

Envisioning Our Future: Innovation Council Initiative Proposal

Innovation Council Name:

Understanding Graduate and Professional Students and Adult Learners Needs

Council's charge:

Take a deep dive to better understand students that Student Life historically has underserved (Professional, Graduate, Part-time, and Adult-Learners), and make recommendations on how better to enhance their experience.

Membership:

Terri Faga, Student Health and Counseling Services
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Innovation Initiative Title:

Student Needs Assessment

Identified Innovation Opportunity:

By acknowledging that "one size does not fit all," the goal is to identify programs and services that would enhance the student's Creighton educational experience.

Brief Description of Innovation Initiative:

Conduct a needs assessment using qualitative and quantitative research methods to understand student needs within the professional and graduate schools and the College of Professional Studies. Using the information obtained, identify and prioritize new initiatives that will enhance the student experience for previously under-served student groups and students who have historically under-utilized available Student Life programs and services.

Objectives and/or Learning Outcomes:

- Identify and establish collaborative relationships with student affairs professionals, or other staff tasked with student engagement and success, within the graduate and professional schools and the College of Professional Studies.
- Assess student needs for each student group (professional, graduate, and adult-learners) utilizing quantitative and qualitative research methods.
- Identify opportunities to enhance the student experience for each student group (professional, graduate, and adult-learners).
- Develop and prioritize initiatives that will provide the most benefit for the target student populations.

Who/what is better served by this Innovation Initiative:

- Graduate students
- Professional students
- Adult Learners (non-traditional undergraduate students)

Who are key partners/collaborators?

- Student Life professional staff designee(s)
- Graduate Student Assistant
- Student affairs professionals, or other staff tasked with student engagement and success, within the graduate and professional schools and the College of Professional Studies
- Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment
- Student government presidents within each of the graduate and professional schools and the College of Professional Studies.