

**Pearland-Student Affairs - SFAC HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY - Budget Cycle FV25**

- 1. Did you receive any new funding for this year? If so, how is it being used? Present your budget worksheet.**

No new funding was received for Pearland Student Affairs for FY24.

- 2. Summarize the usage of your services. What areas/programs saw increases or decreases?**

Pearland Student Affairs recently moved into a new space on the UHCL Pearland Campus during FY23. Throughout FY23, Career Services, Center for Student Advocacy and Community, and Counseling and Mental Health Center has been utilizing the space.

Career Services has been offering career counseling appointments, hosted a College of Business Mixer, and has tabling with Career Advisors. The Counseling and Mental Health Center host counseling sessions at Pearland on a weekly basis. The Center for Student Advocacy and Community provide students the opportunity to pick up Hawk Pantry orders. Finally, the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership hosts events in coordination with Student Government, Campus Activities Board, and Hawk Spirit and Traditions Council. Events hosted have included Scare on Square, March Madness, Leadership Workshop Series, and a Fall Fuel Up Coffee Bar during the 2023 Weeks of Welcome.

In the past year, UHCL Pearland has continued to grow in student enrollment. UHCL is also planning to continue adding academic programs at UHCL Pearland to increase its presence in enrollment.

- 3. Describe the student satisfaction with your services.**

During FY23, Pearland Student Affairs only had a temporary Administrative Assistant working the front desk to support any students visiting the Counseling and Mental Health Center and picking up an order from the Hawk Pantry. Due to the staffing being temporary, no satisfaction assessment was completed for the space at UHCL Pearland Student Affairs.

- 4. What has your department done to increase or improve services? Specifically, what did you learn in your assessment that is impacting your services now?**

Pearland Student Affairs continues to be a priority for the Division of Student Affairs Executive Leadership Team. This past month, the Division of Student Affairs posted a Coordinator position to be hired for the Spring 2024 semester. The role of this position will be to bring together various Division of Student Affairs offices to coordinate programming and events each week throughout the year and support students at UHCL Pearland. Current services in the space include Counseling and Mental Health Center, Career Services and the Career Closet, and the Hawk Pantry through the Center for Student Advocacy and Community.

Unfortunately, no assessment has taken place at UHCL Pearland Student Affairs. However, as a Coordinator is hired, they will coordinate programs and initiatives to activate the space. As programs and events are hosted, assessment data will be collected to determine the future needs and effectiveness of the programs, initiatives, and events hosted.

**5. Describe any new initiatives for the current year.**

During the spring of 2024, the Division of Student Affairs will hire a new coordinator for Pearland Student Affairs. The new staff member will be responsible for activating the space at Pearland and bringing together Division of Student Affairs offices to coordinate programming at the Pearland Campus. Additionally, funding was made available in FY23 by Career Services, Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, and the new Center for Student Advocacy and Community to purchase new furniture for the space and allow students to visit and enjoy the space. These offices currently have active programming at Pearland and wanted to make sure students have access to an engagement space. The new furniture is to be set up by the spring semester 2024.

**6. What challenges or opportunities do you foresee for the current year and next year?**

One of the challenges that UHCL Pearland Student Affairs will face in the upcoming year is understanding what dates and times are best for programming at the UHCL Pearland Campus. Programming at UHCL Pearland has been a challenge that our team has continually mentioned. However, one of the opportunities for the future is having a furnished new space. Additionally, having a coordinator will be an opportunity to connect and reach out to the DSA teams to coordinate programming and activate the space.

**7. Did you have funds swept at the end of FY23? If so, how much and why?**

Yes, UHCL Pearland Student Affairs returned \$4,133 of the \$50,546 in base funding provided for Pearland Campus. However, the reason for the returned funds is from staffing and fringe benefits. During FY23, Pearland Student Affairs hired a temporary employee and had salary savings from not having a full-time eligible employee.

**8. Are you requesting new funding? One-time or Base? Present your budget request for next year and rationale.**

The UHCL Pearland Student Affairs team is requesting SFAC funding support for the continued establishment of the UHCL Division of Student Affairs space at the UHCL Pearland Campus. The Pearland Student Affairs space is integral to the enhancement of our student services, engagement, and community building efforts. We are seeking to maintain the \$6,369 for Maintenance and Operations along with the \$56,177 for Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits. Additionally, UHCL Pearland Student Affairs is requesting a one-time request of \$18,850 to create a functional and inviting space that will benefit our students and UHCL Pearland Campus as a whole.

**Rationale:**

The UHCL Division of Student Affairs at Pearland will serve as the hub for numerous student-related services and activities, offering a central location for students to seek support and get involved in campus life. The establishment of a student-centered space at the Pearland Campus is crucial for several reasons:

- **Accessibility and Convenience:** By having a dedicated student-centered space at the Pearland Campus, the Division of Student Affairs will be able to provide more accessible and convenient services to our students. This is essential for ensuring that students have easy access to the resources and support they need. Resources in the space include Counseling and Mental Health Services, Center for Student Advocacy and Community, Hawk Pantry, Career Closet, Career Services, and Student Involvement and Leadership opportunities.
- **Community Building and Lounge:** The space will serve as a focal point for student activities and community building efforts. It will provide a student lounge and space for students to connect, collaborate, and engage with their peers, fostering a sense of belonging and community within the campus.
- **Enhanced Communication:** The inclusion of interactive video conferencing and a smart TV in the space will allow the Division of Student Affairs to highlight campus events, create programming utilizing technology, and allow students and student organizations to use the technology for programming, events, and socializing in the space.
- **Aesthetic Appeal:** Upgrading the space by painting the walls, filling holes, cleaning carpets, and adding new blinds that match the rest of the Pearland campus spaces will ensure that the environment is aesthetically pleasing and aligned with the overall campus design.

**Budget Breakdown:**

- Interactive Video Conferencing and Smart TV: \$11,750
  - This component will enable us to host events utilizing technology, allow students to utilize technology if they are hosting an event in the space, continually running student organization events on the screen daily, and allowing student to use the tv for socializing.
- Division of Student Affairs Window Wrap at Entrance: \$600
  - The window wrap will serve as a visible and welcoming marker for the space, making it easily identifiable to students and visitors.
- Supplies for the Space: \$3,000
  - These funds will be allocated for furnishing, decoration, and the purchase of essential supplies to ensure that the space is functional and welcoming for students.
- Upgrading the Space (Painting, Carpets, Blinds, etc.): \$3,500
  - These improvements will not only enhance the aesthetics of the space but also ensure it seamlessly blends with the existing Pearland Campus surroundings.

The UHCL Division of Student Affairs space at the Pearland Campus is an essential area that will significantly benefit our students and the campus community. We kindly request SFAC support in securing the proposed one-time budget of \$18,850 and we believe that the benefits it offers will be long-lasting and invaluable to our campus community.