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Student Affairs Service Improvements : 2003-2004 : Report

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Division-wide Initiative

- Division of Student Affairs departments collaborated with the Division of Academic Affairs, to coordinate and offer the first Freshman Convocation Program for the campus, new freshmen and their parents.

Student Life

- A new program, Crosswinds, was created to increase faculty involvement in co-curricular programs. The program provides funding for faculty co-curricular initiatives. Programs for this year included a French Film Festival, the Psi Chi Honor Society Induction, a Presidential Debate Watch Party, and a visiting psychologist lecture.

- Implemented new student orientation programs for freshmen and parents of freshmen.

- Revised the Orientation Manual and Student Handbook.

- Revised the Student Organization Policy and Procedures Manual.

- Club and Organization Workshops and Student Organization Advisor Workshops were offered at the beginning of each semester.

- Implemented a training workshop for Student Government Officers and Representatives.

- Developed a Student Government web page.

- A new Information Desk was installed in the Campus Activities Center main lobby.

- Developed a Reservation Services space use request process.

- Implemented and led kayak trips in the surrounding Tampa Bay area.

- Student Government developed and implemented a SAFE Team service to escort campus visitors to remote parking areas at night.
• The swimming pool filtration and circulation system was replaced.

• Created and implemented a “Near Coastal Cruising” class to increase offshore sailing opportunities.

**Student Services**

• Renovated Bayboro Café Dining and Serving areas.

• Facilitated priority registration for Student Disability Services students.

• Developed a Student Disability Services Student Advisory Committee.

• Developed and Opened the Center for Multicultural Affairs

  • Created the I.M.A.N.I. Council in the Center for Multicultural Affairs composed of students who serve the community of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg by initiating and continuing multicultural programs and activities with a strong emphasis on social, recreational, educational, and diverse areas. These programs and activities strive to encourage and celebrate community togetherness, provide a valuable resource, and learning experiences for those involved.

  • Initiated the Multicultural Potluck Luncheon for the campus community.

**Counseling and Career Center**

• Established affiliation agreements with Argosy University’s Florida School of Professional Psychology and USF-Tampa’s Counselor Education and College Student Affairs M.Ed. Program to provide practicum training for graduate students.

• Trained student program assistants to write and critique resumes and to use E-Recruiting.

• Initiated a bi-weekly advice column in the Crow’s Nest student newspaper.

• Developed a Counseling and Career Center website.

• Health Educator position was increased to full time.
Research and Assessment

- Conducted on-campus survey and published “Survey of Student Perceptions of Campus Services and Co-Curricular Activities”

- Coordinated USF St. Petersburg participation in National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) with Department of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

- Coordinated USF St. Petersburg participation in CIRP survey at Freshman Orientation.

Writing and Math Centers

- Conducted a survey of faculty concerning their perceptions of students’ writing needs.

- Developed a marketing plan and advertising materials for distribution on campus each semester, increasing Math Center utilization by 46% from Spring 2003 to Spring 2004.