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Tips to Building a Thriving SI Community

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MCC Spotlight

- Started SI Fall 2012
- Offer Fall & Spring SI support
- Over 50 SI Leaders each semester
- Supporting around 65 sections
- 30-40 Faculty participate
- STEM, Health, English Comp I & II courses, ELL 088-089
- ICSI Accredited
- Provide SI Leader Certification
- AY17-18, over 1100 students attended SI (~50%)

Marketing Tips

- Strategies to increase attendance
  - Announce SI Session times and locations
  - Explicit faculty support
    - Opportunities in lab
    - Mock SI sneak preview
    - In class participation – labs and group work
    - SI sessions in lieu of cancelling class
    - SI Class Promos
  - SI Raffle

In Order To Be An SI

- Group Interviews- start week 11- end of semester
  - Review role and expectations
  - Provide monthly meeting dates
- Clear SI Job Description/$14hr
- Apply for position online, submit resume & cover letter
- Provide faculty recommendation
- Commit to two day training
- Commit to monthly meeting dates (once a month/4 per semester)

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Faculty Involvement

- Communicate to faculty~ SI Application Open
- New Faculty- enroll in SI Faculty Online Training modules
- Keep faculty member updated throughout recruitment season
- Collaboration is key!
- First of semester email (SI Faculty Tips, Spotlight, Data)
- Mid-Point Check-in
- End of Semester Survey & Feedback

Faculty Perspective

- SI in class & lab
  - ➤ "The students feel comfortable discussing class materials that is unclear with an SI Leader. My interaction with the SI allows me to revisit information that the students might not communicate to me."
  - ➤ "Students have succeeded who would have not otherwise. That's an impact I can live with."
  - ➤ "SI creates an atmosphere of camaraderie that is difficult to come by in a commuter setting."
- Mentorships
- UML Program Evaluation

Evaluation Findings

- Consistent assessment measures
  - Students, SI Leaders, Faculty
- Consistent data each semester/ year to year
- Reflectiveness of the program

Create a Sense of Belonging

- Monthly Meetings

- Workshops offered

- Mid Point Reflection

- SI Mentors

- SI Appreciation week

Community Building

Program Evaluation Goals

- Improvements
  - Increase diversity of SI Faculty
  - Increase diversity of SI Leaders*
  - Expand SI support beyond STEM, Health, English Comp I & II

SI Data

Black/African American (67% and 56%), Hispanic (53%), were more likely to use SI than White (48% and 47%) and Asian students (45% and 44%).

Use of SI by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2017

Use of SI by Race/Ethnicity, Spring 2018

Fall 2017	SI Users	%	Total
Asian	84	45%	186
Black, African American	83	67%	123
Hispanic	98	53%	185
White	260	48%	541

Spring 2018	SI Users	%	Total
Asian	84	44%	191
Black, African American	66	56%	118
Hispanic	95	53%	180
White	236	47%	504

SI Application Question

- In order to be an SI leader, students must earn a B+ or higher in the course for which they can serve as an SI. Studies have shown that persistence and achievement are closely linked to representation and a "sense of belonging" (Walton & Cohen, 2007; Walton & Cohen, 2011; Booker, 2016, p. 222). Considering the requirements of the SI leader position, as well as MCC's diverse population, and creating a sense of belonging, can you nominate a student for the position of SI leader that best fits these attributes.

Observation Schedule

Last	First	Observation 1				Observation 2				Observation 3				Observation 4		
		Date	Obs.	Type/Dur	Fb	Date	Obs.	Type/Dur	Fb	Date	Obs.	Type/Dur	Fb	Date	Obs.	Type/Dur
Abdi	Yonis	2/20/2019	OD	In/30	NS/C											
Araujo	Shane	2/27/2019	BK	In/60	C/E											
Bastopcu	Bensu	3/5/2019	CB	In/30	C/E	3/6/2017	CB	In/60	C	3/12/2019	BK	In/30	E			
Blanco	Guillermo	1/30/2019	BK	1st/20	C	2/27/2019	BK	In/15	NS/C							
Boucher	Julia	1/29/2019	BK	1st/60	C											
Brown	Kenneth	2/21/2019	BK	In/60	E											
Byrne	Bridget	2/5/2019	BK	In/30	NS/C	3/7/2019	BK	In/30	NS/C							
Camarro	Gabrielle	2/7/2019	BK	In/45	E											
Cardoso	Priscila	2/5/2019	CB	In/60	C	2/28/2019	BK	In/45	C/E							
Cartier	MacKenzie	2/12/2019	BK	In/30	E	2/26/2019	LP	In/30	F							
Cetin	Sheri	2/14/2019	BK	In/30	E	2/26/2019	BK	In/60	C/E							
Che	Eric	1/28/2019	BK	1st/10	C	2/6/2019	MR	In/60	E							
Chin	Caleb	3/7/2019	BK	In/45	E											
Conneilly	Shannon	2/20/2019	CB	In/30	C/E	2/25/2019	MR	In/60	E	3/6/2019	BK	In/30	C/E			
Cormier	Joseph	1/30/2019	BK	1st/10	C											
DeNyse	John	2/5/2019	BK	P/10	NS/C	2/19/2019	BK	In/30	E							
Donovan	Michael	2/6/2019	BK	In/30	NS/C	2/25/2019	BK	In/30	NS/C							
Eshak	Marina	2/7/2019	BK	1st/30	C	2/20/2019	CB	In/60	C/E	2/28/2019	GD	In/120	E			
Evard	Rose	1/30/2019	BK	1st/30	C											
Ferran	Gabrielle	2/26/2019	BK	In/15	NS/C											
Fung	Kaitlin															

Reflection

- 3 tips that work well in successful SI programs
- 2 ideas you would like to implement in your SI program
- 1 recommendation you can make about the MCC program

Questions?

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