Envisioning Our Future: Innovation Council Initiative Proposal

Innovation Council Name: Transitioning New Undergrads

Council’s charge:
Reimage New Student Orientation and Transitions program to enhance the experience of first year students (including transfer students).

Membership:
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Innovation Initiative Title:
Mission Transition

Identified Innovation Opportunity:
Develop first year programming (a co-curricular) that results in a positive Creighton experience that will equip students with tools for success during college and beyond.

Brief Description of Innovation Initiative:
Create first year experience combining and enhancing Summer Preview and Welcome Week. This program may start as early as when the student deposits and extends through the first year. It will consist of both live and virtual programming. This program will be based on three pillars: Learn, Live, and Love.

Objectives and/or Learning Outcomes:
- Combine Welcome Week and Summer Preview to be advised by one staff member.
- Create additional efforts geared to reach all first year students (i.e. Student Support Services students, non-residential students, transfer students, etc.)
- Incorporate additional technology into the transitions process
- Utilize a three pillar approach for all New Student co-curricular programming:
  - Learn- Students will be able to identify campus resources to assist them in acclimating to their newfound independence
  - Love- Students will be able to articulate the core Jesuit values
  - Live- Students will demonstrate ability to successfully live independently by incorporating healthy choices, and possessing the ability to identify and learn from mistakes
- Charge a task force to create a co-curricular learning portfolio program that will incorporate new student orientation programming uncoupled from Welcome Week, as well as other initiatives developed as a result of other councils.

Who/what is better served by this Innovation Initiative:
First year students (traditional students) will have a greater understanding of Creighton’s values and expectations of them as a community member through an extended transition process. More intentional programming will help those new to campus and the Creighton culture get acclimated.

Who are key partners/collaborators?
- Admissions
- DSL
- DoIT
- EDGE
• OMA
• President
• Provost
• SSS
• RSP
• SLIC
• Students
• DSL Creative Suite