

# Student Senate Initiatives 2020-2021

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# Motivote

- Voter engagement platform
  - 240 users
- Voter friendly campus



# Social Justice



# Juneteenth and Indigenous People's Day

- University days of observance
- Working committees to plan educational programming and events of commemoration
- Celebrating the history of our diverse student, staff, and faculty



# Land Acknowledgement

- Stated in the Commencement program booklet, as well as, open Convocation, and the Spirit of Community Awards with the reading of the acknowledgement
- Used at the leisure of student and departmental organizations
- Highlight this acknowledgement on Indigenous Peoples' Day to bring awareness to the campus community
- Webpage on the University website in an accessible format that features the land acknowledgement
- Engraved plaque of the land acknowledgment to be placed at an approved central campus location



# Student Success



# Campus-Wide Black Council (CBC)

- Establishing a coalition of Black student organizations, in the form of the Campus-wide Black Council, that develops programs focused on recruitment, retention, and student success
- Create research, professional mentoring, and volunteering programming for African American students on campus
- Unifying the Black student community by cultivating more safe and supportive spaces



# Student Resources

- Blue-light blocking glasses
  - 1000 available; distributed through Motivate and the libraries across campus
- Noise-canceling headphones in collaboration with the Office of the Provost
  - 300 given on Mental Health Day (Winter 2021)
  - 1000 will be given at next year's mental health days (Fall 2021 and Winter 2022)





# Cap and Gown Rental

- We will purchase 70-100 baccalaureate-level cap & gown sets that will be available for students to use in University commencement ceremonies.
  - Students can also donate their caps and gowns
- Collaborate with Warrior Wardrobe to make them available for students.



# Course Information Matrix (CIM)

- Partnered with C&IT and CLAS Faculty council to develop a voluntary based archive of course materials from previous courses that students can access prior to course registration to gain an overview of what a desired course has previously entailed.
- Opt-in model that allows faculty to choose exactly what materials they wish to share, if any; faculty can share course description, course summary, grade weighting, modules list, and syllabus



# Student Health and Wellness



# Water Bottle Refill Stations

- Partnered with Facilities to install two new water bottle refill stations
  - 2nd and 3rd floor of the Undergraduate Library
- Implement at least one water bottle refill station in General Lectures, Deroy Auditorium, Atchison Hall, Ghafari Hall, Towers, Purdy Kresge Library and add one more water bottle refill station in Old Main



# Menstrual Product Pilot Program

- Partnered with Facilities to install three Aunt Flow dispensers with menstrual products in one bathroom in each of these buildings: Student Center, State Hall, and Undergraduate Library
- Implement this pilot program year round and add three additional locations: Old Main, General Lectures, and Deroy Auditorium



# Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

- Developed in collaboration with CAPS and the Office of the Provost
- Educate
  - Voluntary online module (30 minutes) about mental health resources and self-care will be available to students at the beginning of the year
  - First Year Seminar module that explores these topics more in depth
  - Mental Health Elective Course that is being developed in the College of Education
- Connect
  - Working with OneCard office to add mental health resources contact information to onecards
  - An additional counselor in CAPS
  - A healthcare professional in the Campus Health Center to triage student needs and develop an outreach system for initial appointments



Questions?

