# Enhancing Advising Through Faculty Collaborative Competence

Given our current understanding of learning, collaboration between faculty and student affairs educators is not simply an intelligent option: it is a core requirement for the effective development and achievement of desired student learning outcomes.

#### - Learning Reconsidered 2, 2006, p. 70.

#### Faculty & Advisor Interaction

- Successful / Unsuccessful Collaboration with Faculty?
- Faculty (40-50% of Higher Education Workforce )
- Considerable Student Contact (~190 days per degree )

### **Modifying Multicultural Competence**

- Comprehensive Model (Awareness, Knowledge, Skills)
- Goal Ethical and Effective Practices (Pope, Reynolds, & Mueller, 2004)

#### **Faculty Collaborative Competence**

- Ability to demonstrate a certain level of awareness, knowledge, and skills related to faculty that fosters effective collaboration.
  - o Awareness: Recognizing Faculty Issues & Needs
  - Knowledge: Understanding Faculty Culture
  - Skills: Turning Awareness & Knowledge into Action
  - **Ongoing process:** Constantly reflecting, learning, and adjusting our understanding.

## **Understanding Faculty Culture**

- Rank
- Responsibilities
- Tenure & Promotion
- Discipline
- Training & Development
- Course Loads, Schedules
- Governance / Politics
- Burdens, Inequalities
- Faculty Student Interaction
- Identity / Personal Implications

#### **Best Practices**

- Faculty Champions
- Experience
- Involvement
- Relationships & Respect

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