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Student Engagement and FRIENDS Student Empowerment

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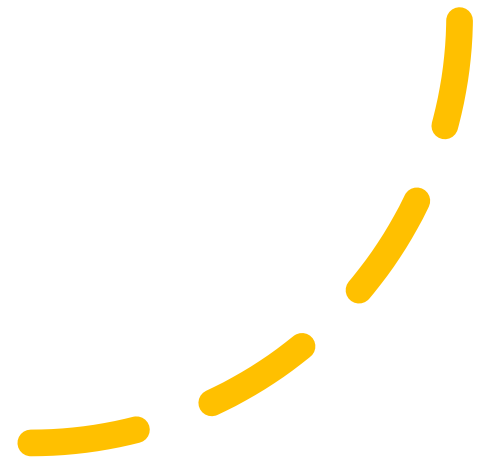


Online Training in October 2020

- Student Engagement and different dimensions
- Campus Diversity and Inclusion
- How to Engage International Students on Campus
- How to Engage all students and have an inclusive campus

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Meaningful participation, involvement and commitment of students in the university life, with the aim to improve their educational experience
- «Empowering students as partners in their education»





ENGAGEMENT IN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

- Student Representation in the decision-making bodies of the university
- Students Electing their own representatives
- Student Union

ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING

- Students as active learners
- Students engaging in scholarly activity
- Students engaging in curricular content and design
- Students making independent judgements about the quality of teaching and learning – quality assurance process



ENGAGEMENT IN CAMPUS LIFE

- Active campus life enhances the Student Experience
 - Extra-curricular activities
 - Learning and development outside the classroom
 - Peer-learning
 - Developing social skills, soft skills like leadership
 - Sense of community and belonging among the students
 - Promoting the well-being of Fellow students
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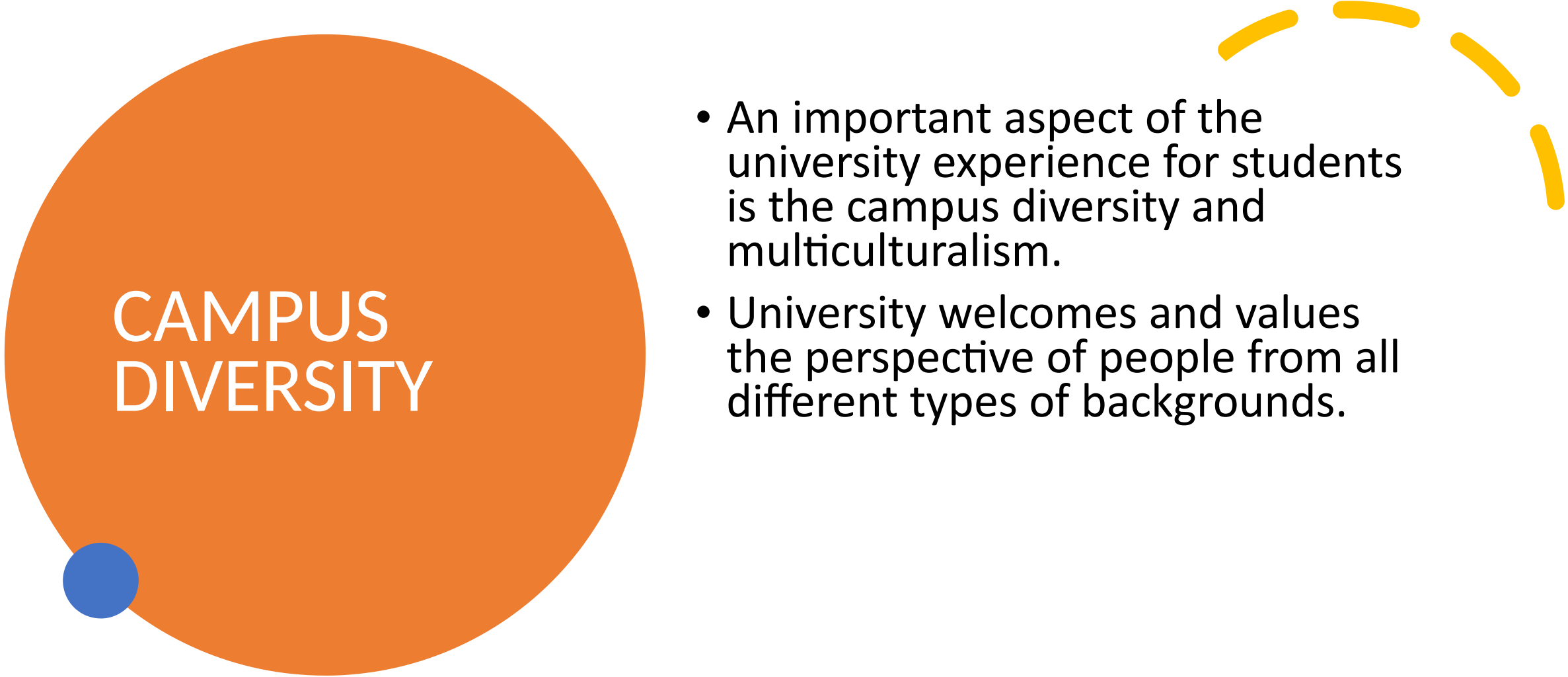


