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Office of the President

Memo

Date: February 14, 2011

To: Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

Subject: *Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)*

This spring, Seminole State College has an opportunity to participate in a national survey focusing on teaching, learning, and retention in community colleges. The project is housed within The Community College Leadership Program at The University of Texas at Austin.

Research shows that the more actively engaged students are — with college faculty and staff, with other students, with the subject matter being learned — the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve at higher levels. Identifying what our students do in and out of the classroom, knowing their goals, and understanding their external responsibilities can help us create an environment that can enhance student learning, development, and retention.

The survey will be administered in classes randomly selected by *CCSSE* to ensure a representative sample and to preserve the integrity of the survey results. Instructors whose classes are selected for survey administration will receive specific information from the appropriate administrator.

Seminole State College is intent on being a leader in education, and this survey can assist us in identifying where we are and what further action may be helpful in our continuing work to support and strengthen teaching and learning. Your cooperation and participation in this exciting national survey are sure to enhance our educational programs and services to students.

You may learn more about *CCSSE* from the project website at (www.ccsse.org). If you have any questions about the *CCSSE* project, please contact the *CCSSE* office at 512-471-6807 or info@ccsse.org. More Information will be forthcoming from local *CCSSE* administrators, Dr. Paul Gasparro and Pam Koenig.

Thank you for your support of this important endeavor.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James W. Utterback".

James W. Utterback, Ph.D.
President
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