

Affinity Diagram of Student Improvement Suggestions

The following verbatim written responses were provided and organized by six students (four of which were female, two were male; one first-year, one junior, and four seniors) in response to the question: What should be done to improve student success at NMHU?

Advising

- Course scheduling needs to be improved
- Educate incoming freshmen on how to get advisement (Department and Academic Support)
- Advisors need a better sense of knowing each program of requirements
- Courses needed for graduation are not offered often enough
- Graduation audits are delayed so I did not know if my course substitution would count for several weeks
- My advisor did not line up core with future requirements
- Encourage more students to take art and music classes
- Courses schedules needs to be farther out, at least a year
- Have the classes students need regardless of the semester

Campus Life

- The activities budget needs to be more transparent
- Advertise, communicate, and promote activities better
- Move things “to do” to the weekend
- Provide more campus amenities (third party-sponsored) and events
- Promote off-campus offered services and activities
- Encourage participation in community events
- Larger variety of social activities
- We need better transportation around the community
- More availability of restaurants and transportation

Residence Halls

- Air conditioning and maintenance needs improvement
- Poor and noisy heater in my room
- Need a different design for some students

Food

- Poor selection of food
- Too expensive
- Need more variety
- More places to eat on campus

Communication

- Promote campus employment
- Use text messages to communicate more effectively with us
- Promote ARMAS, as it is great
- Figure out more ways to let us know what is happening
- No one answers or returns calls
- Tuition increase not good or well communicated

Teaching and Learning

- More diversity in classes
- First-year experience should be required for transfer students
- Offer more hands-on experiences
- Increase in rigor and accountability
- The teachers are great but I am used to higher standards