

Resolution on Common Intellectual Experience

Whereas conversion to semesters has led to a new Welcome Weekend program that will acquaint UC's entering first-year students with our diverse and culturally rich university in ways that will prepare them for their first day of classes; and,

Whereas studies of first-year student retention success rates indicate that the crucial variable is student interaction with faculty; and,

Whereas it is the intention of Welcome Weekend activities to include an academic agenda anchored on a program called a "Common Intellectual Experience" supported by the Directors of Student Activities & Leadership Development, Resident Education & Development, and the Center for First Year Experience and Learning Communities; and,

Whereas faculty will develop these experiences directly; and,

Whereas such experience will prepare students for meaningful academic planning and engagement from their first day of classes through graduation;

Be it Resolved, that Faculty Senate urges faculty to take this opportunity to engage with our newest students, to shape their preparation for college success, and thus, participate actively in the Common Intellectual Experience Program during Welcome Weekend.