Division of Student Life Strategic Plan
Implementation Team 1

Welcoming, Celebrating, and Connecting:
Form a welcome event committee
I-Team 1 Charge

- To identify and create programs and initiatives that assist in the forming of positive personal and social connections throughout the community.
- The committee looks to provide recommendations of new and existing programs and events throughout the year that will to connect the undergraduate and graduate community.
Team Membership

• Alana Hamlett, SAO, Leader
• Joel Pettigrew, Student Activities Office
• Bridgette Kelley, Residential Life and Dining
• Phil Hess, DAPER
Information Gathering

- Environmental Scan of DSL Events
- Information Interview
  - Elizabeth Young- UAAP
- Benchmarking
  - Orientation & Welcome Week Events
  - Social Media Community Building
Overall Recommendation

Craft a year round presence of engaging MIT Community around the themes of welcome celebrate and connect and the services and initiatives offered through DSL.
Team Recommendations

Recommendation #1

DSL Open House- Orientation

- Utilizing participating offices within DSL as a means for students to learn about physical spaces as well as roles and responsibilities of offices.
  - SD&S offices participated in a Meet & Greet in the Fall of 2013.
Recommendations, continued

Recommendation #2

**Social Media & Technology Plan**

- Engage with students on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram-
  - Opportunities for student leaders & student organizations to “take over” DSL social media
  - Highlight programming taking place throughout our division
- Find ways to connect with accepted students through social media to learn more about DSL
  - Work with Admissions to connect and collaborate
- Train staff on social media
Time to Nominate!

While the Oscars may have ended Hollywood's award season, MIT's is just starting to ramp up and it's time to start nominating individuals and student groups for awards! Two Awards Banquet in particular include the Multicultural Awards Banquet and the Student Leader Awards.

The Student Leader Awards honors select student leaders and student groups for their outstanding contributions to the MIT community. These awards are intended to recognize and honor their accomplishments and hard work while paying tribute to their efforts in developing community and student life at MIT. Nominations for awards are due by 5pm on Friday, April 18, 2014.
Recommendations, continued

Recommendation #3
- Create a committee comprised of DSL staff to continue the work around welcoming, celebrating & connecting year round

- Team responsibilities to include:
  - Highlight programs & initiatives that connect the undergraduate and graduate community to DSL
  - Create new opportunities for celebration between DSL and students
  - Alert DSL staff to opportunities to engage and interact with students (undergraduate & graduate)
    - Volunteer for Spring Fest concert
    - Plan HallowMIT
15 in 15 Initiative

15 in 15: Things to Do in the Next 15 Weeks

Welcome Weekend is only the start—your exploration of UC is just beginning! We strongly encourage you to use this list of suggestions to guide your continuing learning about life as a Bearcat throughout the fall semester.

- Visit the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) in 2441 French Hall (West) as soon as you can. LAC offers free academic coaching, supplemental instruction, and tutoring for all undergraduates. More information is at [http://www.uc.edu/aesas/lac.html](http://www.uc.edu/aesas/lac.html).

- Meet with your academic advisor about spring semester registration. Early registration for most new students begins the week of October 28. See advising centers at [http://www.uc.edu/registrar/ advisering/adv_directory.html](http://www.uc.edu/registrar/advisering/adv_directory.html).

- If you are a scholarship or grant recipient with responsibilities (e.g., Cincinnatus, Turner, Cincinnati Pride, etc.) review the requirements for any responsibilities you have (e.g., service hours, grades, meetings). Seek clarification on items you do not understand from the office that awarded you the funding.

- Visit the Career Development Center (CDC) website at [www.uc.edu/career/students.html](http://www.uc.edu/career/students.html). Identify your designated Career Coach; schedule a visit with him or her before the end of November.

- Attend at least one of the following all-campus welcome events celebrating UC’s diversity:
  - Hispanic Student Welcome, Thursday, Aug. 29, 5-7 p.m., Mick and Mack’s
  - Asian Student Welcome, Friday, Aug. 30, 5-7 p.m., TUC Great Hall
  - Akwaaba Black Student Welcome, Sunday, Sept. 8, 4-7 p.m., TUC Great Hall
  - LGBTQ Meet & Greet, Thursday, Sept. 5, 5-7 p.m., 565 Steger Student Life Center

- Attend CDC’s Part-time Job Fair on Wednesday, September 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Atrium on the third floor of Tangeman University Center (TUC).

- Attend the Fun, Food, and Library Finds in Langsam Library the first Friday of each month at 4 p.m. The first event is Friday, September 6!

- Attend one of the Center for Community Engagement’s service events like Into the Streets on Sept. 28. More specifics are online at [www.uc.edu/cee](http://www.uc.edu/cee).

- Learn more about study abroad at a half-hour First-Timers’ Sessionary weekday at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. in 700 Swift Hall.

- Attend the Programs Abroad Expo on October 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on MainStreet.

- Visit the Division of Professional Practice and Experiential Learning (ProPEL) in 830 Steger Student Life Center (SSLC) or at [http://www.uc.edu/propractice.html](http://www.uc.edu/propractice.html). Learn about Academic Internships, Co-op, and Service Learning & Civic Engagement.
A Day in the Life….

- Four times a year at the stroke of midnight, a team from the University of Michigan Photo Services sets out on a 24-hour marathon shoot across campus to document life at U-M morning, noon, and night.
- More than 5,000 photos were taken, and the team then narrowed them down to 78 photos to best represent the day at Michigan.
Next Steps

Reach to out Individuals across DSL interested in being involved with the committee.

Work to coordinate a DSL Open House for Fall 2015.

Continue conversations with UAAP about DSL’s involvement within Orientation