McNeese State University Strategic Planning Process, AY 2011-2012 Response Analysis Report

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Introduction

During the course of Academic Year 2011-2012, McNeese State University's President, Dr. Philip Williams conducted a series of planning sessions with members of the campus community (including faculty, staff and students) the Lake Charles and Southwest Louisiana communities at large, and Alumni groups from Houston to Lafayette and elsewhere. In total, the thirty-three sessions, along with submissions of the web-survey, email and mail-in submissions, yielded 5,581 responses to the twelve strategic planning questions. Dr. Williams asked each constituency the following questions:

- 1. What is your first thought when you hear the name "McNeese"?
- 2. What do you love most about McNeese?
- 3. Whether you love it or not, what do you believe is McNeese's greatest strength?
- 4. What is McNeese's most glaring area for improvement?
- 5. What opportunities should McNeese seize within the next five years?
- 6. Is there anything about McNeese that is so fundamental that we should protect it against change?
- 7. What threats should McNeese be guarding against over the next five years?
- 8. What could McNeese do to improve student learning?
- 9. What should McNeese be doing to increase enrollment and retention?
- 10. If you could identify one aspect of the McNeese experience that "brands" us as distinct from other institutions, what would it be?
- 11. If McNeese could engage in just one activity that would excite you into wanting to contribute more of your time and/or resources, what would that activity be?
- 12. What ideas do you have about improving McNeese that have not already been mentioned?

To facilitate the maximum gathering of responses to each question, Dr. Williams issued the following "ground rules" for each session:

- 1. All ideas are welcome.
- 2. Do not criticize or critique! If you hear an idea that you think is bad or dangerous, offer your own better idea.
- 3. After you state your idea, please don't attempt to sell or advocate on behalf of that idea. We want fast-paced brainstorming.
- 4. Wild and crazy ideas are especially welcome. They can lead to new, creative options.
- 5. If you feel shy about your idea, or for any reason would prefer that your idea be handled anonymously, be sure to write it on a response form and hand it in.

A member of Dr. Williams' staff would type all responses, which were simultaneously projected onto a screen so that audience members could see that every response was recorded. In addition to vocalized responses, comment cards were distributed, which yielded 26% of the total responses to the twelve questions. Additionally, comments were collected via a web survey, through US mail, and through emails directly to the President.

All responses were captured in an excel spreadsheet for later analysis and to facilitate University response. In addition to the responses, the spreadsheet captures information such as the date of the session or when the response was received, location of the session, the format of the response (general discussion, comment card, email, etc.), the group participating in the session, and any additional or more specific affiliations of members of that group.

This first phase of the process—the planning phase—concluded in January 2012, with the web survey closed a few weeks later. The second phase consisted of two parallel and complementary processes: University units' responses to constituent ideas (hereafter "Unit Response"), and response analysis, of which this report is evidence.

These processes achieve two things: the Unit Response process ensures that as an institution, McNeese has considered each idea with respect to its future. Moreover, the Unit Response process ensures that specific ideas, which could lead to immediate action, are in fact acted upon by the units most able to affect the change. The Unit Response process is especially effective for making use of the responses to planning questions 11 and 12 ("donate" and "wild card"), which were designed to illicit specific actions and divergent ideas. For this reason, these two questions were not considered in any detail in the idea analysis process.

Analysis Process and Methodology

To facilitate the response analysis, two software programs were used: Microsoft Excel, for quick numerical tabulations of responses (as well as capturing and cataloging all responses), and NVivo, a qualitative analysis program. In the response analysis process, each response was coded according to a theme, determined by the responses themselves. Themes were aggregated to determine what ideas were most important to the McNeese community. Similarly, a word frequency analysis was performed for each question.

Terms

Some terms are important for understanding the discussion that follows. "Comments" or "ideas" refers to any one of the 5000 plus responses to planning questions. "Parent" node or theme refers to one of any number of groupings of responses. "Subthemes" or "child" nodes are further divisions within a parent node. For example, many responses may be coded the parent theme of "University Culture." Within that parent node, there may be "child" nodes or subthemes that further describe university culture, such as "caring faculty" and "pride." In some cases, child nodes are further subdivided to create "grandchild nodes." Community involvement is a frequent child node that subdivides into involvement with area industry, businesses, K-12, or other non-specific entities.

Methodology

It should be noted that the thematic analysis involves a degree of interpretation. To foster an interpretation that does the least damage to the data set, themes have been created inductively, deriving directly from the nature of the comments rather than being created a priori to the analysis of responses.

Where necessary, observations and discussions of the evidence are included to shed more light on the context of the responses and rationale for the particular thematic node. Upon completion of coding, in some cases, themes were grouped together into larger parent themes to better facilitate analysis and gather a sense of the significance of constituent feeling toward one or more topics.

For example, in response to question 1 on "first thought," many thematic groups were created because individuality of response is more important, whereas with respect to questions on branding or love, the same basic constituent response may be coded to one or more child and parent nodes because a preponderance of feeling is sought to provide direction on the question itself. Thus, for question one, responses that speak to the themes of "family" and "pride" are not grouped together, but for question 10 on branding, they are grouped under "University Culture." Specific rationales for thematic nodes are provided in the following analysis.