ENGAGEMENT IN CAMPUS LIFE

- Voluntary Student Associations
- Student Clubs
- Based on common interests and shared ideas
- Community service inside and outside the campus
- Student activities and events organized by students themselves

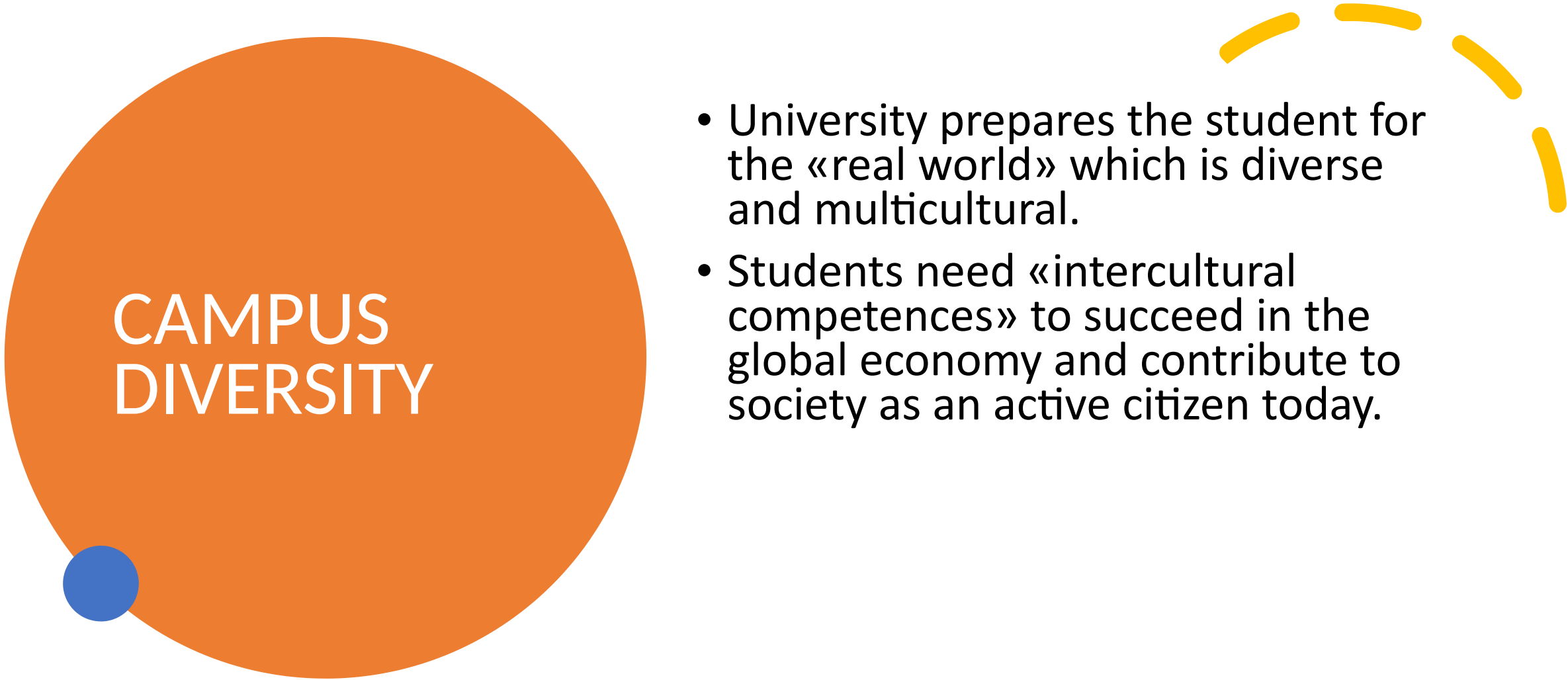
ENGAGEMENT IN CAMPUS LIFE

- This requires University's leadership's encouragement and «administrative support»
- A lot of new administrative offices responsible for campus life and student well-being:
- «Student Experience Office» or Dean of Students
- Student Affairs Office
- International Office
- Career Office
- Psychological Guidance and Counselling Office



CAMPUS DIVERSITY

- An important aspect of the university experience for students is the campus diversity and multiculturalism.
- University welcomes and values the perspective of people from all different types of backgrounds.



CAMPUS DIVERSITY

- University prepares the student for the «real world» which is diverse and multicultural.
- Students need «intercultural competences» to succeed in the global economy and contribute to society as an active citizen today.

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

- Diversity is traditionally about nationality, race, ethnicity, and gender, but it also includes sexual orientation, religion, age, and socioeconomic status.
- In the context of «internationalization» debates, when we say campus diversity, we usually mean having international students from various countries.




INCLUSION

- If we do not have inclusion, diversity can be useless, or divisive and even conflictual.

«inclusive practices, institutional policies, curricula and programs leading to a supportive and affirming environment that welcomes and respects all persons specifically those individuals and groups who have historically been excluded, not represented and or rendered voiceless in society.»

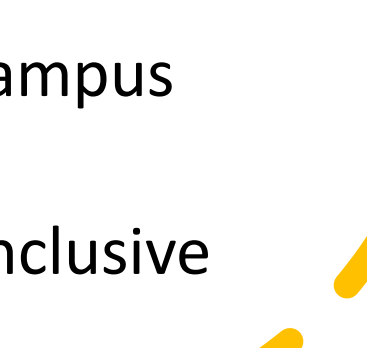


INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT

- Universities must make an institutional commitment to diversity and inclusion so that the campus environment feels welcoming for all.
 - The University should have policies, dedicated resources and services for managing and improving diversity and inclusion.
 - This should include both international and local students.
