

FYE Programming Meeting
Thursday August 2nd 2:30pm-3:30pm in S-250

In attendance

Whitney Rhyne
Dr. Kevin Kennedy
Dr. Rebecca Gubitti
Dr. Martin Tawil
Angela Hodge
Nicole Fisher
Shannon Parfitt
Helen Algernon
Linda Johnsen

Unable to attend

Dr. Christy Gilfert
Brooke Roughgarden
Cindy Campbell

Purpose of FYE programming

- Support, reinforce, and supplement the classroom learning experience
- Help to create and develop community among first year students, building and strengthening interpersonal relationships
- Strengthen the mentoring relationship between Faculty, Staff, and Peer Architects in relation to first year students
- Develop awareness of college resources and promote community engagement

Program Outcomes of the QEP (the first two out of four)

1. Once fully implemented, the QEP will facilitate an increase in student retention rates, rates of persistence, and graduation rates.
2. Through each phase of implementation, the QEP will foster increased rates of student satisfaction and student engagement.

Data Driven Practices

Smarter Measures Learning Readiness indicator-“Technology Competency” was an area in which students did not yield significant gains from their pre-test to post-test.

Qualitative data from focus group:

- Student satisfaction with the passport assignment
- students suggestions regarding more sports and /or intramural activities
- student suggestion regarding communication about timing of campus events
- student satisfaction with interaction with professor and other students
- students want more technology training

➤ Review of what we did last term

Lee Campus

- Mash up Monday – a series that took place each Monday from 12:00pm- 1:00pm with rotating weekly topics. The three most popular offerings were: Tie Dye, Games on the Green, and Cookie Decorating
- Technology Tuesday – a series that took place each Tuesday from 12:00pm- 1:00pm with rotating weekly topics. The three most popular topics - Twitter, iPhone, Publisher
- Special Events/Trip – Echo, Red Tails, The Pursuit of Happyness (movie), Wink Hunger Walk 5k
- Yoga – by far our most popular activity

➤ Suggestion from SLS 1515 faculty

- Group project communication workshop
- Technology help -open lab hours
- Night programming for evening students
- Advanced planning for the Saturday/ off campus events
- Scheduling Yoga at a time other than during their SLS faculty meeting

➤ Plans for this term so far on Lee Campus

- Evening Programming
- Mash Up Monday
- Technology Tuesday
- Yoga
- Special Events/Trip – September – Habitat for Humanity
October-
November-

➤ What ideas or suggestions do you have for this fall semester and beyond?

Dr. Tawil talked about how the Technology help and open labs hours with assistance will be great for older students and talked about the benefits of evening programming. Mentioned using the bulletin board outside of the Q Building as a place for students to check on what's happening on campus, and mentioned how he was not allowed into a movie on campus that his students wanted him to go see with them.

Nicole Fisher mentioned using facebook to communicate with students and that the Housing facebook page has a lot of action. Housing is very happy to partner with FYE, and would love help on Move in Day. FYE/Peer Architect will help with move in which is 9-5, and then do evening programming at 7pm for students. On August 21st FYE/Peer Architects will do a campus tour/find your class/amazing race program for the FTIC students. Nicole mentions using the Housing space for many events, BBQ's, yoga, etc.

Nicole Fisher noted that dorm activities and facilities are for dorm residents only and not open to general students but that she is anxious and willing to collaborate with all departments; however, those wanting to run programming must be mindful and be willing to accommodate dorm security.

Dr. Gubitti inquired about knowing which of her SLS 1515 students will be living in housing. Whitney will follow up and try to get an updated roster from housing prior move in order to cross check with SLS 1515 class enrollment.

Whitney Rhyne talked about a partnership with career and Dr. Kevin Kennedy referred to the career service homepage and talked about the upcoming job fair, etiquette dinner, professional dress event, resume and cover letter workshops. Dr. Kennedy then asked about getting the word out about his events how to get students to come and mentioned offering extra points and requiring participation. Dr. Tawil mentioned taking his classes over to events and having the Cornerstone professors email their classes directly. Whitney mentioned the Passport, QEP blog, and weekly recap as communication channels as well as Peer Architects. Nicole Fisher mentioned having the weekly housing email and she plugs career and student life events and has an 18% read rate.

Whitney Rhyne shared how she would like to have the QEP blog to have a rotating author each week and that she would like to have advising be the author for a week in October to remind students about signing up for classes, that Student Life could share about all the programs and what's going on in their area, and Careers could write about their offering and programs.

We talked about group advising and maybe using different areas around campus such as the health floor in housing, Q Lab. Dr. Tawil talked about having advising come speak to his classes.

Angela Hodge highlighted the issue of money for programs since strict funding guidelines regulate participation in any Student Life function. Angela suggested the Barbara B. Mann as a potential venue for programming and that reaching out to campus Deans might be advantageous. In addition to this Angela stated that she is also waiting on our new President's policy in regards to the use of open space here on campus intimating that additional open areas may come available for future planned activities. Angela Hodge wanted to meet with all the SLS 1515 faculty members to introduce Student Life

Whitney talked about the off campus events/ service trips in September going to Habitat for Humanity and still wanting to have off campus events in October and November and possibly partnering with Student Life. Angela listed some of the service opportunities that Student Life/SGA are doing the breast cancer walk on October 20th, In November thanksgiving baskets, Christmas wrap, adopting a migrant workers family in Bonita and fun activities like Miracle tickets and Everblades tickets. Angela talked about how many evening students with families participate in the free or reduced price ticket events.

Dr. Gubitti talked about having a "I need help night" with advising, Student Life, and FYE. Angela mentioned that they already have a Dine with the Dean night planned where students can dine with Dr. Amy Teprovich. Dr. Tawil suggested having a form online so that students can ask a question. Whitney mentioned that the fye@edison.edu email gets lots of general questions. There was also talk about having a certain time perhaps every Friday 2-3pm to have SLS professors available in housing.

There was lots of discussion about having a college fairs, career fairs, transfer fair, STEM fair, working with Alumni, and doing college tours, for example visiting FGCU.