

Student Life

Mission

To offer student-centered services necessary to provide a total educational environment that fosters positive individual growth while encouraging individual participation of our students through social, recreational, cultural, civic, and wellness activities.

Vision

Student Life will become the leader in offering student centered programs and services to enhance the OSU-Okmulgee experience.

To accomplish this:

- Enhance our students total educational experience by providing student-centered programs and activities that serve our students interest, needs, and complements a holistic approach to student learning.
- Develop leadership programming that promotes personal traits of honesty, knowledge, accountability, and integrity in a student centered environment.
- Enrich our campus community to increase student retention.
- Capitalize on new opportunities and respond to the changing needs of our students.
- Enhance community and student relations by increasing student awareness of opportunities within Okmulgee and development of community and campus community events.
- Increase service efficiency by improving, streamlining, and institutionalizing processes and services; increasing efficiency through cross training; and utilizing available technology for dissemination of information to students.

Core Values

Excellence – We seek excellence in all our endeavors, and we are committed to continuous improvement.

Intellectual Freedom – We believe in ethical and scholarly questioning in an environment that respects the rights of all to freely pursue knowledge.

Diversity – We respect others and value diversity of opinions, freedom of expression, and other ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Integrity – We are committed to the principles of truth and honesty, and we will be fair, equitable, impartial, and professional.

Service – We believe that serving others is a noble and worthy endeavor.

Stewardship of Resources- We are dedicated to the efficient and effective use of resources. We accept the responsibility of the public's trust and are accountable for our actions.

Goals, Critical Success Factors, Objectives, and Strategies

Goal One. To update Student Life areas and facilities on campus to encourage increased student use.

Critical Success Factors:

- Identify 3 facilities and/or recreational areas of improvement or expansion
- Develop 1 plan for each new facility or area
- Dedicate \$80,000.00 of budget for improvements

Objectives:

Objective 1.1: Addition of a female weight training room.

Strategies:

- Dedicate area in wellness center to place fitness area.
- Move daycare out of Covelle hall and use space for the female fitness area.
- Research best type of fitness equipment.
- Design area with female aesthetic.
- Dedicate \$40,000.00 for purchase of fitness equipment.

Objective 1.2: Remodeling of the South and East entrance of Covelle Hall.

Strategies:

- Dedicate \$10,000.00 for the remodeling project.
- Meet with Facilities Planner.
- Have plans drawn up for the remodeling.
- Approve plans for the remodeling.

- Bid project to small jobs contractor.

Goal Two. To provide adequate outdoor recreational areas on campus for students, staff, and faculty of OSU-Okmulgee.

Critical Success Factors:

- Identify 3 areas of improvement
- Develop 1 plan for each new facility or area
- Dedicate \$100,000.00 for improvements
- Survey students needs for new facilities areas once a year

Objectives:

Objective 2.1: Build outdoor sand volleyball courts by new dorms.

Strategies:

- Dedicate \$6,000.00 for the project.
- Meet with Facilities Planner.
- Have plans drawn up for the court.
- Approve plans for the courts.
- Bid project to small jobs contractor.

Objective 2.2: Build outdoor basketball court by the new dorms.

Strategies:

- Dedicate \$6,000.00 for the project.
- Meet with Facilities Planner.
- Have plans drawn up for the court.
- Approve plans for the court.
- Bid project to small jobs contractor.

Objective 2.3: Build challenge course.

Strategies:

- Dedicate \$22,000.00 for the project.
- Meet with Facilities Planner.
- Have plans drawn up for the course.
- Approve plans for the course.
- Bid project to small jobs contractor.
- Purchase equipment for course.
- Hire and train staff to run course.

Goal Three. To further enhance the quality of programs and activities.

Critical Success Factors:

- Increase student attendance to each Student Life Sponsored events by 2%
- Increase programming targeting diversity by 2 events a year
- Survey students needs and wants for new programs and activities 2 times a year
- Send staff to 1 professional development event a year

Objectives:

Objective 3.1: Increase involvement of faculty and staff in student activities.

