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Center for the Study of Leisure and Play

Department of Recreation and Tourism Management

College of Health and Human Development

California State University, Northridge

ARTICLE I: NAME

This Center shall be named the Center for the Study of Leisure and Play.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND FUNDIMENTAL POLICIES

As we have stepped into the twenty-first century, the recreation and human services professional community is engaged in challenges that significantly impact all Americans; general health and increased death-rate risk factors, as well as quality of life concerns. The challenge is to modify life-span life styles in an effort to extend life expectancy as well as improve the quality of life while reducing health care and human service costs.

The purpose of the Center for the Study of Leisure and Play is to act as a vehicle for promoting health, a balanced life style, and overall well being; thus providing a means to increased quality of life throughout the life span. The means to these ends is through training, education, and research endeavors undertaken by Department of Recreation and Tourism Management faculty and students, as well as local practitioners.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be comprised of persons from the academic community, the recreation and human services professional community, as well as the public sector that support the Center and its mission and activities.

A Community Advisory Board will be comprised of recreation and human service professionals and community leaders. The Center Community Advisory Board will meet twice a year.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

The Center shall be located in the College of Health and Human Development, and administered by a Director who reports to the Dean of the College, a University Advisory Committee, and a Community Advisory Board in accordance with University policy.

The Dean of the College of Health and Human Development shall be responsible for ensuring that the projects and activities of the Center are consistent with the purpose of the College of Health and Human Development and with the University mission and policies. The Dean of the College of Health and Human Development shall name the Director of the Center. The Director shall also serve as Chair of the Center Advisory Board. Additional administrative positions, clerical support, and faculty investigators or collaborators will participate as projects warrant.

The Center will be self-supporting. It will be funded through grants, contracts, project income, donations, and fee-for-service. The Director shall be responsible to the Dean for all financial functions of the Center, for maintaining its financial soundness, and conformity with University rules.

Funds accruing from the operations of the Center shall be allocated and disbursed by the Director in accordance with established policies. The Center activities will be budgeted in a manner to offset costs incurred for Center activities, including administrative and overhead costs, in accordance with campus recovery policies. Separate sub-accounts will be established for each activity as appropriate.

The Director shall prepare an annual report to be incorporated in the Dean's annual Institute report.

ARTCILE V: FUNCTIONS

The function of the Center for the Study of Leisure and Play shall be to manage and direct those activities and initiatives appropriate to the purpose of the Center. The Center shall have following areas of service:

1. research and other scholarly activity;
2. professional publications;
3. continuing education; and
4. community service initiatives.

The work of the Center shall cover any area appropriate to the professional interests of the faculty of the Department of Recreation and Tourism Management, and shall include research and publications, special courses, seminars and lectures, meetings, workshops and clinics, as well as other such initiatives that may be appropriate to the purpose of the Center.

ARTICLE VI: OPERATIONS

All operations will be in conformance with University policies.

Annually, by August 31, or when the prerequisite accounting is available, the Director shall issue a written annual report including a summary of Center activities and a financial statement of operations. The report shall be distributed to the Advisory Board for review, and then to the Graduate Studies and the Dean, College of Health and Human Development.