

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.
 - More information: <http://ulife.gmu.edu/facstaff/grants.php>
- 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
- How can we help transfer students get connected?
 - Off-campus Student Services; Scott Blevins
- Other relevant University Life units:
 - Graduate Student Life – counterpart to Student Government; can provide funding for conferences, Career Services events; affiliated with GAPSA, Graduate and Professional Student Association
 - 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.