Topic: Academic and University Life Partnerships
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- University Life has continuing interest in expanding partnerships with the academic units
- Now that they are part of the Provosts’ team (in regard to reporting structure), they are more connected to academics
- What makes a successful collaboration? Examples:
  - Mason Cares Training – partnerships with academic units that work directly with students
  - Learning Services critical thinking workshops – collaborate with departments to bring workshops to classes
  - Office of Disability Services
  - Academic Integrity
  - Office of Student Support and Case Management
  - Faculty Fellows Program – faculty receive a course release to work on a project with a University Life partner
- University Life offers a few grant opportunities:
  - University Life programming grant
  - Patriot Green Fund
  - Auxiliary Enterprise Management Council (AEMC)
    - Awarded for new initiative that contributes to the experience of students; targeting large groups; considered “seed” money to get a project going. Awarded for one-time projects and/or semester-long projects.
- Advisor Questions:
  - How do we make events successful? How can we partner with University Life to understand best practices for event programming?
    - Good contacts: Lauren Long (Student Involvement); Michelle Davis (OFPS)
  - How does University Life contribute to online degree program student services?
    - Relevant websites would need special sections for distance education students
    - Discussion on obstacles to distance therapy
      - Given the circumstances, do what you can – plan programs and support this way
    - World campus and distance advising
      - Reciprocal agreements with other institutions to offer services to students
  - Considering MAP-Works and its intentions vs. the reality advisors face – how do we as advisors connect students to other services they may say they need?
    - How to make sure partnerships with University Life blossom in relation to MAP-Works
    - Where other than MAP-Works can University Life work with academics on retention?
      - Student media and publications
      - First six weeks important to engage students
      - “House Calls” program where students get to know UL and their academic unit
      - Engage the Resident Advisors
  - How can University Life help with student organizations within academic units?
    - Idea to help faculty affiliated with these organizations to engage in more student development.
• Contact: Sara Morrisroe
  • Patriot Activity Council – formerly the programming board
    o How can we help transfer students get connected?
      • Off-campus Student Services; Scott Blevins
• Other relevant University Life units:
  o Graduate Student Life – counterpart to Student Government; can provide funding for conferences, Career Services events; affiliated with GAPSA, Graduate and Professional Student Association
  o President and Provost Student Advisory Committee (PPSAC) – group of students that meet once per month for dinner with the Provost to discuss issues of importance to them (tuition, faculty evaluations, etc.)
• University Life encourages providing links to some of their websites on academic unit websites – academic side knows who their students are and can make relevant org information available.