



Sports Arena



In FY09 the Alaska legislature provided the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) with \$15M for a new sports arena. This funding is being used for project design and site preparation. Our FY10 request of \$65M will be used for the arena's construction, which would begin during the summer of 2010.

The on-campus student recreation activities and varsity athletics currently share space in the Wells Fargo Sports Complex (WFSC) on the Anchorage campus. Built more than 30 years ago for a much smaller student population, the WFSC does not provide adequate classroom, recreation or spectator-sports space for UAA's rapidly growing student body. With the support of the Alaska legislature, community members and business partners, UAA is moving forward with its plan to address these deficiencies in the construction of a new on-campus sports arena.

What the new sports arena will do for UAA

- Provide support for UAA's athletics teams
- Help to attract and retain students
- Improve campus life
- Provide adequate spectator seating for athletic events
- Create a sustainable on-campus facility
- Help to support UAA's health, physical education and fitness curricula
- Enhance UAA's competitive edge in student-athlete recruitment
- Provide additional student recreation space
- Enhance academic programs

Proposed sports arena floor plan

Performance gymnasium

- Spectator seating for approx. 3,500
- Concession stands

Athletic administration and team support facilities

- Locker rooms for UAA's athletics teams
- Locker rooms for officials
- Locker rooms for visiting teams
- Fitness and training facilities
- Offices for coaches and athletic administration
- Auxiliary gym
- Equipment storage and laundry facilities
- Meeting rooms
- Academic support space
- A/V production space

Gymnastics facility

- Practice and performance gym
- Spectator seating

Construction timeline and specs

- 2008-09: design and site preparation
- 2010-11: facility construction
- Building area: approx. 130,000 gross square feet
- Total project budget: \$80M

What the new sports arena will do for the community

- Expand high school sports and extracurricular activities
- Provide an additional Anchorage venue for concerts and other arts events
- Serve as a space for conferences and large meetings
- Provide additional training and testing space for fire, police and other city/state organizations
- Serve as a space for community athletic camps
- Serve as an additional venue for large high school athletic competitions
- Serve as an additional community venue for graduations and assemblies

Site Concept Plan

