Welcome Week Purpose/Vision/Mission
Advisory Committee Approved

Title:
Welcome Week

Purpose:
To have students identify as a member of University of Minnesota community and understand expectations related to community membership. This program is designed to provide opportunities to enhance student success, increase student satisfaction and retention, and improve graduation rates.

Vision:
The vision of Welcome Week is to assist students in navigating their transition to college as a member of the University of Minnesota community, while enhancing their opportunities for personal development and academic success.

Mission:
Welcome Week is designed to engage the campus community in creating a meaningful University experience for first-year students that will:

1) Begin to build a sense of community by encouraging a first-year class identity, fostering institutional pride and respect, acknowledging individual responsibility to the community, as well as ownership and responsibility for their college experience.

2) Assist students in their adjustment to the campus environment and campus life through academic and student development programs that enhance the capacity of students to lead and work among students from diverse cultural, ethnic, national, socio-economic and religious backgrounds and of different sexual orientations and physical abilities.

3) Provide students an opportunity to have and maintain meaningful relationships with students, faculty, staff and surrounding community that will encourage academic and personal success during their first year and throughout their college experience.

4) Allow students to navigate the campus while discovering and accessing the multitude of resources and opportunities available at the University that meet the ever-changing and diverse needs of students so they may be intentional in creating a successful college experience.

5) Provide leadership opportunities for current students to enhance their leadership development and commitment to the University.