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Student Success

Student Success and SOAR

In an effort to positively impact enrollment/registration and retention, **Student Success,** under the auspices of Enrollment Management, organized and implemented four *Summer Orientation Advising and Registration* (SOAR) sessions for Summer, 2011. Each session was structured as a two-day event. As a result, a total of 467 new students were oriented to the university and 400 (86%) completed the registration process prior to the first day of classes.

Registered      Expected          Male            Female

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| STUORIENT1 | New Student Orientation 1 | 64 | 88 | | 18 | 46 |
| STUORIENT2 | New Student Orientation 2 | 108 | | 141 | 36 | 72 |
| STUORIENT3 | New Student Orientation 3 | 115 | | 160 | 33 | 82 |
| STUORIENT4 | New Student Orientation 4 | 180 | | 262 | 61 | 119 |
|  | Total | 467 | |  |  |  |

Student Success and Early Orientation

Following instructions of the Provost/Academic Vice President, the New Student Welcome Week activity for Student Success was revised for Sping, 2012. The Student Success activity (Black Carpet Introductions) developed around a “Welcome Skit” that highlighted certain situations/circumstances that the student might encounter while attending school. Each scenario was a lead-into the introduction of a key GSU administrator, who briefly addressed the audience. A total of at least 36 new students attended this activity and by way of a survey, 100% positive feedback about the activity was provided. The questions and responses to the survey were:

\*Did the session provide helpful information? 36 out of 36 responded – Yes

\*Was the session of relevance to you? 36 out of 36 responded – Yes

\*Was the information in each session effectively presented? 36 out of 36 responded – Yes

\*Did the session meet your expectations? 36 out of 36 responded – Yes

\*My overall impression of the Orientation Session: 29 out of 36 responded – Excellent

7 out of 36 responded – Good

Their overall suggestion/comment was that this activity be expanded on for future orientation sessions.