In some cases, the same theme occurs in response to more than one question; however, that theme may not mean exactly the same thing each time it appears because thematic coding is done both with respect to the subject matter of the question and the language of the response. Observations and discussions will shed light on the ways certain parent or child nodes should be read where the nature of the nodes is not more or less self-explanatory.

Frequency/Numerical Significance

A word about "references" or "frequency" (understood as number of references or frequency of comments) associated with themes: the parent node is always aggregated, thus the total frequency (or number of responses) associated with the parent node consists of any comments coded directly to that theme, plus any subthemes, or child nodes coded to the parent node. Additionally, where child nodes have be further divided, they are also aggregated. In some instances, the total number of child nodes adds up to the frequency number found next to the parent node. In some cases, these numbers do not add up as comments may have been coded directly to the parent node. This is usually apparent in the analysis.

Limitations

One notable limitation to this study is the lack of constituent-specific responses for comparison. There are several reasons for this. One is due to the way information was gathered, privileging response over responder. The second is due to software limitations, which, while capable of producing those results requires more time reconfiguring the data than is available. While a great deal of important information is synthesized here, there are many more questions that could be explored as well as numerous ways of reorganizing the data for even more comparisons and results. Any specific questions that arise in the reading of this report may be directed to me for further exploration.

General Information

Sessions

- 33 Public Sessions
- 592 Registration Cards collected

Responses

- 5581 Total Responses
- 3231 Public Responses
- 1475 Responses via Comment Cards from public sessions
- 152 Responses from US Mail
- 649 Responses from Web Survey
- 74 Responses from Email

Responses by Group

The responses by group figures maybe somewhat misleading as groups were often included mixed populations. Specific affiliations (e.g. faculty, staff) are noted in the dataset where they can be separated from a group; however, that sampling is far smaller than the total dataset. Thus, "group" is the best guide to determine the constituency of respondents. One further note, where affiliation of an individual respondent can be identified, that respondent usually belongs to multiple groups (e.g. alumni and faculty).

- 2287 Responses by Faculty/Staff
- 1450 Responses by Alumni
- 1234 Responses by Community
- 743 Responses by Students
- 304 Responses by those who identify as Donors
- 444 Responses by those who identify as Athletics Stakeholders

Questions in Order of Frequency of Response

Q #	Торіс	Responses
4	Weakness	596
9	Enrollment-Retention	571
12	Wild Card/other	558
2	Love	504
5	Opportunity	486
8	Student Learning	483
3	Strength	466
1	Thought	462
7	Threat	387
10	Brand	385
11	Donate	342

6 Fundamental	341
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Word Frequency Reports per Question

Word frequency queries were run for each of the twelve questions. The parameters differ for each question and are noted in the heading and in notes beneath each results box. In some cases, exact matches were revealing, in others, parameters needed broadening to understand how a word or words might be important. In all cases, observations are made based on actual responses in which the word(s) appears to shed light on how it might best be interpreted. For half the questions (5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12) thematic frequency will be more revealing and precise. Finally, note that the frequency number is important only relative to the other numbers in a specific list.

#	Word	Frequency	Preliminary Observations
1	University	109	Ranging from regional/local, to "great" to simply
			"university"
2	Education	95	Education, quality education, opportunity
3	School	94	Great, hometown, small, a few indeterminate and negative
			associations
4	Cowboys	72	Almost exclusively "cowboys"
5	Community	70	Community asset, campus community, community feeling,
			community college
6	Football	69	Great football team, tradition
7	Lake Charles	60	Tied to the city
8	Small	58	Generally positive association
9	Му	56	Word found in multiple phrases connoting personal
			importance or relationship to MSU
10	College	48	Good, regional, community, small, stagnant, personal

Question 1 (Thought)—exact match

Question 2 (Love)—exact match

#	Word	Frequency	Preliminary Observations
1	Student/Students	355	Interaction with, student success, diversity of,
2	Faculty	157	Friendly, accessible, work together, helpful
3	Small	139	Small campus, classes, small town, small community
4	Opportunity/ies	136	On and off campus for students and community
5	Community	108	Support to and from, atmosphere, feeling, sense of
6	Size	88	Size of school, class size
7	School	80	Broad range of associations
8	Education	77	Solid, accessible, affordable, quality, opportunity
9	Campus	70	Campus improvements, events, sense of community
10	Atmosphere	66	Friendly, family

Question 3 (Strength)—exact match

#	Word	Frequency	Preliminary Observations
1	Student/Students	68	Interaction with, ability to serve, opportunities for
2	Community	47	Broadly defined, the interaction with the community
3	Faculty	38	Quality, accessibility, dedication
4	Education	31	Quality, affordable, practical, teacher education,
5	Location	24	Location as a strength

6	Programs	22	Academic, Athletic, community and continuing ed
7	McNeese	19	Broad range of responses, region-based, quality
8	Nursing	18	Nursing program, opportunities
9	Size	17	Size of institution, class size, community size
10	People	15	Dedicated employees

Question 4 (Weakness)—word frequency, stemmed words

#	Word	Preliminary Observations		
1	Students	Broad range of issues including academic preparedness, financial issues,		
		services for, recruitment of, pedestrian safety and so on.		
2	Parking	Not including pedestrian safety		
3	Community/	Need for better internal and external communication and relationship		
	Communications	building		
4	Faculty	Broad range of issues including salary, workload, input and		
		communication, weak faculty, and so on.		
5	Buildings/	Range of issues concerning custodial, maintenance, renovation, grounds,		
	Facilities	and classroom shuffling		

