Learning Communities for BEAMS Project

**Invitations/recruitment:**  
Student LC: Selection of student leaders: ASG, APMs, SPAs, Student Organizations, etc. invited to participate.  
Staff LC: Enrollment Services Group drafted  
Faculty LC: Faculty from Student Success Task Force drafted.

**Meeting schedule:**  
Communities will meet six times during spring semester for 2 hours each time.

1. **Internal Scan:** Open-ended brainstorming about learning inside and outside of the classroom: What have been your most significant learning experiences? How do you learn best? What do you need in order to learn at your best? Fifteen minute break as facilitators collect input and prepare for second half of meeting. Ideas and examples re-presented to group, connections and commonalities established, a Top 10 list of significant learning experiences, best ways of learning and basic needs for learning created

2. **Literature Review:** Basic research on curricular and co-curricular learning perspectives to be discussed through selected assigned readings; basic vocabulary defined and concepts clarified, research project in library databases assigned for next meeting.

3. **External Scan** Reports on research presented by members and coordinated with the discussions of the second meeting, a Top 10 list of significant learning concepts and issues developed.

4. **Synthesis:** All three LCs meet to discuss Top 10 lists and discover commonalities and differences.

5. **Strategies:** Open-ended brainstorming about possible strategies for enhancing educational experiences based on both internal analysis and external research. Fifteen minute break as facilitators collect input and prepare for second half meeting. Distill brainstorming down to five strategies, and then decide upon the predominant one

6. **Recommendations:** All three LCs meet to discuss each other’s top 5 and each other’s predominant one, coming up with suggested recommendations for three most beneficial strategies to pursue.

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