CURRICULAR & STUDENT EXPERIENCE

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Student Fiscal Services (SFS) partnered with students and surveyed its staff to determine key messages for First Year Program Orientations and additional training needs. Based on this, in 2015 SFS held over 100 orientations and workshops, touching over 10,000 students, parents, and UW staff. SFS also offered workshops to students in Banking in the US, and Tax. Additionally, SFS added Student Database Training for departments, orientations for transfer students, and a Mandarin language option in one of the workshops. SFS received positive feedback from students and parents, and First Year Program student counselors: “...Your office was always the most Husky-spirited, and it made introducing you all super fun. Thank you for being such a gracious campus partner, and making my last summer at the UW so much more fun!”

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

School of Public Health and Carlson Leadership and Public Service Center Undergraduate Public Health Major

Working in partnership with the Carlson Leadership and Public Service Center, the Undergraduate Public Health major developed a required, senior-level, two-quarter course that incorporates service learning in a community-based, public health setting. Students have consistently reported (via end of quarter surveys) that engagement in service learning has deepened their understanding of academic coursework. Anecdotal data from community partners has demonstrated a profound impact on underserved populations. Based on student and partner feedback, the course has increased the number of community-based sites, adapted curriculum, and expanded to offer a summer session.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

School of Social Work and Disability Resources for Students Distributing Accessible Files

The School of Social Work distributes accessible course files, reducing the need for support from Disability Resources for Students, which saves time and money. This allows for more timely delivery of materials to students with documented needs. Additionally, accessible files are shared with other students, modeling Universal Design principles.

PAPERLESS UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

UW Seattle Undergraduate Admissions has gone paperless, with a new online application review system for domestic freshmen implemented winter 2016, in partnership with UW-IT. The new system replaces a paper-intensive process, helping Admissions review the 28,000 domestic freshmen applications it received for autumn 2016. It provides a streamlined process supported by online forms, electronic workflow and reporting dashboards, increasing efficiency and agility, reducing paper use, and supporting the UW’s ability to attract and admit high-achieving students.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

63 UW Seattle general-use classrooms received significant technology upgrades between July-December 2015 as part of an ongoing eight-year technology refresh program. UW-IT’s Classroom Technology & Events also reorganized and updated some of its operations to quickly resolve classroom issues, and it surpassed its goal of two weekly classroom maintenance checks to find and fix problems before classes are held. The team checks every classroom at least three times per week so projectors, speakers, microphones, laptop cables, and desktop computers can be continually tested, repaired or replaced, and ready for use the next day.
The Green Certification interns have presented to over 200 people of their time promoting the program rather than scoring applications. The new online application automatically sends results, allowing student interns to spend a majority of their time elsewhere, reducing the workload on these interns.

MyResearch provides transparency to a variety of research administration process and information - all in one place. It currently includes two major features: Funding Status and Training Transcript. Within Funding Status a user will see a personalized dashboard, visibility into eGc1 and award statuses, contact information, important award comments as well as direct link access to SAGE and GrantTracker. Within Training Transcript, users will see a personalized transcript of university-required research-related training as well as access to previously acquired training records.

MyResearch has a rich roadmap of additional features developed by the Office of Research Information Services (ORIS), in partnership with Principal Investigators, Research Administrators, and key UW business partners.

In 2015, the office of Academic Appointment and Compensation in the School of Medicine used Interfolio to create an electronic workflow process for Clinical and Affiliate faculty promotions titles. This change allowed standardization of processes within departments, better communication, 100% accessibility of data/documents to users, and increased efficiencies. Turnaround time improved from days to hours and resulted in an overall increase of staff satisfaction.

In 2015 all composting, recycling, and landfill bins on the first, second, and third floors of Odegaard Undergraduate Library were replaced with redesigned sorting bin stations through the Collective. Each station is upcycled from approximately 1,485 reclaimed milk jugs and includes educational signs to make sorting quick and easy.

The Office of Animal Welfare identified areas for improving thoroughness and efficiency of Animal Use Protocol review by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). A pre-review was implemented to resolve technical details and ensure complete information goes to the committee. The result has been a decreased number of questions from the IACUC to the researcher (an average of 4.7 questions per protocol reduced to less than 1.0 question per protocol). Average time from submission to approval has also decreased by two business days.

The Health Sciences Immunization Program (HSIP) employed a free, web-based scheduling software, Volunteer Spot, for their immunization clinics. Students signed up for a time slot by using a web link from HSIP. Volunteer Spot sent students an automatic reminder and HSIP a notice of any changes or cancellations. HSIP increased efficiency by spending less time scheduling and rescheduling appointments, decreasing no-show rates by 50%, not reserving time for students who planned to get immunizations elsewhere, and reducing the workload on these offices.

UW Sustainability implemented a new Green Certification online application that eliminated an inefficient manual scoring process. The new online application scores offices or labs in real time and automatically sends results, allowing student interns to spend a majority of their time promoting the program rather than scoring applications. The Green Certification interns have presented to over 200 people from more than 10 campus departments, resulting in a 70% increase in Green Lab Certifications.

The fourth major release of UW Profiles—the single access point to a set of interactive web-based dashboards of core UW data—now enables comparison of the UW with U.S. public, private and Research 1 institutions in four key areas: graduation rates, retention rates, fall enrollment, and awards granted. These new Peer Dashboards, and the recently added Research Awards and Proposals, are available on the UW Profiles Portal, which received the business intelligence industry’s most prestigious honor—The Data Warehousing Institute (TDWI) Best Practices Award.

UW Emergency Management began offering free, personalized Seismic Mitigation Walkthroughs to any interested UW office, classroom, or workplace. These custom 30-40 minute on-site assessments provide UW students, faculty, and staff with personalized assessments and recommendations to help ride-out and survive an earthquake while on campus.

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