Strategies:

- Make sure events are highlighted in e-notes.
- E-mail announcements of events to all employees.
- Get faculty to drive vans to cultural events.
- Award outstanding faculty and sponsors at the student life awards banquet.
- Give \$100.00 stipend to the outstanding sponsor of the year.

Objective 3.2: Have greater student input in event planning.

Strategies:

- Get student life questions on the SSI.
- Do independent random surveying of the student body.
- Offer more events that require student clubs to participate.

Objective 3.3: Offer cutting-edge events and activities.

Strategies:

- Go to 3 NACA conferences.
- Go to 1 NIRSA conference.
- Contact 5 regional university activities coordinators for best practices ideas.
- Read or watch 5 media sources targeted to the 18 to 26 age demographic.

Goal 4. Increase student pride and ownership of our campus.

Critical Success Factors:

- Raise student's awareness and sense of belonging to the OSU system
- Increase employee institutional pride
- Increase OSU-Okmulgee alumni participation to 2 events a year

Objectives:

Objective 4.1: Build the student life "Spirit Truck."

Strategies:

- Find a classic truck.
- Purchase or have truck donated for under \$2,500.00.
- Contact local street rod association.
- Have one or two members take on project as Foreman.
- Contact automotive division chair for help.
- Have OSU-Okmulgee students help with the project to get a sense of ownership.
- Have community business donate parts to get a sense of ownership.
- Show case the truck at campus events.
- Start a student spirit club to help show case and ride in the truck during events.

Objective 4.2: Bring a sense of OSU-Stillwater here.

Strategies:

- Have Pistol Pete come to 2 of our student events.
- Use the Pistol Pete logo more in student life publications.
- Get permission to use the "new OSU logo" on student life publications.
- Bring some of the key athletic players on campus for a meet and greet.
- Get ticket packets to 5 sporting events for give a ways to students.

Objective 4.3: Provide recognition to students and clubs for participation in student life events.

Strategies:

- Take pictures of 3 students who are student life events.
- Do a small article with the picture in the student life campus newsletter.
- Make an outstanding student of the year award.

- Present award at the student life awards banquet.

Objective 4.4: Provide new student orientation.

Strategies:

- Work with Director of Admissions to plan orientation.
- Contact 5 other universities for “best practices” ideas.
- Budget \$3,000.00 for event.
- Have 2% of faculty involved in event.

Goal Five. Continue fostering the growth of community relationships with our students and the Okmulgee community.

Critical Success Factors:

- Increase community attendance to public events sponsored by Student life by 25 people
- Increase number of community business offering student discounts by 5
- Have students help with 5 community projects a year

Objectives:

Objective 5.1: Use “Spirit Truck” to rally support.

Strategies:

- Market “Spirit Truck” to surrounding communities.
- Take truck to community events.
- Have the student spirit club attend events with truck.

Objective 5.2: Offer 3 events a year that brings the community on campus to interact with our students.

Strategies:

- Continue events like the Fall welcome back lunch.
- Director of student life will serve on 1 community board.
- Expand campus relations with the chamber of commerce.

Goal Six. To develop and institutionalize leadership training for officers of campus clubs and organizations.

Critical Success Factors:

- Have 10 of the students leaders participate in leadership training
- Increase diversity of student leaders by 2 to be representative of the diversity of the student population
- Have 2 of the upper administration (president/vice-president) attend/present part of the leadership training

Objectives:

Objective 6.1 Set leadership curriculum.

Strategies:

- Contact 10 universities and see what kind of curriculum they are using.
- Meet with all club sponsors and see what they would like to include in leadership training.
- Attend 1 leadership training seminar.

Objective 6.2 Gain student buy-in for training.

Strategies:

- Market training to members of student clubs with posters and web page announcements.
- Present the training program to the presidents round table.
- Have 3 students members on the committee that sets the leadership training curriculum.
- Present with a t-shirt or polo successfully complete training.

Objective 6.3 Institutionalize leadership training with in student life.

Strategies:

- Make the planning and facilitating of training part of the activities coordinator's job description.
- Move Intramural and outdoor recreation job responsibilities away for the activities coordinator's job description.
- Create a new position to handles theses job duties.
- Dedicate \$3,000.00 per semester for leadership training.