

Project Scope: Field House



PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE:

EOU's athletic and recreation programs are essential elements of our educational mission. In addition to the physical education program, sports and recreation are fundamental drivers for the Eastern experience. A new field house will provide space for our expanding outdoor and physical education programs, track and field practice space, student and community recreation, winter weather practice for outdoor sports, and support the reintroduction of a historically successful wrestling program.

The track and field program was previously housed in Ackerman Hall, but due to the removal of the gym during renovations, they were displaced. They now use an auxiliary gym in Quinn Coliseum. There are a number of problems that arise with the occupation of the auxiliary gym. By housing track and field in Quinn it has rendered the small gym unusable for other activities such as intramurals, club sports, and recreational student use. The space is inadequate in size for holding functional practice, housing equipment, and safety.

With the addition of the men's soccer and wrestling programs, this has pushed Quinn Coliseum beyond its capacity. If a permanent on-campus venue is not provided to accommodate the additional needs and off season training for recreational and intercollegiate athletes, EOU will be forced to find off campus accommodations which will increase operational costs and put students at risk.

A field house could also be used for community and regional events. Being able to bring these events to La Grande would be a potential revenue source for the university, provide economic growth to the community, and establish a sustainable business model.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Create a preliminary project plan that stays within the \$8 million budget.

- Identify performance requirements based on a tiered funding model.
- Determine space configuration to encompass the needs of primary users.
- Determine prime location based on current and potential needs of athletic and university programming.
- Support expansion of EOU athletic programs, intramurals and recreation, physical education, and the outdoor program.
- Maximize multipurpose use of the space.

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PROJECT WORK DEFINITION:

1. Identify the needed resources/consultant
2. Work closely and quickly with the consultant to develop a preliminary project plan
3. Identify options and alternatives
4. Identify risks
5. Create a feasibility stage report

Sponsor Team:

- Tom Insko (President)
- Lara Moore (VP for Finance & Administration)
- Tim Seydel (VP for University of Advancement)

Project Team:

- Team leader, Anji Weissenfluh (Athletic Director & Head Women's Basketball Coach)
- Ben Welch (Head Cross Country/Track Field Coach)
- Tyler Dubsy (Major Gifts Officer)
- LeAnn Case (Director of Budget & Payroll)
- Darren Dutto (Professor of Physical Education & Health)
- Michael Hatch (MH, Outdoor Program Coordinator)
- Luke Aldrich (Organizational Transformation & Capital Projects Manager)

DELIVERABLES/END PRODUCTS:

1. Feasibility Stage Report
2. Tiered Funding Plan

KEY MILESTONES:

1. Feasibility Stage Report by October 31, 2017.
2. Stage Gate Approval by December 31, 2017.

CONSTRAINTS:

1. \$8 million budget
2. The variable timelines of the different potential funding sources.
3. Operating budget.

KEY ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Funding variability will affect the scope.
2. No pre-bond funding available for planning/design.
3. Between now and completion of project, it is acceptable to conduct wrestling training sessions off site.

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SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED SCOPE:

1. Community Stadium field enhancements.
2. Track and field facility repair and replacement.