

Jump-Starting Ethical Community Engagement: The Jamil Niner Student Pantry Partnerships

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1. Careful planning and preparation: Through adequate and inclusive planning, ensure that the design, organization, and convening of the process serve both a clearly defined purpose and the needs of the participants.

2. Inclusion and demographic diversity: Equitably incorporate diverse people, voices, ideas, and information to lay the groundwork for quality outcomes and democratic legitimacy.

3. Collaboration and shared purpose: Support and encourage participants, government and community institutions, and others to work together to advance the common good.

4. Openness and learning: Help all involved listen to each other, explore new ideas unconstrained by predetermined outcomes, learn and apply information in ways that generate new options, and rigorously evaluate public engagement activities for effectiveness.

5. Transparency and trust: Be clear and open about the process, and provide a public record of the organizers, sponsors, outcomes, and range of views and ideas expressed.

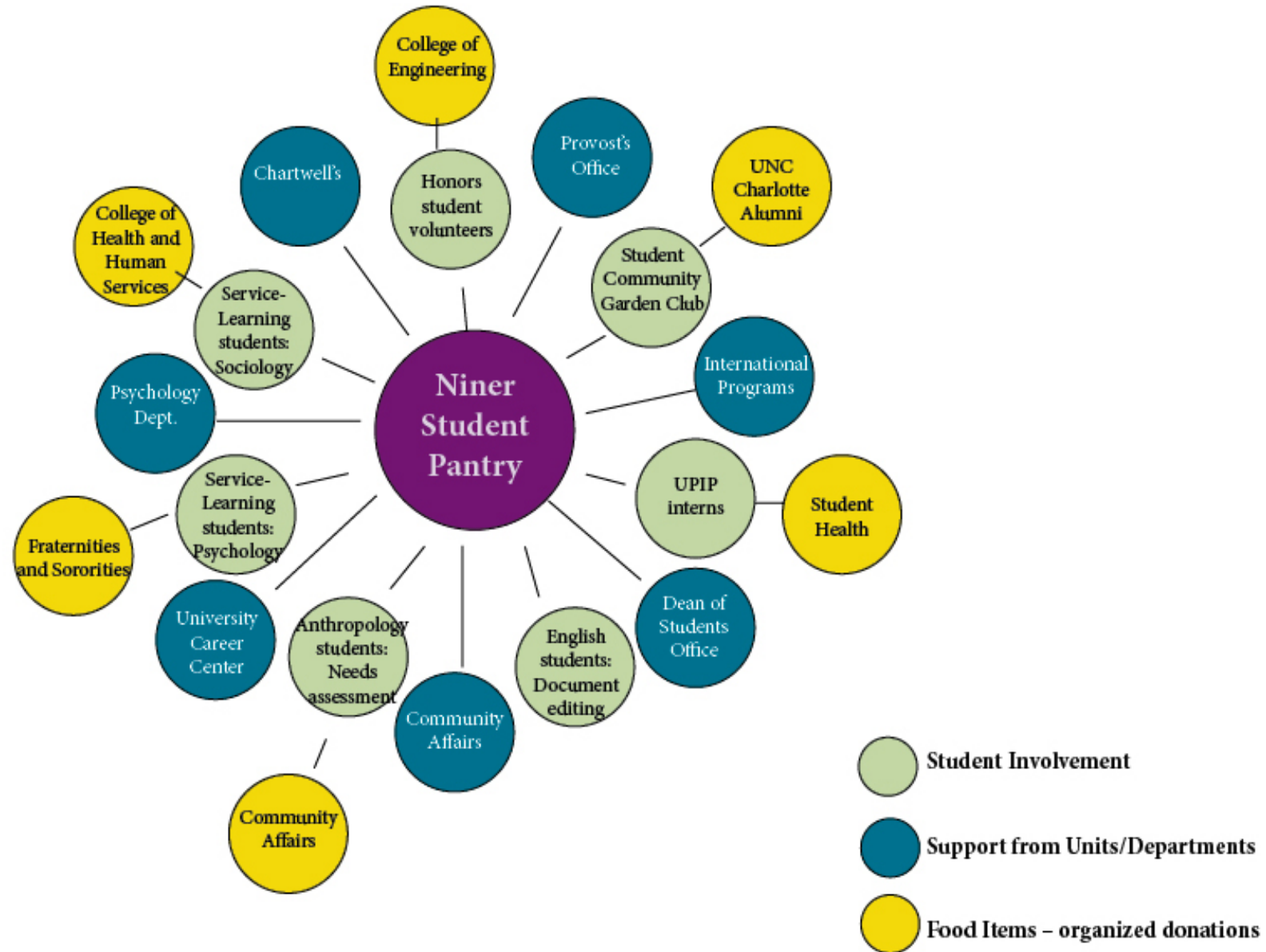
6. Impact and action: Ensure each participatory effort has real potential to make a difference, and that participants are aware of that potential.

7. Sustained engagement and participatory culture Promote a culture of participation with programs and institutions that support ongoing quality public engagement ([Atlee et al., 2009](#)).

1. Learn about the community
2. Listen to community stakeholders
3. Bring people together to develop a shared vision
4. Assess community assets and resources, needs and issues
5. Help community members to recognize and articulate areas of concern and their causes

6. Establish a 'vehicle for change'
7. Develop an engagement plan in collaboration with community stakeholder/organization
8. Implement engagement plan
9. Evaluate results of engagement

Institutional Capacity



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