PEHR/Recreation Program: Master Assessment Plan

**Department:** Physical Education Health and Recreation

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**Departmental Mission:** The mission of the Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation is to educate individuals to improve personal and community wellness and quality of life through human movement, health and leisure experiences. The overall goal of the department is excellence in teaching, research and service, constituted in the following objectives:

PEHR Departmental Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Provide professional preparation based on a foundation of liberal education.
2. Provide intellectually challenging programs of study through a variety of teaching techniques, including active student involvement in the learning process, practica, service learning and participation in faculty research.
3. Provide instruction that enables students to communicate effectively, think critically and creatively and to work cooperatively.
4. Provide academic advisement that assists students in achieving their academic and professional goals.
5. Prepare students to be competent and ethical professionals who model a commitment to life-long learning and healthy living.
6. Prepare students to be stewards of environments that promote healthy living and quality of life.
7. Prepare students to live and work in a culturally diverse society.

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7. Students shall understand the benefits of leisure and recreation for the well-being of individuals, families, and for the welfare of communities;
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9. Students shall understand the relationship between leisure behavior and natural environments;
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<td>Summaries of student performance, relative to the SLO’s, are reported annually to the Coordinator/assessment coordinator by faculty. The Coordinator summarizes responses for the Program, together with other data, in the annual assessment report to the PEHR Chair and Dean.</td>
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<td>3, 4, 8, 10, 13</td>
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<td>Senior Exit Survey and Alumni Survey</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12</td>
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<td>Assess impact of courses taught on systems thinking and the degree to which the students believe they are acquiring knowledge of systems-based thinking on recreation and leisure service delivery.</td>
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<td>Will be used to assess impact of taught systems thinking principles in courses to see if these principles are being instilled in students. Data will inform the faculty and help us, depending on the results, to identify strategies to further integrate these principles into the program curricula using a developmental framework. Key direct measures will include the senior exit survey and evaluations of RECR 480: Leisure and Society, the Senior Capstone class.</td>
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Program Changes Based on Assessment
The third ranked concept of nine total concepts that students experienced the most growth in as a result of their participation in the Recreation Degree Program that would help them in their career was their learned knowledge of Social, political and economic systems and their relation to recreation contexts. When examining specific student evaluation comments, students believed that the modules covering the Collective Impact work being done by communities and organizations and their learning in this was important to their understanding of systems thinking. Faculty will continue to emphasize this work in earlier phases and work this into community and other courses.