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Annual Review

PACK Meal Share

Recognizing the scope of food insecurity on campus, Student Government led the way in advocating for a student-to-student meal sharing program in partnership with University Dining. Through the donation of guest meals from student meal plans, a pool of meals was established for students who find themselves facing short-term food insecurity. These meals can be added to a student ID card to allow entry into Fountain, Clark, and Case (breakfast and lunch only) Dining Halls, the Oval, and the Wolves Den, creating easy and discrete access to meals at no cost. At the end of the Fall 2018 semester, over 2500 guest meal swipes were donated by NC State students to replenish the supply of available meal swipes for the spring semester.

Graduation Robe Closet

With a generous donation of a few size runs of baccalaureate and masters regalia from the Bookstore, SG partnered with the Career Development Center to pilot the graduation robe closet. Starting with the fall 2018 semester, Pack Promise students were able to borrow caps and gowns at no charge to wear to their commencement ceremonies. Student Government worked to secure an additional 40 robes in high demand sizes to allow for the expansion of this program beyond Pack Promise students for the upcoming May 2019 Commencement.

Campus Child Care Resources

We partnered with Meredith College to open up their new after school program, Wings After School, to NC State students. This low cost enrichment-based after school program is available from 3-6pm for children ages 5-12 for $175 per child per month. We worked on advertising this opportunity to relevant student populations. We also worked on assessing the exact needs (full-time vs. part-time vs. emergency care) and the demand for these services so that resources could possibly be expanded to better meet need. Additionally, we worked with the Women's Center to advocate for a parental resources webpage as a single site with information for parents and parents-to-be.

Campus Accessibility

We met with the Disability Resource Office, Facilities, and the Architect's Office to discuss the most impactful ways that SG can help further campus accessibility. Additionally, SG helped to

host the inaugural NC State Accessibility Excursion to raise awareness about campus accessibility and to address accessibility barriers on campus. Using findings from this event and frequently reported concerns from various campus departments, we administered a survey to all students registered with the Disability Resource Office to select which improvement we should pursue. Based on this research throughout the year, SG has funded installation of exterior accessible pathway signage near Reynolds Coliseum and a door actuator on Bragaw Residence Hall, both of which will be installed this summer.

Online Cultural Competency Training

We met with OIED to discuss the most impactful ways an online diversity competency training could be implemented at NC State. We then did research on similar programs at other institutions and compared it with our peer institutions. We identified funds in the SG budget and worked to secure approval to utilize them to purchase a pilot of an online cultural competency training. OIED and DASA are leading the selection of a module and implementation is expected in the next calendar year.

Graduate Student Non-Conference Travel Award

Attending academic conferences and professional workshops are vital parts of most graduate school careers, but can present considerable out of pocket expenses. There are many opportunities to apply for travel awards for conferences where students will be presenting their work. However, there are very few opportunities to receive funding for workshop-based travel, where critical training is received but an individual's research is not being presented. In partnership with The Graduate School, SG initiated and contributed funding to pilot a non-conference travel award to help alleviate this need.

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