

First-Year Improvement Recommendations by Foundations of Excellence Institutions

Two-Year Institutions (15)		Four-Year Institutions (25)	
Category	No. Inst.	Category	No. Inst.
Academic Support	6	Academic Support	9
		Adjuncts	2
Admissions	2		
Advising	12	Advising	12
Assessment	7	Assessment	17
Attendance	2	Attendance	1
Class Scheduling	2	Class Scheduling	3
		Class Size	6
Co-curriculum	2	Co-curriculum	5
Common Experience or Reading	1	Common Experience or Reading	5
Communication	14	Communication	25
Communication to Faculty & Staff	4	Communication to Faculty & Staff	5
Communication to Students	10	Communication to Students	11
Connections to faculty and peers	5	Connections to faculty and peers	10
Coordination and Collaboration	1	Coordination and Collaboration	10
Curriculum	2	Curriculum	13
Data Collection and Availability	8	Data Collection and Availability	6
Developmental Classes	2		
Diversity	9	Diversity	14
Early Alert/Warning	7	Early Alert/Warning	11
Engagement	1	Engagement	2
Facilities (modify or remodel)	4	Facilities (modify or remodel)	6
		Faculty	5
Faculty Staff Orientation	2	Faculty Staff Orientation	3
Families	2	Families	5
First-Year Experience Program	2	First-Year Experience Program	2
First-Year Seminar (course)	8	First-Year Seminar (course)	16
Funding	3	Funding	9
General Education	2	General Education	1
		Governance	2
High Impact and DFWI Courses	4	High Impact and DFWI Courses	5
Hire New Staff & Faculty	4	Hire New Staff & Faculty	5
Hiring Process	2	Hiring Process	6
Instructional Methods	3	Instructional Methods	2
Leadership Development	2		
Learning Communities	2	Learning Communities	8
Learning Goals	3	Learning Goals	12
Mentoring Faculty (new and adjunct)	3	Mentoring Faculty	2
Mentoring Students	5	Mentoring Students	6
Organizational Structure	9	Organizational Structure	20

Organization - Unit	3	Organization - Unit	7
Organization- Committee	6	Organization- Committee	13
Orientation -student	9	Orientation -student	8
Partnerships with high schools	1	Partnerships with high schools	5
Philosophy	9	Philosophy	18
Placement	2	Placement	4
Policies / Practice for New Students	6	Policies / Practice for New Students	6
Pre-registration	2		
Pre-requisites	1	Pre-requisites	1
Professional Development	10	Professional Development	20
Publications- revise & update	2	Publications- revise & update	
Recognition and Rewards	5	Recognition and Rewards	11
Residential Life	1	Residential Life	2
Retention	3		
		Role and Purpose of Higher Edu.	3
Safety and Health	2	Safety and Health	5
Scholarships	1	Scholarships	1
Service Learning	1	Service Learning	6
Special Populations	1	Special Populations	5
Student Activities	5	Student Activities	
Syllabi	3		
Tracking System	1	Tracking System	1
Web	6	Web	11
Welcome Week	1	Welcome Week	2

Source. 2006 and 2007 National Select Cohorts Final Reports from the Foundations of Excellence[®] Self Study sponsored by the Policy Center on the First Year of College (www.fyfoundations.org).

Includes only categories with recommendations from more than one institution.