Learning College Principles

The “Learning College” is based on a set of ideals supported by the League for Innovation. These ideals are designed to refocus the direction of higher education to a more student-centered approach and elevate the learning experience to the primary goal of the institution.

In order to become a “learning college,” Dr. O’Banion, a leader in the “Learning Revolution,” offers this roadmap for colleges to become more student-centered:

1. Revise mission statements to emphasize teaching and learning.
2. Involve all stakeholders in the planning and implementation of student-centered practices.
3. Select faculty and staff who maintain students as the first priority.
4. Train faculty and staff to prioritize learning as the heart of the academic enterprise.
5. Conduct conversations about learning and its value.
6. Identify and agree on learning outcomes.
8. Redefine faculty and staff roles in order to support the values of the learning culture.
9. Provide diverse learning options.
10. Create opportunities for collaboration.
11. Orient students to new options and responsibilities to foster self-advocacy and responsibility.
12. Apply information technology that supports learning.
13. Reallocate resources to be more efficient and focus on the learning mission.
14. Create a climate that supports learning.