Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation
Annual Report May 1, 2011-April 30, 2012

Talking Points from Units/Divisions (1)

This community-based participatory research endeavor has been empowering participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities, along with their nondisabled peers, since 2011. Twenty-five adults have learned to use digital cameras to share their perspectives on community access, participation, and inclusion. As the recipient of the award for “Best New Therapeutic Recreation Program in North Carolina” (North Carolina Recreation & Park Association-Therapeutic Recreation Section), in partnership with The Arc of Greensboro, this ongoing program has reached over 500 community members, professionals, and policymakers through multiple exhibitions, and has initiated a community conversation about the challenges faced by people with disabilities. The Photovoice team is scheduled to exhibit their work at The Arc of the U.S. Convention in Washington D.C. in October 2012.

Student Learning Enhancement Highlights (4)
The Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation developed and adopted a new conceptual model whereby two of the three undergraduate concentrations (Leisure Services Management, Commercial Recreation, and Event Management) were merged into one new concentration, Community Recreation, whose curriculum reflects current trends in the field. In addition, focus on services across the lifespan is highlighted. The development of this model was data driven from three primary sources: (a) professional trends identified by the Department of Labor’s, Occupational Outlook Handbook 2010-2011, (b) reports from two consultant visits to our department, and (c) active use of our Professional Advisory Committee. In addition, the data required by the UNCG Program Review report criteria allowed our department to view our department from new perspectives of demand, function, and quality.

Accreditation Activity (6)
a. The area/program - B.S. degree program in Recreation and Parks Management
b. Accrediting Association - Council on Accreditation - Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions
c. Initial Year of Accreditation - 1980
d. Last Reaffirmation (Month/Semester and Year) - Spring 2012
e. Next Scheduled Accreditation Report Due Date - Fall 2016
f. Month and Year when Next Reaffirmation is Expected to be Announced - October 2012