Innovation Council Name: Intercultural Engagement

Council’s charge:
Develop learning opportunities and programs that embrace inclusivity, acceptance, and promoting the dignity of all persons

Membership:
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Innovation Initiative Title:
Cultural Moderator Development Program

Identified Innovation Opportunity:
Student Life and Cultural Organizations

Brief Description of Innovation Initiative:
The initiative focuses on the collaboration of Student Affairs professionals and cultural organization leadership to enact change and productive meetings. The initiative will also pair good, academic moderators currently with student affairs professionals to increase the contact and relationship between academic and student affairs professionals as we serve the same students. The final piece of the initiative is to develop a more cross cultural and inclusive student and staff interaction with students working with those on staff that may not look like them but embrace or appreciate the culture.

Objectives and/or Learning Outcomes:
- Student Affairs Practitioners engage a new, diverse population of students
- Cultural Organizations gain student leadership theory, development, and intercultural experiences from group dynamic professionals
- Staff have the opportunity to experience, promote, and embrace a new aspect of campus life unrelated to their jobs

Who/what is better served by this Innovation Initiative:
The students and staff will benefit from this initiative. The students will gain knowledge of the way an organization is run efficiently and effectively through student development theory and best-practices models. The opportunity for staff members to interact with students at this level will allow those that may not or do not have face-to-face student interaction gain that opportunity.

Who are key partners/collaborators?
- Student Leadership and Involvement Center
- Office of Multicultural Affairs.