

Working Groups

Theme 1: What sort of problems (regarding their ability to learn : e.g. isolation, access to resources, ...) students are facing and can they improve in learning?

Working Group 1 :

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Problem	Solution
English language barrier (weak English or French Educated)	Remedial English (courses + activities), well defined learning outcomes for English courses
Weak performance because of a lack of time for working students (to pay tuition)	Advising with minimum number of credits, Recording the lecture/tutorials, teaching assistantship on a one-to-one basis, credit problem solving sessions
Special needs (slow learners)	More time exams, special structure of exam, special equipment
Weak oral/written communication skills	Including oral presentations in all courses, Including reports submission for courses, project, club activities/social activities
Weak personality	Assigning group projects in all courses + final project
Lack of motivation (impact: performance, personality, professionalism,...)	One-to-one orientation session, continuous advising, counseling, workshops on capacity building
Medical problems	Special counseling, club activities/social activities

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- Communication skills
- Soft skills
- Advising system enhancement
- Establishing career or improving system

- Management of student services
- Institutional research assessment
- Alleviate suitable working load
- Extra-curricular activities
- New teaching technologies
- Online registration system, online student book
- Student Jobs

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- Access to Resources: Web, Libraries, Access to information,...
- Motivation
- Orientation
- Freedom of Expressing Ideas/ Breaking stereo types
- Education Counseling
- Providing better Environment

Theme 2 : Discuss employability, orientation and placement and try to figure out if the current services are good enough or how they should be improved. Are new services needed in this perspective?

Working Group 2 :

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- Internships/training : placement and follow-up
- Center for orientation : courses out of programme but useful for jobs
- Center of entrepreneurship : students present their ideas, university helps with planning & financing
- Start-up weekend (Different universities., ideas, biz model 2days)

- Job fairs
- Job bank
- CV/Resume
- Marketing students
- Orientation/Awareness/passion
- High school -university groups
- Perception – Perspectives
- TBL Self... workshops
- Questionnaire (quality students orientation)

Theme 3: How to enhance counseling in general and psychological counseling in particular as a tool that permits to dissipate some of the problems?

This theme was missed by all groups. Please refer to presentation of Stephanie Griffiths