Student Utilization

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Core Values/Mission Alignment

The mission of HSS mission firmly aligns with UW Tacoma’s Strategic Plan to partner and collaborate with other departments to advance strong and diverse communities and create educational programming that all students have access to and an opportunity to succeed.

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D. Increase the number of community partnerships, including those that connect global and local communities.

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SAF-funded Program or Services Goals and Outcomes

HSS service goals have included partnering with the Office of Global Affairs, Court 17, Psychological & Wellness Services, First Gen Fellows, the Pantry, with ASUWT, the Center for Equity and Inclusion, the Teaching and Learning Center, and New Student & Family Programs. Student Involvement as well as the Veterans Military Center. HSS will be creating a position for a pre-major senator to sit on our advisory board as a permanent role moving forward. This position has been created in partnership with ASUWT’s vision and goals for the upcoming year. We have also partnered with the Office of Student Engagement in student leader training that takes place annually. Our goals are to provide:

Current programming includes:

- First year and Transfer Connect events in partnership with New Student & Family Programs to connect incoming students with campus leaders and peers.
- Partnerships with local businesses on Pacific Ave to include Anthem Coffee & Tea, Starbucks, and The Rock Wood Fired Pizza.
- Partnerships with the Center of Equity and Inclusion to promote and participate in Multicultural events and programs.
- Engagement and outreach opportunities for student leaders.
- Experiential Learning Workshop: Partnerships with First Gen Fellows, SET/SIAS
- Partnerships with Pre-Med pathways

Upcoming programming will include:

- A proposed partnership with the Writing Studies faculty, Tacoma Ledger, Teaching and Learning Center, and student organizations. This will showcase student portfolios, Writing degree options and a poetry slam where students can showcase their talents and skills.
- Future partnerships include the Milgard School of Business to offer a panel of leaders from women and minority owned businesses.
- Programming to feature minors offered at UW Tacoma.
- Programming to feature new Bachelor degrees

Past programming has included:

- Academic Advising tools workshops
- Time Management workshops
- Study Abroad info sessions
- Major and Minor exploration workshops
- Study habits workshops
- Self-care workshops
- Freshmen and Transfer Connect events
- Open Mic events
- Finals Breakfast

**Student Utilization (comparison over past 2 years)**

Over the past three years HSS has increased participation from 5 students up to 35 plus, per event by partnering with other departments. In 2018-2019, we saw our first partnership with First Gen Fellows followed shortly by the Office of Global Affairs. Since then our partnerships have expanded to include the following; the Center for Equity and Inclusion, New Student and Family Programs, Court 17, and Student Engagement. Our partnerships have extended to academic departments such as the School of Engineering and Technology, the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, Healthcare Leadership, as well as the Milgard School of Business. Our initiatives have also focused on creating off campus partnerships to include MultiCare and surrounding Pacific Avenue businesses. Our programming is targeted towards pre-major students but all undergraduate students are welcomed and invited to participate. By utilizing partnerships we are able to increase the number of workshops, programs, events, and activities that we offer and participate in per academic year which allows for greater engagement with students. Going forward, we will utilize technology such as DawgDen to track attendance and demographic information and as we partner with different organizations we will be able to reach a wider demographic.

**Collection of Feedback & Improvements**

We continue to develop HSS social media platforms to gather student feedback and requests for future programming. We will be implementing surveys and sign in sheets at all future events. Since changing the direction of the HSS series we have been able to incorporate direct student feedback on what programming students would like to see, what partnership and collaborations would benefit the campus.

Gathering feedback and input directly from students has increased our ability to intentionally connect with students by including student leaders who sit on the HSS advisory board. We currently have representatives from ASUWT, Pack Advisors, Student Advising Mentors, Student Engagement, the Center for Equity and Inclusion, and the Office of Global Affairs.

**Service Benefits to Students**

The inaugural student and staff HSS team was created in 2020. This collaborative team has fostered a sense of community and connectedness. Students are being offered an opportunity to gain leadership skills and to work with other student leaders from different departments, majors, and programs. We have an increased sense of pride and a firm belief that the structure we are creating will now provide the framework for HSS to be more impactful in the future, and directly address the needs of the campus, by responding with strong and intentional programming that is requested directly by students, and delivered by student leaders with the guidance, support and resources of academic advisors across campus. By providing this programming we are able to take the support offered by academic advisors directly into the student population so that students continuously have access. We have increased our awareness of what students need and are increasing the awareness of the community by looking at ways to provide creative and innovative programming. We are also creating a chance for student leaders to have more platforms to impact the community and create a legacy on campus.

"HSS has allowed me to be able to connect with other student leaders such as the OGA students and be able to create events with them. HSS has also allowed me a platform to help promote student involvement on campus and promote majors such as the medical programs."...Kara Peterson, Staple Events Coordinator on SAB. Senior, Biomedical Sciences.

"HSS programs are a great experience, indeed. I get the knowledge necessary to interact with students and discuss their future plans. The Freshmen/Connect Transfer event was quite carefully planned out and gave students necessary information that you do not normally hear about, such as where to pray and reflect on campus."

...Saima Ghafoor, Student Mentor UAA. Senior, Healthcare Leadership.

**Staff Budget Requests**

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