

**From Application to Graduation:
Cross-Campus Collaboration to Define,
Identify and Serve First-Generation College
Students**

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MEET YOUR PRESENTERS





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SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants will be able to establish a cross-institutional task force, including the criteria for selecting members and the strategies for engaging senior leadership.
- Participants will be able to incorporate institutional context and history when developing operational definitions and mechanisms for data collection.
- Participants will be able to articulate the benefits of having an operational definition of first-generation college student status at their institution.
- Participants will apply the presented case study can serve as a model for other colleges and universities facing similar challenges.

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01 Institutional Context

02 Task Force Development and the Charge

CASE STUDY: UM'S FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT TASK FORCE

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01 Institutional Context

University of Mississippi Profile

Institutional Support and Services

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University of Mississippi Profile



- Located in Oxford, MS
 - Population: 26,000 (estimate)
 - Nearest Major City: Memphis, TN
- Overall Enrollment*: 21,596
 - Undergraduate Enrollment: 18,533
 - Graduate Enrollment: 3,063
- Average High School GPA (4.0 Scale): 3.56
- Student to Faculty Ratio – 17:1
- Number of First-Gen Students: 1,839
- Retention Rate**: 87.9%
- Six-Year Graduation Rate***: 68.5%

*Fall 2023 enrollment, ** Fall 2022 cohort, ***Fall 2017 cohort

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Institutional Support and Services

Institutional Support	Student Organizations & Honor Societies	Academic Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flagship First Gen • Students First – Center for Student Success and First Year Experience • Ole Miss Opportunity Scholarship Program • UM CONNECT Peer Mentoring Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Gen Student Network • Tri Alpha Honor Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FASTTrack Learning Community • Grove Scholars • Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program

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TASK FORCE DEVELOPMENT & THE CHARGE



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TASK FORCE DEVELOPMENT & THE CHARGE

- Create an operational definition for First Generation students
- Conduct a review of best practices for recruitment, retention, and success
- Technical solution with IT, Admissions, and IREP to ensure info collection and data tracking
- Conduct a SWOT analysis of structures, policies, and Programs
- Recommend areas of cross campus collaboration to improve recruitment, retention, and success of first gen students



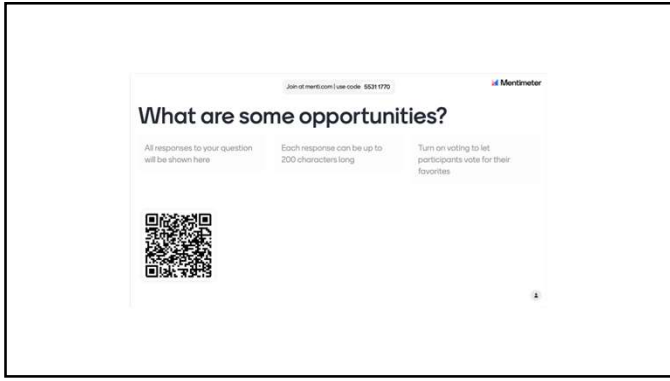
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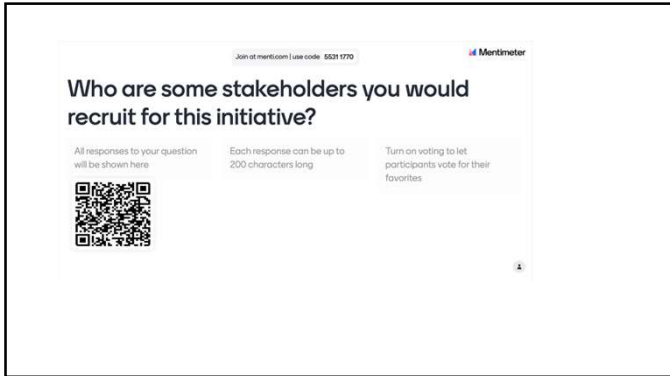
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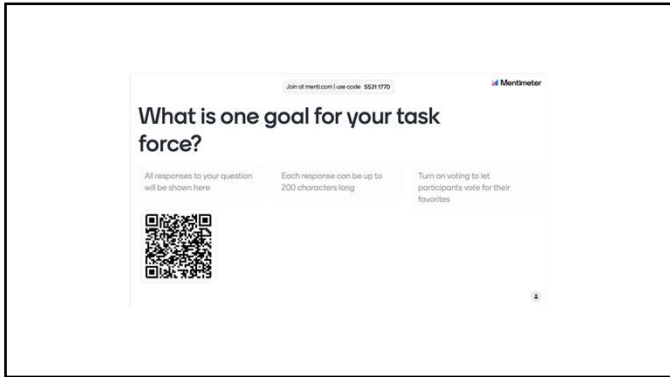
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