

Creating an Engaging Meeting with your Mentees

As mentors, its important that you are meeting your students needs.

Some students will want to sit with you and have coffee and just chat for a certain amount of time.

If you are noticing they are not as engaged as you'd like it to be or the conversation isn't becoming more natural, it may be because you need to change up your meetings a little bit to make them more engaging.

Here are some tips for how to do this.

Location Options

- Take a Walk around campus
- Go over to Hartwell locks together
- Walk around the Sunnyside area
- Take a bus to Bank St., Downtown, or your favourite study spot off campus
- Take the O-train
- Sit outside in the Tory Quad
- Grab lunch together in the Dining Hall in Residence or the Food Court
- Sit by the River

Other ways to engage your mentees

- Take them along to a club meeting as part of one of your meetings
- Introduce them to people you know on campus
- Visit the SEO to pick up some free swag/items
- Go to a free fitness class together
- Take advantage of the free ice times in the athletics centre
- Explore Brewer Park/Sunnyside area
- Take them to get their textbooks

You can still cover everything you need to by walking around and having a more informal meeting.

When in doubt, ask your mentee what they would like to do during your meeting, providing some options for them to choose from.

Good Luck!