

Interest in Intercollegiate Athletics

at

Mendocino College

Results of a Student Survey conducted October, 2010

Office of Institutional Research

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Introduction

In order to gauge interest and the possible need for accommodations under Title IX, Mendocino College conducted a confidential survey of enrolled students in October, 2010. The survey (see Appendix 1) asked students to identify their interest in seven named sports. Three of the sports are already offered at the intercollegiate level. The other four sports were chosen based upon the potential for meaningful competition with neighboring community colleges. Currently, there are no sports programs offered at the club level. Mendocino College does not support an intramural or recreational program in any men's or women's sport. Students were also provided the opportunity to identify two additional sports and their interest level in participating.

Students were asked to identify their interest level as:

- Intercollegiate
- Club
- Intramural
- Recreational
- No interest

Students were then asked to identify their level of prior experience or participation in the sport at both the college level and the high school level. These two questions provide important information regarding the potential viability of team competition. Lastly, at the end of the survey, students were given the opportunity to provide contact information about potential participation in a selected sport. This information has been sent to the Athletic Director.

The survey was conducted in-class under the administration of the instructor who was provided directions. Class sections were chosen in order to (a) maximize the number of full-time students who might participate in the survey and (b) minimize possible overlap based upon multiple enrollments. In the end, 234 full-time students completed survey questionnaires. With a population of 1,148 full-time students at the Fall 2010 census, this yields a margin of error of 5% and a confidence level greater than 90%. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the sample distribution by gender and enrollment status:

	Male	Female	Total
Full-time (12 or more units)	92	142	234
Part-time (Less than 12 units)	46	66	112
Non-Credit Only	0	3	3
Total	138	211	349

Table 1: Distribution of Sample by Gender and Enrollment Status

Basketball

Currently, Mendocino College offers intercollegiate competition in both men's and women's basketball.

Among the Full-time Female members of the sample, there was very little interest in participation in a basketball program, as shown in Table 2.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Club	1	.7	.7	4.2
Intramural	3	2.1	2.1	6.3
Recreational	16	11.3	11.3	17.6
Not Interested	117	82.4	82.4	100.0
Total	142	100.0	100.0	

Table 2: Interest level regarding participation in a basketball program by Full-time Female students

Overall, 82.4% of the sample indicated no interest in participating in a basketball program at any level. Of the 3.5% who indicated an interest in participating at the intercollegiate level, only 1 respondent indicated any prior experience at a competitive level (intercollegiate or High School varsity/junior varsity).

Cross Country

Mendocino College does not presently have a men's or women's cross country team in either intercollegiate or club level. There are no plans to create either team. Among Full-time Female students, there is very little interest in participation, as shown in Table 3.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	3	2.1	2.1	2.1
Club	5	3.5	3.5	5.6
Recreational	11	7.7	7.7	13.4
Not Interested	123	86.6	86.6	100.0
Total	142	100.0	100.0	

Table 3: Interest level regarding participation in cross country by Full-time Female students

Among the 142 respondents, 86.6% indicated no interest in participating in cross country at any level. Only 5.6% indicated an interest at participating at the intercollegiate level (2.1%) or club level (3.5%). Among those who expressed an interest, only 1 respondent indicated prior experience at the High School varsity level and another indicated previous experience at the High School club level,

Among Full-time Men, there was a similar lack of enthusiasm for participating in cross country, as shown in Table 4.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	5	5.4	5.4	5.4
Club	1	1.1	1.1	6.5
Recreational	11	12.0	12.0	18.5
Not Interested	75	81.5	81.5	100.0
Total	92	100.0	100.0	

Table 4: Interest in participation in cross country among Full-time Male students

Among Full-time Men, 81.5% expressed no interest in participating in cross country at any level. A total of 6.4% of respondents indicated an interest in participating at the intercollegiate level (5.4%) or the club sports level (1.1%). Within the group of students that

expressed interest only one respondent (1.1%) indicated prior experience at the collegiate club level and four indicated previous High School competition experience.

