## A Pit Stop on the Journey to Become a Learning College: How Far Have We Traveled?

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The items below have been constructed from an article "Observations about Change Related to Becoming a More Learning-Centered Institution." For each item, please circle the number (1 Strongly Disagree to 5 Strongly Agree) that best represents your judgment regarding where your institution stands on the observation.

		Strongly				Strongly
		Disagree 1	2	3	4	Agree 5
1.	We talk openly and comfortably about our institutional shortcomings.	1	2	3	4	5
2.	We have created a language about learning that works for our institution.	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Internal power struggles and vested interests are not major barriers to our goal to become more learning centered.	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Cynical positions about change and learning from vocal individuals or groups are not a problem at our institution.	1	2	3	4	5
5.	We are confident in our abilities to transform our institution into a more learning-centered enterprise.	1	2	3	4	5
6.	We understand and are committed to the amount of time required to make the changes needed.	1	2	3	4	5
7.	We have acquired the knowledge and skills required to create a learning-centered institution.	1	2	3	4	5
8.	We have changed our organizational culture to be more supportive of our goal to become more learning centered.	1	2	3	4	5
9.	We understand that additional resources are not the primary solution for the challenges we face.	1	2	3	4	5
10	We have a clear and common vision of what our college would be like if it were a learning-centered institution.	1	2	3	4	5
11	. A significant majority of our faculty and staff	1	2	3	4	5

recognize that we need to continue to change if we are to become more learning centered.

	Strongly Disagree 1	2	3	4	Strongly Agree 5
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12. Our faculty and staff like to be part of an institution committed to a culture of change.	1	2	3	4	5
13. Our <u>FACULTY</u> are strongly committed to					
improving and expanding learning for students.	1	2	3	4	5
• ADMINISTRATORS	1		3	4	
• TRUSTEES	1	2 2 2 2	3	4	5 5 5 5
CLASSIFIED STAFF	1	2	3	4	5
• MYSELF	1	2	3	4	5
14. The teaching vs. learning construct is not an issue in our institution.	1	2	3	4	5
15. We believe the success of our developmental studies students will improve significantly as we apply learning-centered practices.	1	2	3	4	5
16. We have been successful in enlisting the following groups as important resources in helping us to become more learning centered.					
<ul> <li>Students</li> </ul>	1	2	3	4	5
<ul> <li>Classified Staff</li> </ul>	1	2	3	4	5
<ul> <li>Community Volunteers</li> </ul>	1	2	3	4	5
17. We are extensively engaged in applying new learning-centered tools (assessment practices, learning outcomes, learning-centered innovations) at our institution.	1	2	3	4	5
18. We consistently review the innovations our faculty and staff implement to ensure they focus on improving and expanding student learning.	1	2	3	4	5
19. We are making good use of technology as a key tool in improving and expanding student learning.	1	2	3	4	5
20. We are proud to be one of the higher education leaders in championing the Learning College idea.	1	2	3	4	5

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