Question 5 (Opportunity)—word frequency, stemmed words

#	Word	Preliminary Observations		
1	Students	Broad range of topics, themes, and issues, that overall suggest students are		
		at the center of any notion of opportunity		
2	Programs	Everything from adding to cutting, going online, partnerships, and so on		
3	Online	Largely related to academic programs		
4	Community	Relationships with, getting students in the community, community colleges		
5	Campus	Generally, comments aimed at utilizing campus for greater impact on		
		students and community, beautifying campus, expanding campus, and so on		

Question 6 (Fundamental)—top 10, exact match*

#	Responses	Frequency	Preliminary Observations
1	Name/McNeese	66	Keeping our name
2	Student/Students	45	Putting students first, student interaction
3	Faculty	23	Faculty interaction with students, faculty research
4	Personal	23	Motto
	(touch, excellence)		
5	Logo	18	Usually includes "Cowboys" in the phrase
6	Programs	18	Mostly academic but also includes athletics references
7	Community	17	Almost entirely consists of campus-community relations
8	University	13	Status as university, mostly
9	Campus	11	Speaks to keeping things on campus, campus aesthetics,
			importance of campus as identity of institution
10	Class	11	Small class size

*Note: some less specific words omitted on this list, some like words combined.

Question 7 (Threat)—top 10, exact match

#	Responses	Frequency	Preliminary Observations
1	Budget	40	Budget cuts, including program cuts
2	Students	40	Losing students, less prepared students, increased class size, and so on

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3	Loss	39	Degree programs, funding, students, football tradition, faculty, and so on
4	Programs	37	Loss of programs, mostly academic
5	Cuts	34	Budget, program, and so on.
6	State	33	Legislature, State of Louisiana
7	Our	25	Generally exhibiting concern about protecting "our
			territory"
8	Other	24	Almost entirely "other universities"
9	Universities	24	See previous
10	Losing	21	Students, programs, good professors, personal touch, and so
			on

Question 8 (Student Learning)—word frequency, stemmed words

#	Responses	Frequency	Preliminary Observations
1	Student/Students	167	Help, cull, train, scholarships, accountable, prepare
2	More	100	Experiential learning, student-centered, technology
3	Classes	63	Class size, availability, active learning, attendance
4	Learning	52	Active learning, learning disorders, service learning, tutoring
5	Faculty	46	Advising, development, interaction with
6	Courses	39	Reason for courses, online courses, skills course, practical application, course load, dropping
7	Improve	34	Tutoring, labs, writing, FFND, advising, respect, library, technology, website,
8	Teaching	32	How to, passion for, styles, facilities for,
9	Technology	29	Use more, improve, access to, update, incorporate
10	Tutoring*	24	More, availability, better quality, more use of

*Note: several less specific words omitted from this list before "tutoring."

Question 9 (Enrollment/Retention)—word frequency, stemmed words

#	Responses	Frequency	Preliminary Observations	
1	Students	202	Attract, prepare, jobs, advising, drops, campus life,	
			resources for	
2	More	102	Everythingcourses, offerings, advising, hands-on	
3	High Schools	86	High schools	
4	Increase	59	Admission standards, streamline processes, advertising,	
			scholarships, online	
5	McNeese	59	Comments generally point toward advertising	
6	Programs	51	Advertise, develop, maintain, specialize, promote	
7	Campus	45	Get people on campus, campus experience	
8	Classes	39	Class size, availability, non-traditional times, importance of	
			going, picking classes	
9	Recruit*	36	Increase efforts, size of teams	
10	Graduate	35	Programs, opportunities, rates, employment	

*Note: one less specific word omitted before "Recruit."

Question 10 (Brand)—exact match

#	Word	Frequency	Preliminary Observations
1	Student/Students	62	Interaction with, Attention to, Opportunities for (e.g. hands-
			on experience in industry and community), successful

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			students
2	Personal/touch	58	The current motto or some form of it
3	Small	23	Campus, university, class size, atmosphere
4	Program	22	Athletic, football, engineering, nursing, MFA, Banners
5	McNeese	20	Broadly applied
6	Community	19	Campus community, interaction with community
7	Faculty	17	Interaction with, accessibility of,
8	Football	16	Pretty much anything having to do with football
9	Rodeo	16	Rodeo team ties football!
10	Education	14	Broadly applied

Question 11 (Donate)—word frequency, stemmed words

#	Responses	Frequency	Preliminary Observations	
1	Students	60	Mentor, study abroad, help outside of class, involve with	
			recruitment	
2	Community	41	Involvement, service, recruitment, on campus,	
3	Program	41	Graduate, online, mentoring, Banners, recognition	
			programs, community programming	
4	More	37	Funding, collaboration, cultural events, technology, service	
			learning, charity, intramural, in community, research	
5	Alumni	29	Socials, recruiting, mentoring	
6	Campus	27	Campus projects involving community, beautify, street	
			front, open house	
7	McNeese	26	Broadly applied	
8	Faculty	23	Development, research, athletics for, funding for study	
			abroad, social mixers,	
9	Events	21	Recruiting, social, hosting, charity, family, series, music,	
			sporting, festival	
10	Involving	18	Broadly suggestedencourage involvement across all	
			stakeholders	

