

Symposium Outcomes

Participants of the 2017 First to Finish Next Steps, suggested the following actions.

Friendly Campus Climate

- Invite first generation alumnus (guest speakers)
- Video clips link to the CSLA website
- Financial education or awareness for financial aid recipients
- Honor roll ceremony
- Bike friendly campus
- Proper signage on campus buildings
- Increase spirit week by wearing school/university colors
- Monthly encouragement day (moment of silence) to promote student support
- Positive campus police presence throughout campus
- No cost event – free swag, prizes, any type of giveaways, gift cards, supplies (bluebooks, binders, pens and pencils)
- Tone of voice used communicating while with a student
- Use a caring approach when attempting to talk to a student

Friendly Classroom

- Virtual office hours
- Have ITS in the library to teach students all IT techniques
- Add extra credit assignments towards final grade and assignments
- Ask ITS to inform students about the tech requirements for succeeding in accessing and submitting course assignments.
- Provide information on computer lab locations and available tech help

Student Affairs Practice

- Parent orientation (throughout the year)
- Increase parent involvement and comfort on campus
- Give parents knowledge on campus resources
- Emphasize pride of being a first generation
- Adding videos on YouTube
- Emphasize importance of time-management and prioritizing
- Discuss campus extra-curricular activities (CSI)

Friendly Research

- What are we really saying?

- What definitions are we using?
- We need to collaborate across our university on getting data → Understanding of first generation families and how to implement this new found information in the classroom and on the campus
- Ask: Are you hungry? When did you eat? Do you have a place to stay at night?
- We collect information on first year students(NESSE: National Engagement Survey)
- Student Service Areas: Food insecurities (Cal Fresh on campus & food pantry) and Housing Insecurities
- What data to collect? Mixed methods in collecting data
- Deliberate
- Collaborative
- Quantitate and qualitative student voice