know when you are wanting the checks for the smaller amounts.