Question 12 (Wild card/Other)—word frequency, stemmed words

#	Responses	Frequency	Preliminary Observations	
1	Students	117	Attitude toward, treatment of, facilities for, support for, accomplishments of,	
2	Campus	68	Broadlycampus life, activities, and aesthetics	
3	Faculty	54	Salary, time, office space, development of, publicity of,	
4	McNeese	47	Generally, pride, getting name out	
5	Program	39	Degree, mentoring, marketing of, interdisciplinary,	
			graduate, programming in general	
6	Improve	35	Grounds, pedestrian safety, student experience, FFND-	
			Orientation, housing, fundraising,	
7	Community	29	Communication to the community	
8	Parking	28	More, better managed, more visitor, more fees, reserved	
			spaces, signage	
9	Staff	26	Support the staff, staff development, staff governance	
10	Area(s)	22	Internal and external campus areas, area communities,	
			improvement of and involvement in, generally	

*Note: several less specific words omitted from this list.

Response Analysis Overview

Every response is coded to a theme or parent node. In some cases, a single response may be coded to multiple themes. Themes are subdivided into particulars (child nodes or subthemes), in some cases, but at the parent node level, all responses are aggregated.

Question 1—Thought

There were 462 responses to the question, "What is your first thought when you hear the name 'McNeese'?" Given the nature of the question, responses were thinly coded, thus respecting specificity of response while still maintaining some ability to summarize the data.

#	Responses	Frequency
1	Regional	73
2	Cowboys	35
3	Athletics	34
4	Mine	23
5	Reputation	23
6	Opportunity	18
7	Small	18
8	Home	18
9	Community	18
10	Personal	17

Top Ten Responses Grouped by Theme

Detailed View of Themes

Thematic Nodes & # of References	Observations and Discussion
Regional73	Responses generally include "local,"
• Lake Charles12	"regional," "available to local area," and so
 Calcasieu Parish1 	on.
o Louisiana1	
	The fact that the single largest group of responses pertains to McNeese's relationship to the region (73 comments, or 83 if you include the "asset to region" node), suggests that from a public standpoint, we are living our mission as a regional institution.
	See also "Branding" where "impact on region" is coded 37 times.
Cowboys35	Significantly, this is not mentioned nearly as
	often in the "Branding" question as it is here
	(coded only 10 times).

•	Athletics34 • Football17	
	0 61 11 1	
	I D 1	
	• Cowgirls1	Evenessies energy lowership on history with
•	Mine23	Expressing personal ownership or history with McNeese.
•	Reputation23	
	 A great university10 	
	• Resilient3	
•	Opportunity18	
•	Small18	Small school, small town, small college.
•	Home18	Home, hometown
•	Community18	The majority of responses expressed as "community."
٠	Personal17	
•	Education15	
•	Family14	
٠	Pride14	
•	Atmosphere14	
	• Fun6	
	 Crawfish Boils1 	
	• Country1	
	• Culture1	
	 University atmosphere1 	
•	Tradition13	
	○ Jolie Blon1	
•	Quality13	
	• Quality Education10	
•	Alumni11	
	• Alma Mater8	
•	Asset to Region-Community10	While Regional (above) can be understood,
	 Economic Engine6 	generally, to be positive, this node reflects
	• General Asset4	regional comments that are unequivocally
		positive.
		This is also reflect in "Branding."
•	Excellence with a Personal Touch9	Rather than grouping these responses into
•	John McNeese9	larger themes, the nature of the question
•	Academics9	suggested that the more individuated the
•	Blue and Gold7	responses, the more accurate the assessment.
٠	Students7	
•	Friendly6	
•	Potential5	

•	Affordable5	
•	Parking4	
•	Private College4	
•	Teaching4	
٠	Agriculture4	
٠	Dedication4	
•	Facilities-Appearance4	
•	Value4	
•	Oak Trees4	
•	Faculty4	
	o Autonomy1	
٠	Rodeo3	
•	Close-knit Group3	
•	Commuters3	
•	Facilities-Improvement3	
•	College of Education3	
	 Teacher Training1 	
•	Loyalty2	
٠	Engineering-Industry2	
٠	Nursing2	
•	New Ranch2	
•	Diversity2	
•	Greek Life2	
•	Employees2	
•	University History2	
•	Mass Communication2	
•	Administration1	
•	Debate Team1	
•	Integrity1	
•	Be inviting1	
•	Excellence1	
•	University Police1	
٠	Pokes1	
٠	Banners1	
•	BBC1	
•	Chemistry Dept1	
٠	Challenging1	
•	Budget1	
٠	Band1	
•	Class size1	
•	Landlocked1	

•	Accreditation1	
•	McNeese Foundation1	
٠	Howdy Rowdy Cowboy1	
•	Indeterminate or Negative Associations24	Approximately 5% of "first thought"
	 Ryan St. High8 	responses were less than positive, or
	o Unfamiliar7	conversely, 95% of people's first thought
	• A School7	about McNeese is positive.
	o Sowela1	
	• Stagnant1	

Questions 2, 6, 10 (Love, Fundamental, Brand)

