

President Designee:

Kathleen Hatch

Washington State University

Biography/Summary Resume

Kathleen Hatch is currently Assistant Vice President of Campus Life & Executive Director of University Recreation at Washington State University. Kathleen's involvement in recreational sports started as an undergraduate student at the University of Calgary where she completed her Bachelor of Physical Education and continued as a graduate assistant at Oregon State University while completing her Masters in Education. Kathleen has been at Washington State University for over 22 years serving in a variety of positions.

Kathleen has actively served NIRSA during her 26 years of membership. She was recognized in April 2010 with a National Service Award for her efforts with the FUTURE FIRST Governance model and implementation efforts. Some of her most recent activity includes:

- * Board of Directors, Presidential Cycle, 2011-14
- * Invited NIRSA presentations, Women's Leadership Institute & AASHE Conference, 2011.
- * Co-chair, Governance Transition Team and member of Governance Commission, 2007-2011.
- * NSC Board of Directors, 2005-2008.
- * Invited NIRSA Presentation, NASPA Learning Reconsidered Institute, 2007.
- * Chair & member, Governance Task Force, 2002-2004.
- * Region VI Vice President, Board of Directors, 2000-2002.
- * Numerous presentations at annual, regional, and state conferences/meetings.
- * Member of various task forces and committees, both at a regional and national level.

Kathleen has promoted student learning and professional development opportunities internally at WSU, within NIRSA, as well as other higher education associations. Some of the many topics she has advanced and presented on include: sustainability, learning outcomes, strategic planning and communication, leadership, work-life balance, managing inherent risks, and creating a healthy organizational climate.

Kathleen has been involved in over \$140 million campus life facilities at WSU including directing the successful opening of the \$40 million Student Recreation Center in 2001, and providing leadership to an \$86 million renovation project to the student union in 2008. Kathleen is currently working on an Active Leadership Initiative weaving university wide stakeholders, including the development of a \$35 million unique center to serve as the catalyst for program development.

As Executive Director at WSU Kathleen provides leadership and strategic direction to comprehensive programs, services, and recreational facilities with a \$9 million annual operating budget. 45 FTE and over 400 student employees. The department is recognized as a key institutional asset for student success, contributing evidence to retention and the likelihood of graduation.

Another recent passion for Kathleen is leading a university wide Wellbeing program geared to improving the quality of life for the extended WSU community by inspiring choices for personal and community wellbeing, leading to healthy individuals and sustainable communities. The initial areas of focus include personal safety, nutrition, leadership, financial literacy, and environmental sustainability, including a campus bike share program. WSU was recognized as the first university in North America to install an automated bike program in September 2010.