



The Personal Involvement Plan (PIP) for First Year Students

Purpose:

To help students realize what out-of-class opportunities are available to them at UNE and
To offer them avenues for involvement.

Process:

- The PIP is introduced as a worksheet for first year students to explore how they would like to become involved at UNE. Students are given a copy of the Student Involvement Guide, (SIG) which lists all clubs and organizations and other involvement opportunities (not all-inclusive) at UNE.
- During the process, the student is asked to explain what it was they did when they were in high school or in the years preceding entrance to UNE. These involvements can be matched to similar involvements at UNE if the student wants to continue them. The following guiding questions can/should be used:
 1. What did you do in high school? Clubs? Sports?
 2. Would you like to continue with that involvement here?
 3. What ideas would you have for you to expand your involvement?
 4. What is your major or intended major?
- After recording the answers to these, the student is asked if there are clubs or involvements in the SIG look interesting to them (which ones they would like more information about). Based on their major, involvement opportunities related to professional or educational development could be suggested. Ex: for Occupational Therapy, joining UNESOTA, for Marine Biology, becoming a volunteer or docent at the MARC, seeking an internship, studying abroad, etc.
- Students are then asked if there is a club idea or involvement idea they have for which they do not see a current opportunity listed in the SIG. Ask them if they would be willing to start such a club or opportunity.
 - If this is a club they would like to start, the student can be directed to the office of the Campus Center and Student Involvement.
 - If it is a different type of involvement, attempts should be made to make connections for the student about who the student should see to begin such involvement. Ex: Trisha Mason for Study Abroad, CAS Dean's Office for Academic Internships or Independent Studies.
- The student can be sent away with a copy of their PIP with the above questions now turned into "Action Steps" the student can take to get involved.