Governors State University
Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: Reaching Vision 2020

Focus Area: Civic Engagement & Community Service
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Implementation Year: 2017-18

**Goal 4:** Create, implement and assess civic engagement and community service opportunities for students to develop awareness and understanding of civic learning and democratic engagement through understanding of societal issues.

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<th>Objective 1:</th>
<th>Develop programs to enrich awareness and participation in civic engagement and community service initiatives on and off campus.</th>
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| **Action Items** | • Collaborate with cohort freshman faculty to create engagement among freshmen students.  
                         • Create volunteer opportunities for the students.  
                         • Identify community service partnerships within the community.  
                         • Develop community service programs for freshman cohort themes.  
                         • Continue programs such as Hunger and Homelessness Week, 9/11, ASB and Relay For Life. |
| **Indicators and Data Needed** | Develop survey to measure the expected v. actual participation  
                                   Pre and Post Surveys  
                                   Staff observations  
                                   Focus Groups |
| **Responsible Person and/or Unit** | AmeriCorps Vista |
| **Milestones** | Review data collected year to year to measure student participation.  
                         Survey participants after the end of year. (Level of involvement and exposure to activities)  
                         Assess faculty involvement in supporting community service. |
| **Desired Outcomes and Achievements** | Create awareness of safe on campus resources, which will allow students to take advantage of on-campus assistance.  
                                              Engagement of Faculty and Students to assist students in need.  
                                              Lower the rate of students dropping out due to hunger and/or homelessness. |