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**Subject:** Quality Enhancement Ideas for SACS

As part of our accreditation process, SACS asks us to delineate a focused plan of action that addresses a well-defined topic related to enhancing student learning, which they define as "changes in knowledge, skills, attitudes, and/or values that are attributable to the collegiate experience." My committee is charged with creating this plan of action, and we need your help with choosing the topic for this plan.

Here are the three possibilities (in no particular order) the committee feels would address recognized needs:

**A) BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

Our history as a commuter campus has prevented us from developing a traditional campus culture, one that provides academic, social, and cultural experiences for students. This plan would aim to increase these kinds of experiences.

**B) INCREASING THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF PERSONAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO STUDENTS**

From the recent SWOT analyses, and the work of our recruitment and retention teams, we recognize that we could do more to personalize students' interaction with LSUS, in all areas: orientation, financial aid, academic advising, counseling, career services. This plan would aim to improve the quality of personal attention students receive from all units.

**C) ATTUNING STUDENTS TO OUR CAMPUS CULTURE**

We can identify two distinct groups of students---first-time freshmen and transfers---that place various demands on the institution. Both need help making the transition to LSUS, getting acclimated to this institution, and then engaging fully in the life of the university. This plan would aim to improve the processes that assimilate students into LSUS.

Please respond by ranking the three. Don't just give us your first choice; please rank all three. We thank you for your input on this important matter.

I would like to tabulate the results next Friday, September 19th, so please respond by Thursday, September 18th.

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