Emerging Stars: A Summer Bridge Experience Involving Supplemental Instruction

The Background: SI Snapshot at Texas State

- SI established at Texas State in 1997
- Initially funded through internal grants
- Texas State currently has about 80 SI Leaders per FY (9 disciplines, 13 courses, 92 sections in FY 2012)
- Leaders have required cumulative 3.0 GPA (min) / Preferred 3.2 GPA / Median 3.7 in Fall 2011
- SIs receive 16-20 hours of initial training, 4-6 hours of ongoing training, and regular supervision/observation

The Coursework

- Each student in the cohort takes 6 hours of prescribed courses (most students complete EDP 1350 & ENG 1310)
- Educational Psychology 1350: Effective Learning (learning theory, behavior modification, and developmental psychology)
- English 1310: College Writing I (Expository Writing with focus on critical reading of non-fiction and revision of essays)
- Philosophy 1320: Ethics & Society (focus on social problems and new fields of inquiry)

The Collaborative Team

Academic Affairs
- Office of the Provost
- Vice President of Enrollment Management
- Assoc. Vice President of Academic Services
- Office of Admissions
- Registrar
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- University College
- Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC)
- Various Advising Centers

Student Affairs
- Vice President of Student Affairs
- Housing & Residence Life
- Campus Activities & Student Organizations
- Retention Management & Planning
- Mentoring
- Campus Recreation
- Career Services

Others
- Department of English
- Department of Communication Studies
- Department of Philosophy
- Department of Curriculum & Instruction
- ID Services
- Auxiliary Services

The SI Leaders

- Experienced SI Leaders express interest in working with Emerging Stars program mid-spring semester
- Program Coordinator selects from those interested to provide support for EDP 1350 & PHIL 1320
- SI Leaders not required to have taken EDP 1350

SI for a Summer Session Program

- SI Leaders attend lectures 2 hours / day (10 hours/week) and facilitate two one-hour sessions each day Monday- Thursday (8 sessions/week)
- SI Leaders attend one one-hour faculty meeting / week and have five paid preparation hours / week
- Total of 22 hours / week at their regular semester rate (starts at $8.50/hour and raises $.25/hour each semester of experience gained)
- Sessions scheduled by survey on first class day

Additional SI Involvement

- SI Leaders are present and help with
  - ✓ Move-In (shuttle students to various offices, help with unloading cars, etc.)
  - ✓ Welcome BBQ (serve as table hosts, answer questions, etc.)
  - ✓ Student Panel (answering general student questions)
  - ✓ First Study Break (held in residence hall lobby first Wednesday of classes; answer questions, hand out goodies & snacks;)

Summer 2011 Outcomes

- Student cohort of 158
- 92% Aggregate Attendance
- 1,168 Aggregate Contact Hours
- Individual Section Attendance ranging from 86% - 100%
- 54% (86/158 students) attended 5-9 sessions
- 23% (37/158 students) attended 10-14 sessions
- Individual section contact hours ranging from 106 hours to 352 hours
- 92% of respondents rated SI Helpful or Very Helpful in End of Term Surveys (N = 131)

Questions? Let's talk!
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