

June 13, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

Our first set of the summer community wide meetings with respect to the strategic plan kicks off today.

Our theme for the discussion today:

Articulating the advantages of a residential liberal arts college and strengthening the links between our pre-professional programs and the traditional liberal arts programs

Questions to consider:

- a. What are the most important benefits of residential liberal arts colleges? What are the "hidden" advantages of residential liberal arts colleges? Are there significant benefits that are often unremarked-upon or unreported?
- b. Does our location make this experience "unique" or "different?"
- c. What are some of the best examples of strong ties between our pre-professional programs and our liberal arts mission? What are some barriers to these ties?

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served at the meetings and we strongly encourage your participation.

For those who are unable to attend today's meeting but would like to give us their **feedback** please click on the link <https://www.research.net/s/TX9FBTM>.

The other meeting dates, times, locations and themes are:

Thursday, June 27 in the Hanson Science 2nd floor atrium from 2–3:30 p.m.

Theme: Supporting learning for all students: Strengthening and investing in support services for Academic Achievement (Tutoring, Reading and Writing, Advising, Library, ESL, Learning Center)

Thursday, July 11 in the Wilson Center from 2–3:30 p.m.

Theme: Strengthening the connections between the Augustana Experience and our Students Future: New interdisciplinary programs, networking, career outcomes, graduate school acceptance rates

Thursday, July 25 in the Hanson Science 2nd floor atrium from 2–3:30 p.m.

Theme: Integrating academics, advising, co-curricular activities and residential life: Focusing on student learning across boundaries

Thursday, Aug. 8 in the Wilson Center from 2–3:30 p.m.

Theme: Building morale, well-being, and a healthy effective community. *To fully address this theme you will be receiving a follow up survey in the next two weeks.*

Thank you!

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