Student Innovation: How to Embrace Transformative Opportunities and Stop Limiting Success

“We did not come to fear the future. We came here to shape it.”
—Barack Obama
A Few Questions...

1. Are you excited or apprehensive when students bring their ideas to you?

2. Is the process for implementing student ideas simple or complicated?

3. Do you more frequently support or oppose student ideas?
Are students the priority in your day to day work?

OR

Are you too busy with work to make students a priority?
Students are the next generation of...
- Citizens
- Professionals
- Entrepreneurs
- Community Leaders
...and they are full of ideas that can improve the world around them.
Massively successful aquaponics greenhouse designed, funded, built, and managed by students.
STUDENT DESIGNED CURRICULUM

All level undergraduate academic programing focused on sustainability practices which was designed and led by students.
Internship program designed and led by students to increase retention among first year, low income, and disabled undergraduate students.
STUDENT FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Student created initiative to update the Campus Climate Action Plan and provide Clean Energy Funds directly to academic programs dedicated to sustainability education, research, and action. $450,000+ over 6 years.
Student created initiative and petition demanding the right to vote on a fee to directly fund academic program budgets, curricular development, fellowships, and faculty training. Possible $10+ Million over 10 years.
COMMON FORMS OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, AND INITIATIVES

- Individual Staff
- Individual Faculty
- Other Students
- Student Funding
- Student Activities
- Clear and Accessible Policies
- Governance Hours
- Student Employment
COMMON OBSTACLES TO STUDENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, AND INITIATIVES

- Staff
- Faculty
- Administrators
- Other Students
- Barriers to Participation
- Cronyism
- Unclear/Inaccessible Policies
- Lack of Support Systems
Do you show the same level of dedication to students that students are required to demonstrate towards their academic careers?
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