Planning and Feedback Session

The purpose of this session was to get feedback from students regarding four questions. We randomly surveyed students in Schafer Hall.

**Group:** Students  
**Date:** 10/19/2011  
**Tool:** Questionnaire  
**# Attendees:** 59

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1. **What is the one thing we need to change at BSC that would enable us to be a great institution?**
   - Make BSC a 4 yr school/more bachelor degree programs - 14
   - Nothing, it is great – 13
   - Wider variety of classes/offer more credits and career choices – 8
   - More social events (i.e. dances, student union events, match box theatre) – 7
   - More variety of sports for fun (i.e. football, wrestling, rugby) – 4
   - Have counselors/advisors help guide people to right career – 3
   - Lower tuition – 2
   - Toilet seat covers in all bathrooms - 1
   - Teachers who understand learning disabilities like dyslexia - 1
   - Popcorn machines in every hall would be great – 1
   - Provide a sign at all the games that says “student section.” This way we have people cheering at all games - 1
   - More involvement with e-Companion (grades) – 1
   - We need new chairs! I can’t stand sitting in little kid chairs in my classes! Also stop buying computers for labs! Make students buy laptops, its way nicer – 1
   - Different meal plan (financial reasons) – 1
   - I would like it if they changed the no smoking policy so I wouldn’t be late for class when having to go all the way to my car - 1
   - Use the Energy Center for classes when AC is shut off over Summer classes in Edwards and Schafer buildings – 1
   - Keep getting instructors that are fun – 1
   - I would like to see our grades posted online so we know our grade in a class for sure and not have to try to guess our grade - 1
   - Have teachers use e-Companion more. I would like to know my grades - 1
   - Perception – that “community colleges” are somewhat inferior to 4 year institutions. That community colleges are where you go when you don’t know what you want to do. BSC is sometimes thought of this way – sometimes not - 1
   - Get some solid bike racks for securing bikes. Put up some ceiling tiles in men’s room in Edwards building. Get some pencil sharpeners that work - 1
   - Make all classrooms smart rooms. It is really distracting having to constantly rearrange furniture during class - 1
2. **How would you describe the quality of education provided by BSC?**

- Very good/high/excellent – 38
- Good – 17
  - Many commented that small class size was a reason why the quality was excellent/good – 5
  - Many commented that the instructors were the reason why the quality was excellent/good – 12
- Poor – 4 (2 were directed at online, others said too much hand holding/not challenging enough)
- Other comments:
  - All teachers should know learning disabilities to help students – more classes available for our money to go farther - 1
  - I think some teachers need to follow better with the curriculum - 1
  - I love BSC. Just not the chairs or the terrible computers you make people use – 1
  - Stop having funerals at Energy Center and do something about people – 1
  - Involved, participation, helpful, lively staff, good curriculum - 1

3. **What should BSC do to attract students?**

- More activities/sports (i.e. dances, clubs for students to be in, activities, football/wrestling, bigger Student Union, etc.) – 20
- Advertise more (i.e. billboards, commercials) – 15
  - Lived in Bismarck for 8 months before realizing BSC was an option other than Univ Mary – 1
  - Appeal to students in Bismarck/Mandan, statewide and out of state. Advertise more where the target market will see it. Explain what happens at BSC – not just “Beyond” BSC - 1
  - Advertise the programs that are offered/what you can accomplish – 3
- NA/not sure – 6
- Make it a 4 year school – 5
- Already doing a good job – 4
- Other comments –
  - Have an equine program – 1
  - Expressing class sizes would help with those wishing to not just be a number in college – 1
  - More things other than book readings – 1
  - Revive the food! Everything now is so unhealthy and fatty. All the teachers eat their cause the students know that’s their “café”, not ours 😞- 1
  - I love the program with DSU. Get more classes here on campus from the universities – 1
  - Keep the cost low – 1
  - Have them come here to see what a day in college is like – 1
  - Have unusual classes such as hip hop dance – 1
Better chairs and make people buy laptops. Then go paperless on campus and save the world by not using paper all the time – 1
Offer more classes on campus rather than online. Online courses are terrible - 1
Make it more friendly to new students, help them through registration process and how BSC works - 1
Emphasize the quality of education - 1
Parking in cross walks and not parking zones - 1
Have close to bike paths. Get some bike racks like the Bismarck Public Library has to secure bikes – 1

4. Why did you choose to attend BSC?
   • Cost – 32
   • Close to home/location – 29
   • Programs offered – 15
   • Heard it was a good campus - 9
   • Family/friends attend BSC – 3
   • Small classes – 4
   • Good teachers – 2
   • Able/plan to transfer once finished at BSC (i.e. to raise grades, cheaper than other colleges) – 4
   • Continue education (i.e. better job opportunities, ease back into school) – 2
   • Other comments –
     o Energy Center – thought it would be used for current students, not other contributors – 1
     o I graduated high school in 2005 but didn’t know what I wanted to go to school for until a year ago