Exit Interviews

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About UCCS

- UCCS is SMALL
- D-II 13 sports - no football
- SWA is additional duty for a coach
- Smallest gym in the country
Student Athlete Feedback

- standard team stuff
- standard AD stuff
- through academic side (dean of Students)
- SAAC (informal)
- FAR exit questionnaire

FAR Process

- open ended
- via e-mail or in person
- results summarized at end of year
Congratulations on completing your participation in Volleyball at UCCS. You have had an absolutely amazing season. You have certainly set a new standard of excellence. I have enjoyed watching you raise the level of the program. Being undefeated at home is a record nobody can ever surpass. You have achieved many other firsts for the program.

You are all awesome!!! Wow!!!!

One part of my Faculty Rep duties is to conduct exit interviews. While on sabbatical last year, I discovered that conducting them via e-mail works well.

Questions

Would you each kindly send me a short e-mail (or long for that matter) identifying

- the 3 greatest positives about being a student athlete at UCCS
- the 3 greatest negatives about being a student athlete at UCCS
- 3 things that could be changed within athletics to enhance the athletics program
- 3 things that could be changed elsewhere on campus to enhance the athletics program
Sample Positive Responses

1. being a part of the athletics program here
2. being able to build better relationships with professors.
3. Being able to receive a first rate education from a CU University while having a chance to compete in a colligate sport.
4. being able to represent UCCS
5. Being in a competitive league
6. Being on a team! I have developed friendships for life and I never would have had that if I were not a student athlete.
7. Build lifetime friendships with other athletes.
8. coach

Sample Negative Responses

1. Inexperienced coach
2. Lack of a social life.
3. lack of facilities but those are in the works so I can't really complain.
4. Lack of involvement from the student-body. Going to games and stuff you mostly see other athletes and not many people who are just students here.
5. lack of respect for program from athletic department
6. Lack of student body support
7. Limited access to the rec center
8. Missing class.
9. Missing out one some school activities when traveling.
10. not having a full time coach
11. No lockers in the locker room
Sample Changes in Athletics

1. Balance within teams.....have a recruiting specialist or something because right now players that have no right to play here are on scholarship to do so
2. Better facilities (I know its in progress)
3. Bigger athletics facility
4. Decent lifting facilities, all athletes should not be forced to share a 20 lbs. dumbbell
5. Experienced coaching staff.....no people who use to be good players. A good player is not necessarily make a good coach
6. Getting the alumni involved.
7. Higher budget (new uniforms, more money for per diem)

Sample Changes Outside Athletics

1. Increase awarenesses.
2. Maybe have an athlete's day once a month in the over look cafe where the athletes eat free all day. That would be awesome.
3. Maybe specific events or give aways during games to bring more student body (3 point pizza, raffle, contests).
4. More advertisement for games
5. More advertising of games and athletic events
6. more community support
7. More parking so more fans can attend games.
8. more support from professors so that we don't feel bad for our own facilities that we couldn't get kicked out of because some event the UC was hosting
9. playing a sport and sometimes missing class.
Summary

• fair dinkum amount of work
• AD and administration pick up a few things every year
• seems to help the process