Initiatives for Enhancing the FYE in Russ College

Learning Communities

181 participants in nine learning communities (2009)

Major-specific learning communities

Faculty-led learning communities with peer mentors matched to major

Advising

Only faculty advisors give out DARS/RAC

College-wide online assessment of advising effectiveness (new in 2009)

Associate Dean advises undecided engineering majors

Curriculum

All students required to take first-year introduction to engineering/technology course

Early Start math courses for students requiring math 113 or 115 (low participation)

Delayed chemistry courses for some majors (deemed a success)

First-year curriculum for undecided engineering students

Extracurricular

Student orgs signup at Welcome Week

Emphasis during parent’s session of New Student Orientation

“Meet the Dean” and other college-wide socials

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Digital signage in Stocker Center and ARC