

Innovation Collaborative Newsletter

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Mission of the Innovation Collaborative

The Innovation Collaborative is a committee of staff and faculty from across campus working to foster a culture of innovation and help bring new ideas to fruition. Our mission is to seek ideas that generate revenue, reduce cost, and/or improve the campus experience and find ways to implement and sustain solutions for innovation and progress.

Submit an idea and let's get started!

INNOVATION INSIGHT OF THE MONTH

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BELL RINGING: CELEBRATING THE WINS!

When: September 30th at 3 p.m.

Where: Victory Bell, Shellenberger Field

What: Join the Innovation Collaborative Committee and key stakeholders in the implementation and success of the Summer Scholars program to celebrate the win and sustainability of this idea!

Next Month: October 12th at 12:40 p.m., to celebrate the creation of the Focus Group Room in Schewel.

UPDATES FROM SAVANNAH COOK, CIO

I'm so impressed with the dedication of our committee members. Over the past few months we have been working to develop an IC handbook, added five new members to the committee and have been working to enhance the idea implementation process.

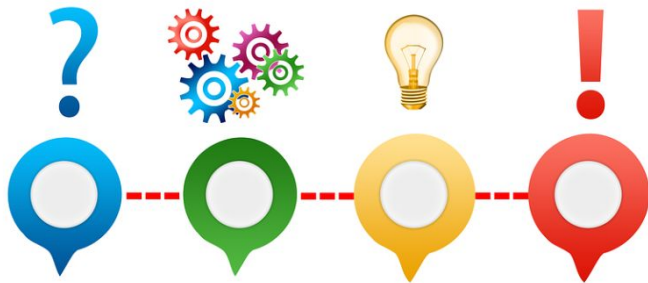
We are continuing to develop and implement ideas from last year. The committee has developed ways to enhance advocacy and implementation for ideas that meet at least one of our goals (revenue generation, cost savings and/or improving the campus experience). We are also working to assign and advocate for new idea submissions and have some really exciting ideas in the pipeline. Stay tuned and watch out for our monthly newsletter to stay up to date on all the great initiatives around campus.

Innovation Insight of the Month

“Connecting the Dots: A System for Creative Practice,” a workshop led by Daniel Hall, PhD, LPC, on ways to empower individuals and a team to build creativity and spark actionable and useful ideas, was held on September 13, 14 11-12 p.m. in the West Room, University of Lynchburg.



As part of the mission of the Innovation Collaborative, to build an innovative culture on our campus, Dr. Hall presented transformative strategies, including taking risks, iterating and evolving, developing a state of flow, fostering open collaboration and communication, and revisiting and reframing failures, looking beyond established patterns, to redesign in new ways. Play is a significant part of this process, and Dr. Hall led the workshop through several improvisations, where groups had to think quickly and work together to respond.



He also cautioned the group several times that when brainstorming, not to jump to conclusions, but to listen and collect many ideas. One idea that appears to be a solution may not be the best one. Comments following the workshop included “I absolutely loved this” from one of the participants, with lots of agreement. Thank you Dr. Hall for getting us off to a great start in reimagining and reinventing the University of Lynchburg.

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