Golf

Mendocino College does not presently have a men's or women's golf team at either intercollegiate or club level. There are no plans to create either team nor does Mendocino College have access to suitable facilities for such team competition. Among Full-time Female students, there was little interest in participation in this sport as shown in Table 5.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	4	2.8	2.8	2.8
Club	1	.7	.7	3.5
Intramural	1	.7	.7	4.2
Recreational	11	7.7	7.7	12.0
Not Interested	125	88.0	88.0	100.0
Total	142	100.0	100.0	

Table 5: Interest in participation in golf among Full-time Female students

Among Full-time Female students sampled, 88.0% indicated no interest in participating in Golf. Only 3.5% indicated any interest in participating at either the intercollegiate level (2.7%) or the club-sport level (0.7%). Within this subset no respondents had any prior competitive experience either in high school or at the intercollegiate level. All Full-time Female respondents who expressed an interest in competing in golf had prior recreational experience only.

Among Full-time Men who responded, there was a similarly low level of interest in participating in golf as shown in Table 6.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Club	1	1.1	1.1	2.2
Intramural	2	2.2	2.2	4.3
Recreational	7	7.6	7.6	12.0
Not Interested	81	88.0	88.0	100.0
Total	92	100.0	100.0	

Table 6 Interest in participation in golf among Full-time Male students.

88.0% indicated no interest in participating in golf at any level. Only 2.1% of respondents indicated an interest in participating at the intercollegiate level (1.1%) or the club sports level (1.1%). As with Female respondents, none of the Male respondents had any prior competitive experience in golf.

Soccer

Presently, Mendocino College offers soccer as an intercollegiate sport for women, only. Among Full-time, Female respondents, there was little enthusiasm for expansion of the current sport into other levels of competition, as shown in Table 7.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	8	5.6	5.6	5.6
Club	4	2.8	2.8	8.5
Intramural	3	2.1	2.1	10.6
Recreational	15	10.6	10.6	21.1
Not Interested	112	78.9	78.9	100.0
Total	142	100.0	100.0	

Table 7. Interest level in Soccer among Full-time, Female students.

Among the Full-time Female respondents, 78.9% expressed no interest in competing in Soccer. 5.6% expressed an interest in competing at the intercollegiate level and another 2.5% expressed an interest in competing at the club sports level. This level of interest in intercollegiate competition is accommodated by the present intercollegiate Soccer program. 10.6% of respondents indicated interest in participating in a recreational program and another

2.1% indicated an interest in a more formal intramural program. However, only six respondents (about 4.0%) had any prior experience in soccer.

Among Full-time Male students, there was slightly more interest in competitive soccer as shown in Table 8.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	8	8.7	8.7	8.7
Club	2	2.2	2.2	10.9
Intramural	1	1.1	1.1	12.0
Recreational	17	18.5	18.5	30.4
Not Interested	64	69.6	69.6	100.0
Total	92	100.0	100.0	

Table 8. Interest level in Soccer among Full-time Male students

While 69.6% of First-time Male respondents indicated no interest in Soccer, 10.9% indicated an interest in either intercollegiate level competition (8.7%) or club-level competition (2.2%). Within this highly interested group, six respondents (6.5% of Full-time Males) indicated having prior competitive experience in soccer at either the High School varsity level or the College level.

Tennis

Mendocino College does not participate in intercollegiate competition in Tennis. Among First-time Female respondents, the most interest expressed was in recreational tennis, as shown in Table 9.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	4	2.8	2.8	2.8
Club	5	3.5	3.5	6.3
Intramural	1	.7	.7	7.0
Recreational	12	8.5	8.5	15.5
Not Interested	120	84.5	84.5	100.0
Total	142	100.0	100.0	

Table 9. Interest level in tennis among Full-time Female students

While 84.5% of Full-time Female respondents indicated no interest in participating in tennis, a total of 6.3% expressed an interest in either intercollegiate competition (2.8%) or club-level competition (3.5%). However, only four respondents (2.8% of the respondents) indicated any prior experience in college or High School varsity competition. The greater interest is in recreational tennis, with 8.5% of students expressing interest in such a program. Although Mendocino College does not offer an organized recreational tennis program, the College does maintain a complex of courts available for student use on the Ukiah campus.

