



Shared Governance Idea Submission Form

Students and employees of Fairleigh Dickinson University can use this form to propose an idea to create a new policy or practice or revise an existing policy or practice. Fill out the form and click submit; the form will be sent to a staff member in the Office of the President, who will move it forward to the Governance Steering Council for review.

Requests for anonymity will be respected beyond the Governance Steering Council (GSC), which has to know the name of each person who proposes ideas so that the GSC can ask questions if necessary.

Caller

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Additional Information

Your Stakeholder Body Membership (choose one)	Faculty
Your Campus Affiliation (choose one)	Florham and Metro
Title of Proposal	Faculty Dining Hall Credits
Proposal	This is an idea that came out of my discussions at the Provost's recent Academic Leaders' meeting. I'd like to propose that faculty be given a limited amount of \$/credits to eat in the dining hall each semester as a way to connect with students and colleagues outside of the classroom and meetings. This could be done in the form of flex dollars or meal "tickets." Ideally, it would be great if this included adjunct instructors as well if budget allowed.
Description of Problem the Proposal Solves or Opportunity for Improvement the Proposal Addresses:	This would be an opportunity for faculty to connect with students and each other outside of the classroom. The idea would be to help shore up the sense of FDU identity and community. The hope would be that this could contribute to an increase in engagement for a low price tag, although I defer entirely to the committee and the relevant offices re: budgeting/feasibility.
Reason for This Proposal	I find that students are inspired to do their best work and also to feel stronger identity with the university when there's real-time support/investment from faculty outside of the classroom. To that end, I find that the more faculty connect with them on campus, the better our outcomes.
Is this proposal time sensitive?	No



Names of Groups You Think Should Be Consulted on This Proposal

Provost's Office? Provost's Leadership Council? Faculty Senate? Happy to leave the decision about whom to consult to the Committee.

Request Anonymity

No