UA Project Updates

Status of Minorities in Undergraduate Education: Groundbreaking in its scope, depth, and breadth, this status update encompasses five distinct proposals. The proposals support the following: Asian American Studies Program; LGBT Studies Program; Latin American and Latino Studies Program; African Studies Program Proposal; and, a look into the “Cultural Diversity” requirement.

Textbooks Affordability Proposal: In response to sweeping student concerns about the current economic crisis’ effect on student life, the UA has pledged to investigate ways to mitigate the rising costs of textbooks. Plans include working with Student Financial Services, Penn Bookstore, and Penn Library System.

NSO Night-Time Activities Proposal: This proposal supports a new UA/UA Steering initiative to create alternative programming for freshmen during the late nights of NSO.

Meal Donation Proposal: As per this proposal, the UA will be publicizing and working with several student groups dedicated to donating leftover meals from the dining halls, on their meal plans, to shelters in Philadelphia. The UA will continue to work with Penn Dining to investigate further options for donating left-over meals.

Intellectual Property Rights Proposal: This proposal calls on the University to condense and clarify its policy regarding the intellectual property rights of students so as to further identify what rights students have over their work, and under what conditions does it become the property of professors or the university.

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