Summary of Student Focus Group in Response to GE Campus Forum

Housing Residents and Resident Advisors, September 12, 2019

Summary verified by student participant Juliana Williams (English, Resident Advisor)

Student majors represented:

- Business Administration (Resident Advisor)
- Computer Animation & Game Development
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- Economics
- English (Resident Advisor)
- History
- Mechanical Engineering
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- Mechatronic Engineering
- Philosophy
- Pre-Nursing (Resident Advisor)
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- Psychology
- Social Science
- Undeclared

Overall thoughts about Pathway/GE Minor Names:

- Unanimous preference for names that are concise (one or two words) and extremely clear. As one student asked - to unanimous approval by the other students - “Why can’t they all be [as easy to understand] as Health & Wellness? The people who wrote the other [current] Pathway names should be fired.”
- Unanimous preference for names that are “professional sounding” and career-minded.
- Majority preference to avoid “activist,” “angry,” names, especially Social Justice. As one student said, “stay away from names that could offend someone.”

Preference for Pathway/GE Minor Names from Campus Forum:

- Cultural Studies
- Data Analytics
- Food Studies (proposed Culinary Studies)
- Research Methods
- Science, Technology, and Values (proposed Innovation and Ethics)
- Sustainability
- Transformational Leadership

Preference for Pathway Combinations from GE Forum (against other combinations):

- HW and FOOD (proposed Health and Nutrition)
- INT and GDS (proposed International Development Studies)

Dislike of Pathway/GE Minor Names from Campus Forum:

- California Studies
- Climate Crisis
- Design Thinking
- Ethics, Justice, and Policy
- Inclusive Practices
- Intersectionalities
- Resilience and Food
- Science, Technology
- Social Justice and Policy
- Sustainable Development