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Session Report

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Learning Alliances for Students' Academic Success

Elise Ferer, Drexel University Librarian for Outreach, discussed the work she does as part of the Learning Alliance program at Drexel University in Philadelphia. This group provides academic support services across the university including the libraries, the tutoring centers, the writing center and the career center. This campus collaboration formed in order to address the silos of information centers that existed across campus and to reduce redundancies. The group has worked to pull together resources in one place to make things more seamless for students.

The Learning Alliance group meets quarterly sharing what they are working on and seeking suggestions for how they can work together to address students needs. They provide a website for students with contact information for various centers and have started to do programming together in order to help students, especially undergraduates, hit the ground running upon the start of a new academic year.

Though the Learning Alliance group is still fairly new, they have developed a one year strategic plan and increased awareness of their services across campus. Future plans include securing a budget for events and programs and expanded programming and awareness.