

First Gen Task Force

- o Committee of about 2 dozen faculty, staff, and administrators
- o Began meeting in January 2017

Activities so far:

Review of research, institutional data, campus resources, and news stories related to First Gen Students

“Ways to Make a Difference” resource for all UI faculty and staff, based on review of research, best practices identified by Task Force members, and interviews with First Gen students

Review of peer practices to identify ways that other universities support First Gen students

Creation of a resource for faculty and TAs supporting First Gen students in the classroom (designed to be a “Side 2” for “Ways to Make a Difference”)

Compilation of resources, research, and news stories on a new web site for faculty and staff who want to learn more about supporting First Gen college students:

<https://uc.uiowa.edu/first-generation-students>

Next Steps

Begin exploring ways to create a First Gen Faculty and Staff Network

Start circulating the “Ways to Make a Difference” document

Support UISG efforts to plan and launch the “First Gen Summit” on April 7

Invite others to create their own customized “Side 2” documents with implications for faculty or staff in the areas in which they work

Further develop the web site to

- o distribute resources to faculty and staff
- o post additional “Side 2” documents
- o coordinate with existing web sites that provide resources for students

Look more closely at First Gen students in SERU, the Senior Exit Survey, and other existing campus data sources

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