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**SENATE ACT 26-23**

**TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR JUST IN TIME MENTORING PROGRAM**

**Rescue mentoring for at risk first year students**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:**

**SECTION I PURPOSE**

Research has shown that early alert systems can be effective tools for student success.<sup>1</sup> Predictors such as absenteeism, low grades on midterms, and failing to turn in assignments have all demonstrated to impact student success.<sup>2</sup> An emerging field of literature on student retention has shown promising results for integration of campus early alert systems.<sup>3</sup> Research has also shown peer mentors can serve as a vital role to help students overcome social and academic barriers to success.<sup>4</sup>

UHM currently has an in-house early alert system through STAR. This system is known as the *Campaign* feature in the STAR balance system. Through this feature, student IDs are uploaded by a staff or faculty member and then a message is sent out to students' instructors. Instructors are greeted with a welcome message and asked to complete a mid semester evaluation of the students; which inquires about attendance, assignments, and exams. At the end of the evaluation, instructors are asked if a student poses a risk of failing the class.

**Overview**

The *Just-In-Time Mentoring program* seeks to use the current UHM early alert system as a way to identify students for intentional mentorship. With this pilot, the First Year Programs office will upload all first year students into a STAR Campaign to help identify those who may be at risk of departing from the university. Once the faculty have completed the evaluation, all students who are flagged as at risk will be contacted to meet with a mentor. The mentor will request to meet with the student individually as needed. During the meeting, the mentor will be able to check-in with the student and help provide academic support/coaching. Further, the mentor will be able to make appropriate referrals when necessary.

The First Year Program office will run two early alert campaigns during the Spring 2023 semester. The timing will be at week six and week eleven in an attempt to coincide with midterms. Student mentors will meet ongoing and as needed with those identified as at-risk by the STAR Early Alert Campaign.

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<sup>1</sup> Allen, I.E., Seaman, J., Poulin, R., & Straut, T.T. (2016). Online report card: Tracking online education in the United States. Online Learning Consortium publication. Retrieved on February 2, 2017 from <https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/read/online-report-card-tracking-online-education-united-states-2015>

<sup>2</sup> Shaw, M., Burrus, S., Ferguson, K. (2016, Fall) Factors that influence student attrition in online courses. Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration, 19(3). Retrieved from [http://www.westga.edu/~distance/ojdl/fall193/shaw\\_burrus\\_ferguson193.html](http://www.westga.edu/~distance/ojdl/fall193/shaw_burrus_ferguson193.html)

<sup>3</sup> Simons, J. "A National Study of Student Early Alert Models at Four-Year Institutions of Higher Education." Op. cit., p. 31. Percentages are based on students contacted by the University's Learning Center. See "Early Academic Alert Report 2012-2013." Central Connecticut State University. [http://web.ccsu.edu/tlc/about/files/Early\\_Academic\\_Alert\\_report\\_for\\_Fall\\_2012\\_and\\_Spring\\_2013.pdf](http://web.ccsu.edu/tlc/about/files/Early_Academic_Alert_report_for_Fall_2012_and_Spring_2013.pdf) 57

Simons, J. "A National Study of Student Early Alert Models at Four-Year Institutions of Higher Education." Op. cit., p. 87

<sup>4</sup> Crisp, G. & Cruz, I. (2009). Mentoring College Students: A Critical Review of the Literature Between 1990 and 2007, Review of Educational Research, 50:525-545 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11162-009-9130-2>

SECTION II APPROPRIATIONS

A total of \$4,650.00 shall be appropriated from the Senate Account (University Programs, Services, and Support).

Meal-related meal vouchers, 150 participants (\$10 x 3 meals).....\$4,500.00

Advertising.....\$150.00

**Total..... \$4,650.00**

SECTION III PROVISIONS

ASUH shall be recognized as sponsoring this event.

Other entities involved can be recognized

The program will be assessed using student satisfaction surveys. The program will also be assessed by examining final semester grades for those who opt to participate compared to those who decide not to participate when contacted.

The First Year Program office implement the program

SECTION IV Any unexpended and unencumbered balance of any appropriation of this Act, as of the close of business on May 6, 2023 shall lapse into Senate Account #3325232.

SECTION V The Treasurer is authorized to draw upon said account.

SECTION VI. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Senate.

**INTRODUCED BY**

Albert Yee, Senator

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE BILL 26-23: TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR JUST IN TIME MENTORING PROGRAM**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Kasal-Barsky, Acting Treasurer Dulai, Secretary Cha, SAL Chen, SAL Dizon, SAL Hermoso, Senator Goo, Senator Kim, Senator Lum, Senator Sambrano, Senator Stewart, Senator Tran, Senator Yee [14]

**Naye(s):** [0]

**Abstention(s):** [0]