Because of their similarity, these three questions were grouped together and, upon further analysis, coded into similar parent nodes as indicated in this first table (below). Some of these are self-explanatory; however, a deeper understanding of the parent nodes can be gained by looking at the detailed coding (child nodes) in the tables that follow. In general, parent nodes assembled from multiple and various themes can be described as follows:

- University Culture—refers internal and external assessments of campus community and campus life, including size, attitude, employee interaction, and so on.
- Academic Excellence—refers mainly to specific programs, whether degree programs or services of an academic nature; also includes quality teaching and faculty-specific values such as research.
- Educational Experience—refers to what learning is like at McNeese, includes class size, hands-on experiences, student-faculty interactions, and so on.
- Student Experience—refers primarily to student services, organizations, and student life experiences.
- Values—Personal touch, fiscal responsibility, and other themes that speak directly to either our currently stated core values or values evidenced by administrative action expressed in policy or practice.
- Impact on Region—community relations, programs that draw community involvement (e.g. Banners), and so on.
- Symbols—Images associated with McNeese including the McNeese name, Cowboys, colors, logo, and so on.
- Misc-No—responses that were in some senses negative or unassignable (although for fundamental the responses meant, no, nothing is so fundamental).
- Operations campus operations such as technology, bookstore, contracts, and other business of the university. In analyses of other questions, these responses are not grouped as such, again, because coding was done as much as possible with respect to the nature of the question.

Love	Freq	Fundamental	Freq	Brand	Freq
University Culture	219	Symbols	113	University Culture	103
Impact on Region	87	Academic Excellence	79	Educational Experience	93
Institutional Values	77	Values	73	Academic Excellence	74
Educational	72	Educational Experience	70	Values	59
Experience					
Academic	56	University Culture	42	Impact on Region	37
Excellence					
Student Experience	40	Impact on Region	15	Symbols	37
Athletics	28	Facilities-Grounds	12	Athletics	25
Facilities-Grounds	7	Misc-No	11	Misc-No	21
Misc-No	4	Athletics	10	Rodeo Program	13
Symbols	3	Operations	6	Operations	3
		Student Experience	4	Facilities	2

Top Ten Responses Grouped by Theme (LOVE)

#	Responses	Frequency
1	University Culture	219
2	Impact on Region	87
3	Institutional Values	77
4	Educational Experience	72
5	Academic Excellence	56
6	Student Experience	40
7	Athletics	28
8	Facilities-Grounds	7
9	Misc—(Negative perceptions)	4
10	Symbols	3

		LOVE—Thematic Nodes & References
•	Un	iversity Culture219
	0	Size39
	0	Atmosphere25
	0	People20
		 Colleagues19
		 Administration9
		• President1
	0	Caring Faculty9
	0	Faculty-Staff8
	0	Staff8
	0	Employer6
	0	Alumni4
		 Alma Mater1
	0	McNeese Foundation1
	0	Friendly18
	0	Opportunity18
	0	Pride16
	0	Positive Attitude15
	0	Family13
	0	Campus Community12
	0	Tradition11
	_	 Memories3 Resilient2
	0	Fun7
	0	Potential4
	0	Home3
	0	Reputation3
	0 0	Volunteerism2
	0	Wholesome1
	0	Collaborative1
	0	Conaborative

	0	Adaptable1
	0	Everything1
•	-	pact on Region87
	0	Community interaction22
	0	 Support2
	0	Art-Culture-Theatre17
	0	 Banners4
		 Band1
	0	Vital to Region10
	0	Convenient4
	0	Location2
•	-	lues77
•		Personal47
	0	
		 Accessibility of all Employees13 Excellence with a Personal Touch5
	_	Affordable17
	0	
	0	Diversity10
	_	• Wesley Foundation1
	0	Integrity3
•		ucational Experience72
	0	Student-Faculty Interaction42
		Class Size26
	0	Undergraduate Research2
	0	Learning Centered1
	0	Hands-on1
•	Ac	ademic Excellence56
	0	Quality of Education19
	0	Teaching Excellence4
	0	Faculty Experiences4
		 Teaching Opportunity3
		Faculty Research1
	0	Mass Comm Dept3
	0	Education programs3
	0	Faculty3
	0	Business programs3
	0	Nursing2
	0	Music dept2
	0	Leisure Learning2
	0	Social Sciences1
	0	PreMed1
	0	EASE Program1
	0	Engineering Programs1
	0	Library1
•	Stı	ident Experience40
	0	Student Life11
		• Greeks4

 RecComplex2
• Student Support7
 Scholarships2
 Counseling Center1
 Infirmary1
 Writing Center1
• Athletics28
• Football12
• Facilities-Grounds7
o Grounds4
• Aesthetic2
• Oak Trees1
• Misc-No4
o Police1
• Symbols3
o Name1
○ Jolie Blon1
• Blue and Gold1

Top Ten Responses Grouped by Theme (FUNDAMENTAL)

#	Responses	Frequency
1	Symbols	113
2	Academic Excellence	79
3	Values	73
4	Educational Experience	70
5	University Culture	42
6	Impact on Region	15
7	Facilities-Grounds	12
8	Misc-No	11
9	Athletics	10
10	Operations	6

	FUNDAMENTAL — Thematic Nodes & References
•	Symbols113
	• McNeese name37
	• Cowboy name21

- Logo...18
- Colors...13
- Oak Trees...9
- Horse and Rider...6
- o Rowdy...5
- Jolie Blon...2
- o Cannon...2
- Academic Excellence...79

