

# THE FYE MONTHLY

## BRIEFING OF FYE MONTHLY UPDATES

### ESSENTIAL PRACTICE OF THE MONTH: EFFECTIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING

Instructors of the University Studies FYE course led a Global Perspectives assignment with students of this course that allowed them to confront global challenges from their own perspectives and were challenged to add a global perspective. This assignment allowed students to research with their peers, gather understanding of intercultural perspectives, relate to a potential major or field, and learn more about the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

#### Tips for Instructors:

- Since the Global Goals for Sustainable Development provide a broad approach to how we can commit to sustainability, some students may struggle to see immediate connections or how they can research potential impacts in their area.
- Part of the process of this project is to use that open question to think critically and provide unique and innovative ideas with their team
- To balance this creative thinking process, the instructors created and provided outlines for each of their group project workdays to highlight research terms and phrases, delegation of tasks, and presentation preparation.
- Survey students prior to group formation to gain their interest in which of the Global Goals they would like to research further. This allows individuals to be grouped with similar interests and prompt an immediate connection.

### FYE MONTHLY REMINDER: SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN DISTRESS VIRTUAL LUNCH CHAT

We are at that point in the semester where students may be facing some stressful situations. Some may process internally and others may reach for the nearest person they can find. This can be scary if Peer Educators do not deal with these situations on a regular basis.

In this session, Hokie Wellness will discuss how to support students in distress and how Peer Educators can support themselves when helping this type of student.

Date: October 20, 2022 (Thursday)

Time: 11:45am- 1:00pm

Event Type: **This event is virtual and Peer Educators can receive the link to the Zoom session by registering clicking the link.** They can feel free to eat lunch as they are participating and listening in!

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## COLLABORATOR OF THE MONTH: STUDENT ACADEMIC ADVISING

As we all know, Advising time and the middle point of the semester is upon us. The collaborator of the month is Student Academic Advising. Listed below are resources and information that their office offers that is useful to you and your students:

- The [Academic Advising Handbook](#) is very useful to help anyone understand how advising works, understand VT vocabulary, terms, and acronyms when it comes to registering, adding, and dropping courses.
- [Students can use the Historical Timetable of Classes](#) to have understanding of what classes are offered at certain times.
- It is possible for students to have advising needs that may need to be accommodated by multiple services. They can visit the Student Advising website to find their Advising Community.

## UPCOMING VT EVENTS:

### Advising Chat: Designing Your Professional Development Plan

Thursday, October 6th from 10:30am-12pm in the Newman Multipurpose Room (preferred) or Zoom ([www.tinyurl.com/advisingnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/advisingnetwork))

Description: In this interactive session, Sam Buchanan will lead attendees in a professional development planning process. For newer practitioners, the session will also include a few minutes of discussion on professional development opportunities on campus and beyond; however, it is our hope that this session will provide opportunities for reflection and growth for both new and established practitioners on campus.

### Advisor Workgroup: Conference Proposal Workshop

Thursday, October 13th from 1pm-2:30pm in Newman Multipurpose Room

**Description:** This highly interactive session will provide participants with the opportunity to create and refine their own conference presentation proposals. Participants will be asked to attend with a rough idea for a presentation and will be given the tools to turn that idea into a cohesive and compelling written proposal. This session will be guided by facilitators who have significant experience writing and reviewing conference proposals. Participants are encouraged to bring ideas for whichever conference they would like to attend in the future.

**[RSVP highly encouraged for the Advisor Workgroup through this form by Monday, October 3rd](#)**

## WANT TO SHARE:

If you have an interesting publication, class project or assignment that you are doing with your FYE students, let us know!

If you have something that you want to share with the FYE Community, It can be sent to the Coordinator of First-Year Experiences, Kendria Mason. This is so it can be shared in the FYE Monthly and throughout other FYE communication. Also, reach out if you have any other questions or concerns about anything else!

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