Activities & Recreation Center (ARC) Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the name of the Student Activities Center?**
The Activities & Recreation Center (ARC)

2. **Why does the UWB/CCC campus need an Activities & Recreation Center?**
   As the campus population has grown students from both UW Bothell and CCC have expressed a need and desire for more gathering space, spaces to support student government and student organizations, and enhanced student fitness and recreation spaces. The growth of student enrollment and change in student demographics at UWB and CCC has also increasingly placed pressure on existing student spaces on the campus. Over the last two years student leaders from both institutions have worked collaboratively to develop a shared vision for a new Student Activity Center to meet these needs.

3. **What amenities and activities will the Activities & Recreation Center provide to students?**
The plan for the Student Activity Center includes a fitness center with showers and lockers, food trucks, coffee service, office and work space for student leadership and student clubs, a game room, meeting spaces, multipurpose space to support event, and comfortable gathering spaces.

4. **Who decided what kinds of spaces and amenities go in the Activities & Recreation Center?**
The Student Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC), including students and staff from both UW Bothell and CCC are worked with LMN Architects to develop the design for the building. SFAC is advisory to the campus administrative leaders who reviewed and recommended the project for final approval and financing by the UW Regents and CCC Board of Trustees.

5. **Will there be future expansion?**
   Discussions for a potential phase 2 will take place following completion of this project.

6. **When will the Activities & Recreation Center be built?**
   Construction is in progress and is slated to open Fall of 2015.

7. **How does CCC student access to the Activities & Recreation Center differ from CCC student access to the new Sports and Recreation Complex?**
The Sports and Recreation Complex was funded entirely by UW Bothell students and administration. CCC students can utilize the sports and recreation complex by paying a quarterly fee through UW Bothell. Both UW Bothell and CCC students will have full access to the Student Activity Center common areas including lounge areas, food services, game area, and fitness center; office areas would be dedicated to either UW Bothell or CCC in proportion to the investment from each institution.

8. **Can I choose not to pay the Activities & Recreation Center fee?**
   No. CCC students and UW Bothell students have already approved the fee. The fee will be applied quarterly beginning in the first quarter that the building is open for use.
9. How big will the Activities & Recreation Center be and where will it be located?
The Student Activity Center first phase will be approximately 36,000 gross square feet and will be located just south of the North Creek Events Center.

10. What is the environmental impact of building the Activities & Recreation Center?
A site specific environmental review has been completed as part of the permitting process for the project; The site is completely outside of the wetlands and wetlands buffer and will be designed and built with a focus on sustainable design features, such as natural ventilation and sustainable building materials.

11. Will the Activities & Recreation Center include a Diversity Center?
Both Cascadia and UW Bothell Student Government representatives are in the process of investigating the potential for incorporating a Diversity Center.

12. What kind of food will be available in the Activities & Recreation Center?
The Student Activity Center plan provides a modest amount of space for food trucks and coffee service. The hours of these services are yet to be determined.

13. What will be the Activities & Recreation Center’s hours of operation?
Detailed building staffing and operations plans will be developed later in project planning. Specific hours of operation may differ for the office areas and the lounge, and coffee service.

14. Will Faculty, Staff, Alumni, and Community members be able to use the Activities & Recreation Center?
Similar to the HUB on the Seattle campus, or other student union facilities on other campuses, much of the building will be open to the public, including of course faculty, staff, alumni and community members. It is anticipated however that the greatest beneficiaries will be the students, utilizing the various lounge, gathering, and food service spaces. The fitness center at this time would be open only to students. It has not yet been determined whether faculty, staff, alumni, and community members might utilize the fitness center on a “for fee” basis.

15. Will the Activities & Recreation Center provide more parking spaces?
No. Campus parking and transportation facilities are managed at the campus-wide level and reviewed regularly with the City of Bothell. The Student Activity Center does not add population to the campus; instead it provides an amenity for students already here.

16. What is the cost of the building?
The current rough order of magnitude cost estimate for design, construction, and furnishings for the SAC is approximately $18 million. The loan for the project is estimated to be around $19.2 million to include funds for the construction costs, bond financing, interest on the loan, and associated expenses. This cost will be refined and finalized as the project moves through the approval process with the UW Treasury Office.

17. How much will the project cost per student? For UWB? For CCC?
The fee for Cascadia and UW Bothell students is $100 per quarter per full-time student. For UW Bothell student’s pay a new Student Activity Center fee at $147 per quarter, before the offsetting contributions from CCC are included. CCC students have already approved a fee of $100/quarter ($300/year) which will generate a
minimum of $570,000 per year that will be paid to UW Bothell students to help fund the project. More precise information will be available as we continue to develop the details of the financing agreements.

18. Where will the money come from for the project?
The Student Activity Center is financed using the University of Washington’s Internal Lending Program (ILP), which is used to fund capital construction projects on the UW’s three campuses. The loan from the ILP will be paid back over 30 years from the UW Bothell SAC fee. CCC will enter into a long term agreement to pay an annual access fee to utilize the facility.

19. When will students start paying the Activities & Recreation Center fee?
Students will begin paying the Student Activity Center fee at the beginning of the quarter in which the building is opened and available for student use. For example, if the SAC opens in October 2015, students would begin paying the fee Fall Quarter 2015.

20. Will part time students pay the same fee as full time students?
No. Part-time students at both UWB and CCC will pay a prorated amount of their respective SAC fee, based on the number of credits they take each quarter.

21. Can student financial aid money be used to pay the Service and Activities Fee?
Yes.

22. Will the Service and Activities Fee for the Activities & Recreation Center change as enrollment changes?
The required loan payment will be set as part of the loan agreement for the project financing. If surplus revenues are generated by the fee due to enrollment growth the students may consider using some of the excess funds to reduce the fee amount, put a “down payment” on Phase 2, or use the excess funds for other needs.