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BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

- Students working with students and University offices
 - Taking responsibility and action for their own learning and personal growth
 - Engaging with diverse groups on Campus
 - Both international and local
 - to create a lively, supportive and inclusive Campus.
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FRIENDS TEAHOUSES



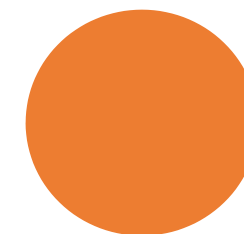
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FRIENDS Ambassadors Met the International Students Association Members @ SLU Teahouse






GOOD PRACTICES- Engaging International Students

- Physical spaces created on campus for international students and local students to mingle
- Foreign Language Programs (pairing international students with local students studying the native language of the international student for conversation)
- Buddy-mentor Student programs
- International Student festivals to raise the visibility of international students and celebrate their cultures on campus



HOW TO ENGAGE ALL STUDENTS IN A MULTICULTURAL CAMPUS

- How to develop «intercultural competences» of all students
 - Create a culturally diverse, rich and inclusive environment
 - But a simple exposure to diversity is not enough to develop intercultural competences
 - We need to facilitate intentional and guided reflection
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Good Practices for Engaging All Students

- Offering specific courses, online trainings, certificate programs for intercultural competences
- Embedding cross-cultural issues in many other classes
- Bringing international and local students together in class and campus activities to work in teams, do projects together.
- Facilitate behavioral practice
- Provide support when needed
- Guided and intentional reflection facilitated by academic staff

Discussion

- WORKING AT THE TEAHOUSES...
- DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE DEVELOPED NEW SKILLS?
- DO YOU HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENT CULTURES?
- DO YOU FEEL LIKE A GLOBAL CITIZEN?
- DO YOU THINK STUDENTS HAVE MORE VOICE IN THE UNIVERSITY LIFE?





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