Don’t worry if you forgot your UCR ID card. You can still get into the Student Recreation Center! We want you to get to your work out quickly without the hassle of remembering or pulling out your UCR ID every time you visit us at the SRC. We will be implementing the HandKey II access system in the fall of 2014. The new system is a biometric Hand reader that allows secure access to the center fast and easily.

How do I sign up?
We will be offering times and locations where you can register and be entered into our secure system. Notices will be posted online, within the SRC, and on the UCR Campus to keep you informed.

What is Biometrics?
Biometrics is a form of identification access control. It is used to identify individuals with distinctive characteristics such as a fingerprint or palm print. The HandKey II measures and verifies the size and shape of a person’s hand and verifies who a person is. No fingerprint or palm print information is recorded.

How does the scanner work?
The HandKey II measures and verifies the size and shape of a person’s hand (length, width, thickness, and surface area). The reader does not collect or store an image of the hand but converts the image to a mathematical representation of size and shape of the hand. The template is then associated to the person’s ID number. Each time a user scans their hand the reader compares that image to the template on file. Through the use of hand geometry, you can truly verify who a person is as they access a door. It does not record finger or palm prints.

When will the system be implemented?
The HandKey II system will be implemented in the fall of 2014.

Will my information be secure?
There are no fingerprints or palm prints taken and the user does not leave behind any trace of their biometric data. With the system the user can eliminate the worry of lost, stolen or unauthorized transfer of UCR ID cards plus the cost of purchasing and maintaining your card. Your information is not stored. The technology stores a template, which is a mathematical representation of the hand image. No fingerprint or palm print information is gathered.

Why did you choose to use this new system?
The new system allows for an intuitive enrollment that increases user convenience. Verification in less than one second makes it ideal for quick and easy access for our guests.
Can I continue to use my UCR ID card if I don’t want to use the scanner?
Certainly! Staff members will continue to be at the entrance of the Student Recreation Center if you prefer to be verified with your UCR Identification.

Does this system show if I have a criminal record?
The system is not tied to a law enforcement system. The HandKey II system only verifies that you have access to the Student Recreation Center and does not provide any personal information about you or your background.

What if my hand has a bandage or ring?
A bandage or ring usually does not reject a valid user. However, you can register with your opposite hand if you have an injury. Be sure to notify a staff member to assist you.

Are the scanners clean? I don’t want to get sick.
The HandKey II scanner has an anti-microbial protected surface that inhibits or reduces the ability of microorganisms to grow. This surface is commonly used in healthcare settings for sterilization. Our staff also cleans the scanners daily and offers hand sanitizer at the entrances.

Is it safe?
The HandKey II scanner uses infrared lights to capture an image of your hand. Infrared lights are similar to readers in remote controls for TV’s and VCR’s and is significantly less than the light intensity generated by direct sunlight. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) did not report any hazards.