Mental Health Implementation Work Team on Academic Policies

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Selections for Assoc. Dean stakeholder feedback focused on recommendations 2.a., 2.b., and 3.h.

Vice Provost Associate Dean Group (VPADG)

Preview presentation (October 14, 2022)
Full presentation, discussion, and feedback (November 11, 2022)

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Identify key academic policies impacting students and provide recommendations as to ways in which the university and its academic units should alter its policies to reduce academic stress without compromising excellence.
The Goal of this Discussion

Share a subset of the Work Team Recommendations.

Seek your feedback about:

● The degree to which the recommendations will positively impact student mental health and wellbeing
● Whether/how the recommendations could be improved
Recommendation 1: Create a senior position (open to a staff or faculty appointment) within the Office of the Provost that

- Focuses on central undergraduate student success initiatives, efforts, and concerns
- Collaborates with other executive leaders to plan and implement undergraduate student success strategies and support
- Leverages data to drive strategy development, inform key decisions
- Promotes a student- and service-focused culture so students perceive that the university cares about them and their success
Recommendation 2: Establish and appoint an advisory committee composed of staff, faculty and administrators from all academic and key stakeholder units to:

- Advise the proposed senior leader
- Ensure coordination on initiatives
- Provide information on school and college considerations
- Make recommendations for shared policies or best practices
*Academic Calendar

Recommendation 1: Shift the academic calendar so the winter semester begins on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

- Implement over 2 academic years to permit spring/summer programs time to adapt
- Provide administrative and financial resources to programs that are disrupted by the change
- Provide scheduling flexibility for spring/summer offerings

Recommendation 2: Provide accommodations for students during winter break.
Recommendation 3: Reduce the length of the Spring/Summer semester to 12 weeks
Before the 11/11 VPADG meeting, please review the slide deck that will be sent as a “pre read” and come with questions and feedback.

For now, any initial questions?