

RBHS Gym Proposal

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Overview

The Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences campus does not have a gym for student and faculty use, which we, the student body, find untenable.

This is after learning that years ago there was a Fitness Center located in the Doctor's Office Center's 2nd floor. Currently the same space is vacant and has been unused for some time.

We strive to reinstitute a gym as an essential part of our interconnected healthcare institution.

We have identified a feasible space without the need for breaking new ground and have already secured interest from the student body.

Over 500 students from the Medical, Dental, Nursing, and Physical Therapy programs have expressed the need for a campus gym, with approximately 100 faculty from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine in support as well.

An RBHS Gym would be integral to a healthcare community. It will improve the quality of the institution, promote inter-disciplinary interactions in a communal setting, and will attract applicants of a higher caliber to our community.

Goals

1. **Find The Official Reason For Closing The Fitness Center:** Knowing the official reason, not the rumored reason, will help us avoid the same problems in the future.

2. **Identify Budget Opportunities and Limitations:** Knowing what financial opportunities and limitations will enable us to plan accordingly.
3. **Restock the Fitness Center With Gym Equipment:** Since the previous gym equipment has been vacated, we would need to purchase new equipment for use.
4. **Incorporate Key Card Door Access For Students and Faculty:** Similar to other academic rooms, we would utilize keycard access to only allow students and faculty members access.
5. **Reopen the Doctor's Office Building's Fitness Center**

Milestones

1. **Establish Student and Faculty Support Across RBHS Campus**

We have already accomplished this, with over 500 student signatures across the RBHS campus and approximately 100 faculty signatures from the dental school.
2. **Secure Administrative Support From Each RBHS Campus**

Coordination amongst the schools is essential, which is why securing administrative support will be key to implement our plan.
3. **Create An Implementation Plan With Costs and A Development Timeline**

We will create a plan with estimated costs and timelines to move forward in an efficient, organized manner.