

Student Services Annual Department Report
Department: YES

Humboldt State University

Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

Dean of Students

Student Engagement Leadership

YES

YES Mission Statement

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The mission of YES is to support student-initiated, student-led volunteer programs that serve the local community. By creating a collaborative, inclusive and safe environment, students are encouraged to become active creators of their own learning through exploring new ideas, developing values and leadership, connecting deeply with peers and those they serve, and building meaning and understanding through reflection.

Related Items

 **1: To coordinate program site options and volunteer placement opportunities**

Description of Goal

To coordinate program site options and volunteer placement opportunities that reinforce experiential learning.

 **2: To facilitate opportunities to connect learning and service**

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To facilitate opportunities for students to connect learning and service.

 **3: To encourage advocacy, positive social change and empowerment**

Description of Goal

To encourage advocacy, positive social change and empowerment among our student leaders and those they serve.

Staffing and Budget Snapshot

Investments

 15-16 D422 YES ADV funding

 15-16 D422 YES HM500 SW100 funding

 15-16 D422 YES staff

Related Items

There are no related items.

End of Year Summary

Summary and Conclusions

SEL underwent an extensive program review this year in lieu of a traditional annual outcomes assessment. The purpose of the review was to provide observations and recommendations that might improve programs and services as well as the student experience. Ultimately, our intention in SEL is to positively impact the retention and engagement of HSU students from all walks of life. There were a number of themes associated with Clubs and Activities, Youth Educational Services and Student Engagement and Leadership Support (SEALS). The intent of this report is to address the themes and recommendations associated with Youth Educational Services (YES).

Report Key Themes

1. There is a need to connect the student body/leaders to the greater HSU community. YES is comprised of 15 student-led programs that primarily service the greater Humboldt County. These programs address a specific community need (ranging from youth to elderly) by placing HSU students as volunteers in a plethora of community service sites. Students in these programs have a tendency to be very passionate about their program of choice and, many times, at the expense of being knowledgeable about campus life overall.
2. Catalogue and address campus-wide policies and procedures that impede the leadership of students (including programming).
There has been a significant shift in programming efforts that has made it imperative that staff and volunteers are well versed in policies and procedures. These events can include minors and community partners which involves more risk and required adherence to specific policies and procedures. These need to be vetted and in one location for easy access.
3. Determine if civic engagement and community service is mission critical to the University and Student Affairs. Although YES is an over 45 year old program, there is a need to determine, from a University perspective the future of the program. There is a need for additional financial support, building structure concerns (location), student leaders financial support and insurance concerns.

 SEL Review 2015

Next Steps and Plans for Improvement Policies and Procedures

The Associate Dean of Student Engagement and Leadership, YES Coordinator and the University Risk Manager will partner to document policies and procedures associated with YES programs. This project will result in an on-line "one-stop" resource guide for student directors and volunteers.

Staffing and Student Support

Create opportunities for campus-wide partnerships that further connect YES students to the greater University community.

Hire and train new YES Coordinator.

Partner with University researchers and the YES Coordinator to identify grants that we might qualify for regarding student leadership and service (AmeriCorps).

Dialogue with campus partners about options for a new YES location.

Engagement and Involvement

Partner with the YES Coordinator and Risk Manager to sponsor a "kick-off" event for program volunteers to discuss expectations regarding their role.

Create opportunities for the further engagement of students from diverse backgrounds.

Related Items

There are no related items.