QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Relationships Matter (Chapter 3)

1. How does your institution create structures, environments, and programs to encourage meaningful relationships? Who do these structures and programs tend to involve, and who typically is not included? What could be done to broaden and expand participation beyond these individuals and groups?

2. Are there systemic organizational barriers on your campus that inhibit an integrated approach to relationship building?

3. Which programs and practices best foster the development of strong relationships between students and faculty on your campus? What programs at other institutions might work on your campus?

4. What are the most important and effective practices your institution uses to encourage healthy interactions between students and their peers?

5. Are meaningful relationships with students integrated in areas across your institution such as academic affairs, athletics, and student life or through supervision of student employment?

6. How are positive relationships supported, rewarded, and recognized on your campus?