

Academics

Leadership Summit 2006

Strategic Planning Small Group Discussion Summary

- Peer Advising could be improved in ArtSci
 - o Maybe we could have a General Student Advising protocol, to make sure advisors have certain requirements to meet in serving all students
- Having an EN120 type survey course for all schools
- Wanting system of seminars for people who just want to learn a subject for the sake of learning it
- Re-looking at cluster system in ArtSci
- Breaking up Premed classes into smaller groups
- Having seminars like FOCUS classes for all years and all schools, not just freshmen and ArtSci
- More hands-on learning vs. book learning
 - o Field trips
- Need for professors who focus on improving their teaching
- Improving the evaluation system
- Requiring mandatory internships
- Involving students in research more
- Who needs to be involved?
 - o Student committees: ArtSci Council or EnCouncil—get together!
 - o Inter-school group to work with Deans and a diverse group of professors
- Lunch/dinner with faculty
- We want education people are really interested in, not just for grades
- Students having better relationships with department chairs in majors
- Students have more say in what types of courses are offered—maybe suggest ideas for new courses
- Every department having one course for non-majors that isn't introductory
- Every department can form a student committee
- A class dealing just with freshman issues
- A small class based on WashU culture guide
- There are teachers here who only worry about research
- Making more people aware of Undergraduate Council
- Publicizing research opportunities more
- Dean Biggs—ArtSci and Research
 - o Incentive-based evaluations
 - o Evaluations help professors receive tenure—make sure good teachers stay and let teachers who need to improve know that!
 - o Teach students how to approach professors, especially about controversial situations like a bad grade on a test
 - o Making more use of faculty families that live in the dorm
 - o Our goal should be increased awareness of educational involvement opportunities