Among the Full-time Male students, there is even less interest in participating in competitive tennis. 83.7% of Full-time Male students expressed no interest in participating in competitive tennis and only 4.4% expressed an interest in competing at the club-level (3.3%) or the intercollegiate level (1.1%). About 12.0% of Full-time Male students expressed an interest in participating in a recreational tennis program. The distribution of responses is shown in Table 10.

Within the subset of respondents who indicated an interest in intercollegiate or club-level competition, only one respondent (1.1% of full-time male respondents) had any previous competitive experience at the collegiate or High School varsity level.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Club	3	3.3	3.3	4.3
Recreational	11	12.0	12.0	16.3
Not Interested	77	83.7	83.7	100.0
Total	92	100.0	100.0	

Table 10. Interest level in tennis among Full-time Male students.

Track and Field

Mendocino College does not have either a men's or women's intercollegiate track and field program. As shown in Table 11, there is extremely limited interest in intercollegiate competition in track and field among the Full-time Female students.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	4	2.8	2.8	2.8
Club	4	2.8	2.8	5.6
Intramural	1	.7	.7	6.3
Recreational	5	3.5	3.5	9.9
Not Interested	128	90.1	90.1	100.0
Total	142	100.0	100.0	

Table 11. Interest level in track and field among Full-time Female students.

Overall, 90.1% of Full-time Female students indicated no interest in participating in track and field at any level. A total of 5.6% of Full-time Female students indicated an interest in competing in track and field either at the intercollegiate level (2.8%) or at the club level (2.8%). However, only two respondents within this group indicated any prior competitive experience in track and field at either the collegiate level or the High School varsity level.

Among the Full-time Male respondents to the survey, there was a somewhat greater level of interest in competition in track and field. Although 80.4% of Full-time Male students indicated no interest in participating in track and field, as shown in Table 12, 8.7% indicated an interest in either intercollegiate level competition (6.5%) or club-level competition (2.2%).

Within that group, four respondents (4.3% of Full-time Male students) indicated that they had prior competitive experience in either college or High School varsity track and field.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	6	6.5	6.5	6.5
Intramural	2	2.2	2.2	8.7
Recreational	10	10.9	10.9	19.6
Not Interested	74	80.4	80.4	100.0
Total	92	100.0	100.0	

Table 12: Interest level in track and field among Full-time Male students

Volleyball

Mendocino College currently sponsors an intercollegiate women's volleyball team but no men's volleyball team. Among Full-time Female students, in Table 13, a total of 10.5% of Full-

time Female students expressed an interest in competing in volleyball. 7.7% expressed interest in competition at the intercollegiate level and 2.8% at the club-level. This level of interest is adequately addressed by the current offerings.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	11	7.7	7.7	7.7
Club	4	2.8	2.8	10.6
Recreational	8	5.6	5.6	16.2
Not Interested	119	83.8	83.8	100.0
Total	142	100.0	100.0	

Table 13: Interest level in volleyball among Full-time Female students

Among Full-time Men, there is a very low level of interest in intercollegiate level competition in volleyball as shown in Table 14. Of the 92 Full-time Male students who responded to the survey, 91.3% expressed no interest in participating in volleyball at any level. Only two respondents (2.2%) indicate an interest in competing at the intercollegiate or club-level. Neither respondent had any competitive experience.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Intercollegiate	1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Club	1	1.1	1.1	2.2
Intramural	1	1.1	1.1	3.3
Recreational	5	5.4	5.4	8.7
Not Interested	84	91.3	91.3	100.0
Total	92	100.0	100.0	

Table 14: Interest level in volleyball among Full-time Male students.

