

Region V Regional Representative: Chris Dawe

Mount Royal University

Biography/Summary Resume

Chris Dawe has been the Director of Recreation at Mount Royal University since 2001. He started his professional career at Mount Royal as the Intramural Coordinator in 1994. Over the years, he has performed a number of additional roles at the institution including Technology Coordinator, Cougar Women's Hockey Head Coach, and Acting Manager of Cougar Athletics.

Chris graduated from Idaho State University with a Master of Physical Education in Athletic Administration. He also holds a BPE from the University of Calgary where he worked as an Intramural student assistant for three years and a diploma from Mount Royal College in Physical Education and Sports Administration, where he participated as a member of the varsity Cougar Men's Hockey team.

Chris has been a NIRSA member for over 16 years and has participated in a number of NIRSA and other Campus Recreation activities including:

- Current NIRSA Region V Member Network Representative
- Past NIRSA Provincial Director for Alberta
- Current Secretary of the Western Canadian Campus Recreation Association
- Host of WCCRC 2007
- Four-time WCCRC presenter
- NIRSA Annual Conference presenter in 2010 (and accepted for 2011 as well)

Under Chris' leadership, the Mount Royal University Recreation Centre opened in 2002. It is home to the Physical Education faculty, Cougar Athletics, and comprehensive Recreation programs and services for approximately 15,000 students and employees. Chris is also a past board member and expansion steering committee member for a three-sheet ice arena that is co-owned with surrounding communities.

On campus, Chris is a member of a number of University-wide committees including the Student Affairs and Campus Life Vice-President's Advisory Committee, Strategic Technology Committee, and Budget Advisory Committee. As a volunteer, Chris continues his connection to Cougar Athletics as Past President of the Cougar Booster Club.

Chris enjoys spending time with his family and friends and he continues to participate in numerous sports and physical activities including using the facilities and participating in Mount Royal University Recreation courses. Hockey, softball, golf, mountain biking, and racquet sports are also an important part of his healthy, active lifestyle.