Using Your BCSSE First-Year Student Advising Status Report

The BCSSE First-Year Student Advising Status Report identifies the activities and experiences the student expects from the upcoming academic year. Reviewing these results can focus advising discussions with your students on ways to enhance their undergraduate experience and help them achieve success at your institution.

### Commitment to the institution
Look for indications that the student’s level of commitment is low. Was your campus the student’s first choice, second, or third? Does the student anticipate graduating there?

### High School Experiences
Understanding the high school experiences of entering students provide important context for the advisor. Was the student exposed to rigorous coursework prior to college? Also, note how their engagement with Learning Strategies and Quantitative Reasoning compares to their peers.

### Academic Integration
Understanding their expected difficulties and feeling prepared, these items provide an excellent opportunity to help students set realistic goals or to discuss ways to utilize campus resources that will contribute to a successful academic year. Also, note the expectation for grades and hours studying. Are they aligned with their expected academic difficulty and feeling prepared? This can be another excellent opportunity to discuss how to find and utilize resources that will contribute to a successful academic year.

### Social Integration
These items provide an important opportunity to consider the student’s expectations and importance to be socially involved and make new friends. Particularly important is to identify students who may become socially isolated due to their expected difficulty making new friends, along with very few or no friends also attending the institution. Advisors can provide recommendations for socially isolated students.

### Finances
Many students experience financial difficulties. It is well-understood that financial stress undermines student success and persistence. These items provide an advisor important information about financial campus resources the student may need, as well as discussing time management strategies for this students who expect to work many hours.

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**Note about Expected Difficulty.** Since these items have a reverse scale compared to the others, a solid red box indicates the student is expecting greater difficulty than their peers, whereas a solid green box indicates that the students is expecting less difficulty than their peers.

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