Other Sports

A number of respondents indicated an interest in other sports. Table 15 shows the sports identified by both Male and Female Full-time students.

Sport	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
Badminton	0	1	0.0%	0.7%
Baseball	1	0	1.1%	0.0%
Bowling	0	1	0.0%	0.7%
Cross-country Skiing	1	0	1.1%	0.0%
Dance	0	1	0.0%	0.7%
Disc Golf	5	0	5.5%	0.0%
Diving	1	0	1.1%	0.0%
Football	5	0	5.5%	0.0%
Jumping Rope	0	1	0.0%	0.7%
Rugby	2	1	2.2%	0.7%
Running	0	1	0.0%	0.7%
Softball	0	7	0.0%	4.9%
Swimming	0	13	0.0%	9.2%
Walking	0	1	0.0%	0.7%
Wrestling	2	2	2.2%	1.4%

Table 15: Distribution of "Other Sports" by gender of Full-time student

Among Full-time Female students, Swimming (9.2% of respondents) elicited the greatest interest as a named sport. However, the level of interest indicated by virtually all respondents was "Recreational" rather than some level of intercollegiate competition. Among those few who did specify an interest in intercollegiate-level competition, none of them had previous competitive experience.

Softball was the next most popular named sport with 4.9% of Full-time Female respondents indicating an interest. Mendocino College already participates in intercollegiate competition with a women's softball team. The need expressed is adequately met.

Among men, the most-named sport was “Disc Golf” with 5.5% of full-time male respondents. There is no local intercollegiate competition although Mendocino College does maintain a disc golf facility on the Ukiah campus.

Summary

As expressed by the sample, there is little interest expressed by full-time Mendocino College students in participating in intercollegiate sports. In sports where an interest in intercollegiate competition was expressed, a prohibitively small proportion of students had prior college or high school experience. For other sports, the teams already fielded by Mendocino College in intercollegiate athletics fulfill interest.

Appendix I: Survey Instrument

Mendocino College Athletic Interest Survey

Thanks for taking part in this survey. The purpose of the Athletic Interest survey is to determine the level of interest in and ability to participate in intercollegiate athletics at Mendocino College. Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey.

This survey is being performed for evaluation, research and planning purposes and may be used along with other information to determine whether Mendocino College is effectively accommodating the athletic interests and abilities of its students, including whether to add additional teams and sports.

All responses to this survey will be kept confidential. You may provide your contact information (name, phone number, e-mail) **ONLY** if you are interested in being contacted by a member of our coaching staff about participating in a sport. Otherwise, there is nothing that can be used to identify you or your individual response.

Are you: (please check one) ___ Male ___ Female

Age group: (please check one) ___ Under 18 ___ 18-26 ___ 27-35 ___ 36 – 45
___ 46+

This semester, are you:

___ A full-time student (12 units or more) ___ A part-time student (less than 12 units) ___ A non-credit only student (enrolled in non-credit courses, only)

Sport	Interest in Future Participation: At what level would you like to participate in this sport at Mendocino College	Prior Experience: At what level did you participate in this sport in high school, college or in any other capacity (youth league, AAU, private club, etc.) Check all that apply.	
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interested	College <input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	High School <input type="checkbox"/> Varsity <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Varsity <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> AAU <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interested	College <input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	High School <input type="checkbox"/> Varsity <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Varsity <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> AAU <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interested	College <input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	High School <input type="checkbox"/> Varsity <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Varsity <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> AAU <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Please complete questions on other side

Sport	Interest in Future Participation: At what level would you like to participate in this sport at Mendocino College	Prior Experience: At what level did you participate in this sport in high school, college or in any other capacity (youth league, AAU, private club, etc.)	
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Track and Field	<input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interested	College <input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	High School <input type="checkbox"/> Varsity <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Varsity <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> AAU <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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I would like to be contacted by a coach regarding possible participation in _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____
