

# 2011 Meeting of the Queen's University Council

## Saturday, May 7, 2011

### Suggested Readings and Preparation for Group Workshop

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#### *The Workshop ...*

*Theme:* The Teaching and Learning Environment

*Topic:* Measuring and Enhancing Student Engagement

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#### *An Overview of Engagement ...*

NSSE Origins and Potential

<http://nsse.iub.edu/html/origins.cfm>

Engagement Measures & Benchmarks

[http://nsse.iub.edu/pdf/nsse\\_benchmarks.pdf](http://nsse.iub.edu/pdf/nsse_benchmarks.pdf)

Summary of Queen's NSSE Results

[http://www.queensu.ca/irp/accountability/surveys/NSSE\\_2006\\_Presentation.pdf](http://www.queensu.ca/irp/accountability/surveys/NSSE_2006_Presentation.pdf)

Quality Improvement Applications

[http://nsse.iub.edu/NSSE\\_2010\\_Results/pdf/NSSE\\_2010\\_AnnualResults.pdf](http://nsse.iub.edu/NSSE_2010_Results/pdf/NSSE_2010_AnnualResults.pdf)

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The Balanced Academy

<http://www.queensu.ca/news/sites/default/files/QAR-2010-3.pdf>

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#### *Engagement in More Detail ...*

The NSSE Survey Instrument

[http://nsse.iub.edu/pdf/survey\\_instruments/2011/NSSE2011\\_Can\\_Eng.pdf](http://nsse.iub.edu/pdf/survey_instruments/2011/NSSE2011_Can_Eng.pdf)

The CLASSE Survey Instrument

<http://www.assessment.ua.edu/CLASSE/Overview.htm>

[http://www.assessment.ua.edu/CLASSE/Documents/CLASSE\\_Student.pdf](http://www.assessment.ua.edu/CLASSE/Documents/CLASSE_Student.pdf)

2010 NSSE Annual Report

[http://nsse.iub.edu/NSSE\\_2010\\_Results/pdf/NSSE\\_2010\\_AnnualResults.pdf](http://nsse.iub.edu/NSSE_2010_Results/pdf/NSSE_2010_AnnualResults.pdf)

Details of Queen's NSSE Results

[http://www.queensu.ca/irp/accountability/surveys/NSSE08\\_Frequencies.pdf](http://www.queensu.ca/irp/accountability/surveys/NSSE08_Frequencies.pdf)

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#### *A Bit of Pre-Workshop Fun ...*

The goal of our workshop is to identify promising opportunities to improve engagement in Queen's classrooms and among students – with a particular focus on “Student-Faculty Interaction” and “Active and Collaborative Learning” measures. We hope to use the workshop results along with other materials to develop a guidebook of effective learning engagement practices in order to strengthen Queen's niche as Canada's balanced academy. After you review the materials above (particularly the “Engagement Measures & Benchmarks” item), we invite you to consider the following montage. The photographs are arranged in pairs; each pair is intended to provide some context and to highlight a dimension of, or a challenge to, teaching and learning engagement. Please bring your reactions to the workshop!

We look forward to seeing you all at University Council.

Chris and Cynthia







