

Survey of Entering Student Engagement (*SENSE*) Takeaways and Next Steps

SENSE Takeaways

- Areas doing well and should continue to promote:
 - Faculty (and staff) showing that we want students to succeed.
 - Continue to engage our students in class with class activities such as group work.
 - Keep up the good work of academic advising, career counseling, and tutoring services, but encourage more students to use these resources.
 - Keep up the good work informing students about financial aid.
- Areas for improvement:
 - All staff, faculty, and administrators should help students feel more welcome.
 - Encourage more faculty – student interactions on assignments and course material, e.g., discussions about assigned readings and difficult to grasp concepts.
 - Encourage more student – student interactions outside of class, e.g., study groups.
 - Encourage use of writing, math, and learning centers.

Next Steps for Research

- Merge *SENSE* data with existing SAC data to determine academic outcomes, such as persistence, units completed, and G.P.A., in the first year of college based on *SENSE* ratings.
- Perform longitudinal studies to examine relationships between student engagement ratings and long-term academic outcomes, such as the number of years it takes students to graduate.