

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Marc Cutright

From: Dr. James Anderson

Date: February 1, 2002

Re: Strengthening First Year Student Learning at Doctoral/Research-Extensive Universities

In response to your request, we have enclosed summaries for the *Strengthening First Year Student Learning at Doctoral/Research-Extensive Universities* from North Carolina State University's Division of Undergraduate Affairs and its learning partners. As mentioned earlier, we were unable to gather initiatives from the academic colleges and student affairs in such short notice. We do understand that you will give us until April 1st to submit those reports.

As you may be aware, NC State University's Division of Undergraduate Affairs (UGA) promotes excellence and effectiveness in undergraduate education. UGA is charged with the development of a coherent vision for undergraduate education, the coordination of academic policy and curricular programming, and the strengthening of all academic support programs. Within the University mission, UGA seeks to engage undergraduate students in a wide range of academic activities that enhance their learning and result in more profound intellectual and civic development. Therefore, we are committed to providing quality programs for first year students, as well as for continuing students. It is our goal

1. to provide visionary leadership for the establishment of a coherent planning process for the undergraduate experience.
2. to become the national benchmark for undergraduate education among Research I, land-grant institutions.
3. to serve as the bridge between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.
4. to clarify the distinguishing, overarching features of an NC State undergraduate experience based on students' abilities to research, communicate, apply technology, and understand geographical and cultural contexts of their disciplines.
5. to support the University's commitment to teaching and learning and academic supports that enhances both the faculty and student experience at NC State.

In order to meet our goals, clear assessment of each initiative's outcomes are important. We want to understand what we are doing well and how we can improve not only the first year experience, but also the education of all NC State's undergraduate students.

Please advise if you need clarification of the attached or if you need additional information.
Thank you.

Attachments