

Provost Fellowship Reflection: 2021-22

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Being a Provost Fellow during the 2021-22 Academic Year was a very enlightening experience. When we think about campus life, the different stakeholder groups (i.e., faculty, staff, students, administration, trustees) have their own perspectives on what needs to be modified and how to go about doing that. In general, different groups do not always have the opportunity to see the other groups' perspectives. This is what makes the Provost Fellow's such a valuable experience.

As a Provost Fellow you are able to attend meetings with different groups and have long in-depth discussions with people about issues impacting campus that normally you would not be able to do. During my time as a Provost Fellow I was able to work closely with Dr. James Sage and attend Academic Leaders meetings. I was able to see how different projects and/or changes or modifications to campus life were considered at different levels. I was able to see how the Provost's Office members thought about implementation challenges and how that would affect the different stakeholders on campus. I was able to practice the same thought processes in my activities as Science & Engineering Fair and Science Olympiad Director during the Spring 2022 semester as I worked through the challenges of implementing events.

Additionally, working with Dr. Sage allowed me to see how different initiatives (i.e., starting a new degree program) progress through different stages on campus from initiation to implementation. This gave me ideas and perspectives on how future programs can be developed for current and future SUU students.

After completing the program, and looking back on what I learned, I also found that many of the ideas and processes discussed with Dr. Sage can be translated into the classroom. I am planning on implementing some of the decision processes in my classes this fall to see how it impacts my interactions with my students. Overall, the Provost Fellows program was a great learning experience that I highly encourage other faculty to consider applying for in the future.