

"They just show up" The Role and Relationship Between Student Government Leaders and University Administration

Introduction

Student government leaders play a significant role on college campuses. In that role, the ability to work with university administration is critical to their success. This qualitative project aimed to increase understanding of the experiences of student government leaders and university administrators. Our findings include ideas for administrators to consider when engaging with student leaders.

Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
Integrity **Leadership** Listening
Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles

Faculty Voice

"I loved having the chance to work with undergraduate students on a project that focused on, undergraduate students! They brought a great hunger to do the work and much needed perspectives."

--Jon McNaughtan



Team

Faculty: Dr. Jon McNaughtan

Students: Denise Wells, Lilly Smith

Student Voice

"I've really enjoyed my experience with working on research from the ground up. I've really got to understand how research is developed and it has allowed me to be connected to other research labs on campus along with other students that have similar interests like myself."
--Denise Wells



"Students participated in the project from start to finish."

"Students were able to better understand the research process."

"Students were able to provide insight into the thoughts of other students."

Transformative Experiences

To Date Progress

3 Potential Papers

TrUE
Transformers

My Top 3 Transformative Priorities

Supported More Than One Undergraduate Researcher

Potential for Institutionalization

Intentionally Recruited Underrepresented Students