

Governors State University

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: Reaching Vision 2020

Focus Area: First and Second Year Programs

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Implementation Year: 2016-2017

Goal #5: Foster cohort communities built on knowledge and trust through continuous development of our Peer Mentor Program and ongoing training of our Peer Mentors.

Objective 1:	Implement comprehensive training and development curriculum for Peer Mentors that begins immediately after hire and continues throughout time of service
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identify professional and personal needs to be successful in Peer Mentor role ➤ Facilitate monthly in-service trainings for Peer Mentor development ➤ Reformat application and hiring process for Peer Mentors to emphasize ongoing training ➤ Give frequent feedback on Peer Mentor job performance
Indicators and Data Needed (Measures that will appraise progress towards the strategic objective)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regular 1:1 meetings by Peer Mentor supervisor ➤ Evaluations by faculty who work with Peer Mentors in classroom ➤ Classroom observations and feedback by Peer Mentor supervisor ➤ Performance evaluation by Peer Mentor supervisor
Responsible Person and/or Unit (Data collection, analysis reporting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sean Smith, NSP ➤ NSP Staff
Milestones (Identify Timelines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monthly in-service trainings ➤ End of semester evaluations
Desired Outcomes and Achievements (Identify results expected)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Knowledgeable Peer Mentor staff ➤ ‘Greatly exceeds’ cumulative ratings on end of semester evaluations from both faculty and Peer Mentor supervisor

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Objective 2:	Clarify and implement policies/expectations of the Peer Mentor role
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Create clear goals with Peer Mentors at beginning of academic year ➤ Rewrite and clarify Peer Mentor contract ➤ Expand and clarify student staff application and process ➤ Clarify and document the definition of “good standing” for student staff ➤ Require frequent written reports from Peer Mentors ➤ Hold regularly scheduled 1:1 and whole staff meetings with Peer Mentors
Indicators and Data Needed <small>(Measures that will appraise progress towards the strategic objective)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Surveys of transfer juniors about campus climate and knowledge ➤ Feedback from juniors about educational and social quality and value of CJY programming ➤ Assessments of learning outcomes from various workshops
Responsible Person and/or Unit <small>(Data collection, analysis reporting)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sean Smith, NSP ➤ NSP Staff
Milestones <small>(Identify Timelines)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initial Peer Mentor trainings ➤ 1:1 and staff meetings with Peer Mentors
Desired Outcomes and Achievements <small>(Identify results expected)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clear messaging about expectations/role of Peer Mentors ➤ More effective Peer Mentor staff