

offering extended hours for students. Student Health Services is beginning a collaboration with the Friendship Center Food Bank as an additional resource for students.

Afghan Refugee Transition Program (ARTP)

Interim Associate Dean of Students, Paola Vargas, reported on the status of the program. There are currently 6 students from Cohort 1 enrolled in courses (3 undergraduate and 3 graduate). The average number of credit hours for these students is 12-14 c.h. and the average g.p.a. is 3.26. Seven program participants from Cohort 1 have already graduated. There are currently 11 students from Cohort 2 enrolled in courses (8 undergraduate, 1 graduate, and 2 SAELL). The average number of credit hours for these students is 12-14 c.h. and the average g.p.a. is 3.59. ARTP students receive support and services with case management, program planning, academic planning/advising, and mentoring. In FY24, the University received a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services of \$1.25 million to provide support for these student cohorts. In FY25, the University received approval to expend the remaining FY24 funds up to \$700,000 and was awarded a special appropriation of \$500,000 toward costs for this program.

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