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**Texas Pathways Institute #5**

**Focus Group Report Template**

**Focus Group Report Format:**

1. Summary of project
2. Participant demographics
3. Analysis of student perspectives
4. Recommendations for the college based on student feedback

**Summary of Project:**

*[Name of College]* held focus group(s) in *[months and year]* involving various student populations represented at the college. Through the focus group(s), the college gathered information to help administrators, faculty, and staff to hear the student voice in keeping on the pathway to accomplish their educational goals. The focus group(s) was /were conducted as part of the College’s involvement in Texas Pathways. Participants provided information in two ways: written responses and group discussion.

The college team will utilize this information to design an action plan at the Texas Pathways Institute in April 2022.

The discussion was designed to gather information from the students regarding the objectives provided below.

**Participant Demographics**

*[Summarize data from students’ Profile Sheets in this section.]*

**Analysis of Student Perspectives**

**Objectives for the Keeping Students on a Pathway**

1. To understand what motivates students to persist higher education
2. To understand how students perceive the college’s effectiveness in meeting their needs
3. To understand what the college needs to improve to help students succeed

**Additional objectives included:** (Keep the two that were studied and remove the ones not explored)

1. To understand the importance financial services in helping students meet their goals
2. To understand the importance of advising services in helping students meet their goals
3. To understand the importance of basic needs support services in helping students meet their goals
4. To understand the importance of mental health services in helping students meet their goals
5. To understand what impact the responsibilities outside of school have on students’ potential for academic success
6. To understand the significance of relationships in student persistence and success

**Student Responses**

*[Organize student responses by objective, identify key themes under each outcome. Use student quotes to enhance the narrative.]*

Provide an analysis of the discussion and include a quote or two in each of the sections below.

**To understand what motivates students to persist higher education**

**To understand how students perceive the college’s effectiveness in meeting their needs**

**To understand what the college needs to improve to help students succeed**

Provide an analysis of the discussion for the **two** topics selected (Note: Remove objectives not explored). Include a quote or two in each topic summary.

**To understand the importance financial services in helping students meet their goals**

**To understand the importance of advising services in helping students meet their goals**

**To understand the importance of basic needs support services in helping students meet their goals**

**To understand the importance of mental health services in helping students meet their goals**

**To understand what impact the responsibilities outside of school have on students’ potential for academic success**

**To understand the significance of relationships in student persistence and success**

**Positive Features of the College**

*[List the positive features and include a quote or two as appropriate.]*

**Areas of Improvement for the College**

*[List the areas of improvement and include a quote or two as appropriate.]*

**Key Recommendations for the College**

*[List 3-4 key recommendations for the leadership team to discuss at the Pathways Institute.]*