

New Student Orientation 2016

Existing Model:

Sunday: Move in Welcome Ceremony Campus Picnic	Monday: Block Sessions Academic Success Crossing the Line Green Dot Library Services Buy Text Books Camps SaVE Act Program	Tuesday: IC Course Meetings Academic Choices Adviser Meetings Buy Text Books Activities Fair
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Proposal:

We are looking at redeveloping Orientation in a four day model that would start with move in on Saturday and conclude on Tuesday. The goal of this change would be to address in greater depth the concerns as expressed by students through the College Student Inventory (CSI) conducted during New Student Registration and concerns from the Dean and Faculty that there should be more academic content in Orientation.

Ruffalo Noel Levitz CSI Top 10 Wants and Needs:

Item	Rank 2015	Rank 2014
Get help in selecting an academic program	1	1
Get information about clubs and social organizations	2	2
Discuss the qualifications for occupations	3	3
Get help in meeting new friends	4	4
Discuss job market for college graduates	5	6
Get help with exam skills	6	8
Get help in selecting an occupation	7	5

Discuss advantages/disadvantages of occupations	8	7
Get information about student activities	9	9
Get help in obtaining a scholarship	10	12

New Student Orientation Evaluation Data:

This assessment is conducted during the 4th week of classes and students are given a week to respond to the tool. In 2015 a total of 327 new students responded, a 58% response rate.

6. Please identify how helpful the following orientation programs were in preparing you to be a UMM student. (Answers: Very Helpful = 4, Helpful = 3, Unhelpful = 2, Very Unhelpful = 1)

- Academic Success - 2.93
- Crossing the Line - 2.89
- Green Dot - 3.06
- Library Services - 3.05
- Campus SaVE Act - 2.96
- IC Course Meeting - 3.32
- Academic Choices - 3.02
- Adviser Meeting - 3.36
- Student Activities Fair - 3.48

7. Please identify how helpful these aspects of Orientation were in preparing you to be a UMM student. (Answers: Very Helpful = 4, Helpful = 3, Unhelpful = 2, Very Unhelpful = 1)

- Welcome Ceremony - 2.77
- Orientation Group Meetings - 3.24
- Campus Tours - 3.34
- Floor Activities and Programs - 3.31
- Orientation Guide (publication) - 2.98
- Your Orientation Group Leader - 3.60
- Your Faculty Adviser - 3.30

9. Did you have enough time to unpack and settle in before classes started?

- Yes - 78%
- Too Little Time - 21%
- Too Much Time - 1%

10. Were you better prepared for college than you were before attending New Student Orientation?

- Much More Prepared - 19%
- More Prepared - 68%
- Less Prepared - 12%
- Much Less Prepared - 1%

Possible new programs:

- Majors Fair - There has been a concern raised that students need greater exposure to all of the academic fields of study available to them, this was a suggestion for how to provide that exposure.
 - use students and faculty
 - fair idea may be helpful for faculty to learn how to promote and talk about their discipline
 - alumni from disciplines? if not there in person, show videos. Tie to homecoming.
- Local Business Expo - This did exist prior to the change to a Sunday start. Local businesses were unwilling to participate in this program on a Sunday but may be willing to on a Saturday.
- Expanded Adviser/Advisee meetings - There is an interest in expanding the amount of time new students spend with their Advisers, to allow for less formal interaction and perhaps more one on one time. This could present significant logistical challenges.
- Campus resource expo/Job search sessions - programs to help students learn to navigate student employment opportunities.
- Community tours - OGLs lead students around town. get businesses to be ready to welcome them.

