Building Bridges across Academic and Student Affairs to Develop Institutional Roadmaps for Student Success

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Provide background information about Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) and our comprehensive institutional roadmap, EDGE: Engagement Drives GPC Education

Share grassroots examples of how we are engaging a cross-divisional team to enhance student success and learning
Georgia Perimeter College

- Founded in 1964
- Two-year institution serving metropolitan Atlanta
- Five locations in DeKalb, Newton, and Fulton Counties as well as online
- Largest two-year institution in the state of Georgia with over 23,000 students
- Part of the University System of Georgia and grant associate degrees
- Programs designed to transfer to the university system after completion of the first two years
EDGEX

- Engagement
- Drives
- GPC
- Education
The EDGE initiative is designed to...

- Improve student learning
- Improve student persistence and retention
- Improve student understanding of course relevance and content
- Highlight innovative strategies already being used by some members of GPC’s faculty
The EDGE initiative will measure the effectiveness of...

- Specific engaged learning strategies
  1. Collaborative learning
  2. Problem-based learning
  3. Service learning
  4. Community-based research

- Other engaged activities and projects
  5. Campus Gardens
  6. GPC Reads
  7. Democracy Commitment
  8. Days of Service
  9. Bridging Cultures
**Since the Merger**

**Benefits**
- Mechanism for scaling the project
- Widespread knowledge of EDGE
- Growing support
- Built in assessment process

**Challenges**
- Misunderstandings about implementation of EDGE
- Use of EDGE logo and theme without a full understanding of its goals or outcomes
Our Realization
Student Clubs

Business Club

GPC Reads
Academic Initiatives

Newton Symposium

Days of Service
Student Support Services

PEER UP & Pregnancy Prevention Modules

Political Science Classes & the Military Outreach Center
Student Affairs Professionals as Guest Speakers in GPCS 1010

Communications Classes & Career Advising
What existing, grassroots efforts at cross-divisional collaboration can you leverage to figure out what kind of bridge you need to build?

If you know what kind of bridge you need to build, what cross-divisional collaborations are helping you do so?

If your bridge is already built, how are you using and maintaining that bridge to broadly disseminate and clarify information about your initiative?
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