

June 13, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your continued participation in our strategic planning efforts. In our first summer community meeting we had 57 participants! We as part of the planning team are both energized and inspired by your level of engagement and participation.

Our second community meeting will be on **Wednesday June 26, 2013**. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will once again be served at the meetings, and we strongly encourage your participation.

Wednesday, June 26 in the Tredway Library 2nd floor 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)

As you prepare to attend the second discussion session we encourage you to consider the following questions:

1. What constitutes academic success at Augustana? What do we do that promotes students' success and what might inhibit it? How will a newly conceived support system address these inhibiting factors?
2. Considering the climate of limited resources, how might we better support students who come to us with diverse needs and levels of preparation, including groups such as first-generation students, international students, multicultural students, transfer students, struggling and high achieving students? How might we do this without attaching the stigma of "needing help" to one of "helping them meet greater intellectual challenges"? (Some things to consider: what types of student support services, structures and efforts should gain a greater allocation of our resources? What services are we not addressing?)
3. How can we improve first year and major advising so that it can be a distinctive strength of an Augustana education and help our students succeed?
4. The new Center for Student Life will house the library, the reading and writing center, and many student support services. How can we fully take advantage of efforts to relocate these and other such support services, including a faculty enrichment center to a more central campus location to build connections between these services, offices, and programs?

While preparing for the meeting will be helpful, **it is not a requirement** for attendance and participation. Please attend as many of these sessions as possible, and add your

voice to the discussions. For those who are unable to attend the June 26 meeting but would like to give us their **feedback** please click on the link <https://www.research.net/s/7V96QSD>

For those who are not able to attend other sessions, we will provide similar opportunities for each session.

Thank you for your continued engagement in our strategic planning efforts!

Sincerely,

Pareena