	0	QEP7
		• LiveText1
	0	Nursing6
	0	Engineering5
	0	Ag Program4
	0	Accreditation4
	0	Education3
	0	Humanities Core3
	0	Research3
	0	Library3
	0	Ag-Rodeo2
	0	Music1
	0	Theatre1
	0	Science Programs1
	0	Studio Arts1
	0	Dual Enrollment1
	0	Ag-Farm1
	0	Chemistry1
	0	ESLI Program1
	0	First-year experience/FFND1
	0	Internships1
	0	Athletic-Grad Rate1
	0	Faculty1
	0	Tenure-Academic Freedom1
•	-	lues73
•		Personal Touch24
	0	Mission19
	0	
		 Autonomy8 Students First17
	0	
	0	Affordability7
	0	Fiscal Responsibility3
	0	Diversity Policy2
	0	Communication1
•		ucational Experience70
	0	Personal Touch24
	0	Class Size22
	0	Teaching over research9
	0	Learning experience5
	0	Teachers-Caring2
	0	Scholarships2
	0	Enrollment2
	0	Peer Leaders2
	0	Free Printing in Library1
	0	Retention1
•	Un	niversity Culture42
1	0	Atmosphere20

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	0	Reputation12
		 Quality Education7
	0	Size3
		 Campus size1
	0	Growth Potential2
	0	Legacies1
	0	Our People3
		 Administration1
		 Dr. Williams1
	0	Culture1
	0	Pride1
	0	Keep improving1
•	Im	pact on Region15
	0	Community Relations9
	0	Our regional hold3
	0	Banners2
	0	Location1
•	Fa	cilities-Grounds12
	0	Grounds11
		• Oak Trees9
	0	Building Style1
•	Mi	sc-No11
	0	Don't Know2
	0	Eliminate Geaux1
•	At	hletics10
	0	Athletic Grad Rate1
•	Op	erations6
	0	Technology3
	0	Contracts1
	0	Bookstore1
	0	Safety1
•	Stu	ident Experience4
	0	Homecoming1
	0	Greek System1
	0	SGA1
	0	Student Organizations1

Top Ten Responses Grouped by Theme (BRAND)

#	Responses	Frequency
1	University Culture	103
2	Educational Experience	93
3	Academic Excellence	74
4	Values	59
5	Impact on Region	37

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6	Symbols	37
7	Athletics	25
8	Misc-No	21
9	Rodeo Program	13
10	Operations	3
11	Facilities	2

		BRAND—Thematic Nodes & References
•	Ur	niversity Culture103
	0	Campus community family feel38
	0	Caring people18
	0	SWLA culture15
	0	Tradition-Pride7
	0	Size6
		 Campus size1
	0	Tailgaiting4
	0	Alumni4
	0	Serious but fun2
	0	Legacy students—traditions2
	0	International population2
	0	Ease of fitting in2
	0	Band1
	0	Overcoming hardships1
	0	Well-rounded university1
•	Ed	ucational Experience93
	0	Personal Touch42
	0	Student-Faculty ratio26
	0	Student Opportunities15
	0	Class size9
	0	Intellectual tradition1
•	Ac	eademic Excellence74
	0	Professional Preparation16
	0	Nursing8
	0	Quality teachers7
	0	Agriculture program-farm4
	0	MFA program4
	0	Education4
	0	Accredited programs3
	0	Engineering3
	0	Strong educational foundation3
	0	Innovation Engineering2
	0	Music Program2
	0	Hands-on learning2
	0	Athletic Student Success2
	0	Business program1
	0	Academic Collaboration1

	PreMed1
	Physical Therapy Program1
	Natural Resource Research Center1
	Become Research intensive1
	Arts Programs1
	Face-to-face classes1
	5 Library1
	Educational Resources1
	Mass Communication1
	Engineering Technology1
	Debate1
•	Values59
	> Personal Touch42
	Quality affordable education10
	ADA Friendly2
	Accessible Administration2
	5 Fiscal responsibility1
	Adult-Commuter Friendly1
•	Impact on Region37
	D Location10
	Banners Series9
	Community Support9
	Calcasieu Parish2
	SEED Center2
	Radio Station1
	community Clinic1
	D Legislative delegation1
•	Symbols37
	cowboys11
	Jolie Blon5
	McNeese name4
	D Logo4
	Blue and Gold3
	Name3
	Fight Song2
	Cowbell2
	Horse and Rider1
	Rowdy1
	Cannon1
•	Athletics25
•	Misc-No21
•	Rodeo Program13
٠	Operations3
•	Facilities-Grounds2
	Oak trees1

Questions 3, 4, 5, 7 (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats)

Four of the twelve questions asked during our Strategic Planning meeting from Fall 2011 to Spring 2012 formed the basis for a SWOT analysis. These questions were

- Question 3: Whether you love it or not, what do you believe is McNeese's greatest strength?
- > Question 4: What is McNeese's most glaring area for improvement?
- > Question 5: What opportunities should McNeese seize within the next five years?
- > Question 7: What threats should McNeese be guarding against over the next five years?

