

Bridging the Gap between Student Development and Academic Affairs

Why?

- Enhances student learning –data shows that learning experiences outside the classroom have significant influences on student learning and can influence performance
- Aids in student retention – studies show that retention strategies developed through joint efforts have better results
- Provides holistic development – collaborating efforts connect classroom theory to correlating activities
- Builds campus community – through partnering and cooperating rapport is built across the campus divide

What YOU can do. (*Building rapport involves mutual respect, compromise, understanding, and a desire to find solutions.*)

- Be cognizant of your attitude.
- Get out of your office!
- Teach a class.
- Team-teach an ACA class with an instructor.
- Invite a faculty member to co-advise with you.
- Sponsor academic related activities – poetry readings, museum trips, computer wars, etc...
- Volunteer for committees that include faculty and student development personnel.
- Attend academic affairs sponsored events.

Activities

- Have students reflect on personal learning experiences that connect to course related objectives.
- Work with faculty on student engagement portfolios.
- Sponsor workshops for faculty on the importance of student activities and how co-curricular and curricular fit together.
- Develop a student activity syllabus to share with faculty that includes educational objectives.
- Share resources that support faculty and academic affairs.
- Help to develop a campus reading program with English faculty.
- Co-sponsor health fairs with Allied Health faculty.

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