Total Responses to SWOT Questions

Strength	466	
Weakness	596	
Opportunities	486	
Threats	387	

Approximate Responses by Constituency

Data includes number of responses as well as percentage from constituency with respect to overall responses for the question. Total numbers exceed actual number of responses because many constituents are part of more than one stakeholder group. Conversely, some responses may come from individuals with multiple affiliations, but are only associated with one for this exercise. As such, these numbers and percentages are approximate.

	Strengths	Weakness	Opportuniti	Threats
			es	
Faculty/Staff	167 (34%)	235 (36%)	183 (35%)	136 (32%)
Alumni	81 (17%)	98 (15%)	77 (15%)	78 (18%)
Community	113 (23%)	112 (17%)	133 (25%)	87 (21%)
Students	67 (14%)	77 (12%)	64 (12%)	55 (13%)
Donors	20 (4%)	49 (8%)	40 (8%)	32 (8%)
Athletics	41 (8%)	80 (12%)	27 (5%)	35 (8%)
Stakeholders				

• (#) actual number of comments by constituency

• 34% of strengths attributed to McNeese were expressed by Faculty/Staff

Overview of Question-Specific Analyses

Unlike the responses to questions 2, 6, and 10, the SWOT questions were coded with more parent nodes. On the one hand, this makes analysis more difficult because it resists generalization, but also potentially more exacting. Given the tenor of responses to these questions and the importance of identify specifics, large groupings of responses were to some extent avoided. Notably, for instance, responses to our strengths is recoded and reorganized for the hedgehog analysis that appears at the end of this report. To the extent possible, common thematic nodes were created to allow for more clear comparison for SWOT purposes. However, it bears repeating that coding was done inductively and, for these questions in particular, specificity was a higher value than summation.

Each response is taken with reference to the original question for coding purposes to best capture and maintain the meaning and intent of the original response. As such, concepts are not grouped into identical, repeatable categories across all questions, although where possible, effort has been made to do so for more clear comparisons. More work in this area needs to be done.

Strengths

The major nodes/themes associated with question #3 on McNeese's greatest strength are as follows in order of number of references that fit the theme.

Attitude-Characteristics	164
Academic Programs	109
Faculty	57
Students	55
Community Involvement	54
Regional Focus	52
Athletics	18
Culture	13
Opportunities	9
Alumni-Foundation	8
Arts Programs	8
Services	6

Strengths—Summary View

Strengths-Detailed View

The detailed list below defines more specifically what each general theme means.

QUESTION 3: STRENGTH		
Thematic Nodes & References	Observations and Discussion	
Attitude-Characteristics164	Thirty-five percent of total responses pertained to	
 Personal Touch29 	some aspect of the attitudes associated with	
 Class Size9 	McNeese or the characteristic nature of the	
 Family1 	institution. While most responses speak generally,	
• Affordable22	including something as simple as "attitude,"	
• Size20	"personal touch" was mentioned with the greatest	
 Administration14 	frequency within the group. "Class size" and	
 People-Employees14 	"family" were included as subsets of "personal	
• Dedication of Faculty-Staff11	touch."	
 Fiscal Responsibility8 		
 Campus Culture5 		
• Atmosphere3		
• Experience1		
• Organization1		

•	Academic Programs109	The majority of responses spoke about our greatest
	 Nursing18 	strength being our academic programs, with
	 Quality of Programs14 	specific programs mentioned as noted in the sub-
	• Engineering11	theme nodes. One caveat is that when speaking of
	 Variety of Programs6 	Engineering, constituents may be speaking of both
		the Engineering and Engineering Technology
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	• Education Programs6	programs. Thus, the Engineering node is perhaps
	• PreMed6	applicable to the unit as a whole, while the
	• Mass Comm4	Engineering Tech node is, in fact, specific to that
	 Class Offerings3 	degree program.
	 College of Business3 	In contrast to the subsequent sections (W,O,T),
	 Engineering Tech3 	where academics includes a variety of activities
	• Innovation3	associated with the Academic Affairs as a division,
	• Academic Program Standards2	in the Strength category, it deals almost exclusively
	 Accreditation1 	with programs. So, for example, class size is
	 Graduate Programs2 	identified with personal touch, rather than
		academics, whereas for the other questions it is
		-
	o Biology1	found with academics.
	• English1	
	• Math1	
	• MFA1	
	• Music1	
	• Online1	
	 Radiology1 	
	• Research1	
•	Faculty57	Many responses categorized here were expressed
	•	
	• Faculty-Student Interaction26	simply as "faculty." The notable sub-theme was on
	• Teaching6	student-faculty interaction, which could be seen as
		a subset of "personal touch."
•	Students55	While "students" in general are mentioned as a key
	 Opportunities for11 	strength, more specific responses identified
	• Services5	"opportunities," and discussed the "offerings
	 Student Life4 	McNeese has for students as a strength," which may
	 International Community3 	be a more accurate way of understanding these
	• Career Services2	responses in the aggregate.
	 Job Placement1 	
	• Enrollment2	
	• Non-traditional Students2	
	 Non-traditional Students2 Student Assessed Fees2 	
	 Non-traditional Students2 Student Assessed Fees2 Debate Team1 	
	 Non-traditional Students2 Student Assessed Fees2 Debate Team1 Graduation Rate1 	
	 Non-traditional Students2 Student Assessed Fees2 Debate Team1 Graduation Rate1 Progression1 	
	 Non-traditional Students2 Student Assessed Fees2 Debate Team1 Graduation Rate1 Progression1 Student-community 	
	 Non-traditional Students2 Student Assessed Fees2 Debate Team1 Graduation Rate1 Progression1 	

•	 Community Involvement54 Relationship with Industry10 Community (as an entity/concept)8 Economic Impact8 Relationship with Businesses3 K-12 Involvement1 Legislative Delegation1 Partnerships1 W/ Sowela1 Local Draw42 Accessible to local area5 Valuable to Commuters3 	Community relations in one form or another recur with high frequency throughout responses to all 12 questions. Thus, our relationship with the community is generally seen as a strength and in more specific terms, it is found with high frequency under opportunities.
•	Regional Focus52	Regional focus, our commitment to the region, importance to the region, and impact on the region is found expressed frequently throughout the 12 questions, but notably as a strength, and occasionally a limitation.
•	Athletics18 • Football4	
•	Culture13 • MSU History5 • The McNeese Name3 • Tradition2 • Pride1	
•	Opportunities9 o Jobs3 o Learning3 o Scholarships1 o Potential1	
•	Alumni-Foundation8 • Legacy1 • MSU Foundation1	
•	 Arts Programs8 Banners Series4 SFAA1 	
•	Services6 Leisure Learning/Cont Ed4	

Career Services1	

Weaknesses

The major nodes/themes associated with question #4 on McNeese's most glaring area for improvement are as follows in order of number of references that fit the theme.

Weaknesses-Summary View

Facilities	146
Academics	138
Student Experience	95
Image-Branding	85
Employee Issues	50
Budget/Funding	44
Collaboration with Externals	35
Safety	32
Athletics	27
Alumni-Foundation	25
Technology	24
Faculty	16
Campus Culture	12
Location	12
Role, Scope, Mission	6
Legislative Relations	5
Competition	2
Library	2

Weaknesses-Detailed View

The detailed list below defines more specifically what each general theme means.

QUESTION 4: WEAKNESS		
Thematic Nodes & References	Observations and Discussion	
 Facilities146 Parking60 Traffic4 Classroom3 Bayou2 Recycling1 	Facilities issues topped the weaknesses question, with issues of maintenance and renovation being frequently noted. A significant subset was, unsurprisingly, parking.	
 Academics138 Enrollment Management/Inst. Research Issues45 	The most significant subset of "academic weaknesses" lie in the enrollment management category. This category is not meant to denote the	

• Recruiting16	actual division or personnel in any way, but rather
• Retention8	the functions associated with that area.
 Advising4 	Importantly, this area also the biggest area of
• Advising System1	opportunity in academics and one of the largest
 Enrollment4 	areas of opportunity overall. It's identified as an
 Admission Standards3 	opportunity more often than as a weakness.
 One-Stop Shop Enrollment3 	
 Graduation Rate2 	
 Transfer Issues2 	
• w. Sowela1	
 Self-Study of Student 	
Success1	
• Academic Rigor/Demand12	
• Graduate Programs12	
• Online Programs12	
• Scheduling-Class Frequency12	
• Teaching innovations12	
• Research6	
• Student Preparedness6	
• New Academic Programs4	
• Instructional Support Programs3	
• Program Review3	
 Academic Consistency2 	
• College of Education2	
• Lack of Interdisciplinary	
Programs2	
• Academic Support-tutors1	
• Academic Health Programs1	
 Limited Degree Offerings1 	
• Study Abroad1	
Student Experience95	It should be understood that this category identifies
• Recruiting16	experiences students have at McNeese as
 Dining Services9 	weaknesses, not the students themselves, although
 Financial Support9 	"under and unprepared students" are cited
• Retention8	elsewhere in the study.
• Advising6	Many of the enrollment management functions
 Advising Systems1 	noted above are repeated in this category because
• Enrollment4	they fit in both academic and student experience
 Student Resources4 	categories. Because of this, it would be
 Admission Standards3 	appropriate to identify these issues—
• Attendance3	enrollment/retention and more specifically facets of
• Career Services3	our operations which directly impact the student
• One-stop shop Enrollment3	experience of these things as the second biggest
 Student Enthusiasm3 	weakness.
• Housing3	Financial support differs from financial
0	**

 Graduation Rate2 Financial Experience2 Transfer Issues2 w. Sowela1 Graduation Event1 Emph. on International Students1 Student Health Services1 Student Paper1 	experience—which pertains to difficulties navigating forms, financial aid process, finding scholarships.
 Image-Branding85 Advertising23 Reputation13 Website11 	Image/Branding/Advertising/Marketing/Public Perception all fall into this category along with materials, strategies, and efforts McNeese makes to impact these topics.
 Employee Issues50 Communication25 Employee Accountability10 Professional Development7 Governance4 Fac/Staff morale2 Employee Experience1 Staff Shortages1 	Many of these are closely related to budget issues and thus, this category could be seen as a subset of budget, but strictly speaking that involved more of an interpretation than I was willing to make. Moreover, it would, perhaps, minimize these issues to have folded them all under the budget umbrella.
Budget/Funding44 Resources20 Salaries13 	Resources, often mentioned as "resources" means a range of things, mostly unidentified, but regardless all tied to budget.
 Collaboration with Externals35 Community Interaction28 Rel. with Sowela3 	Despite community interaction as a strength, it is also seen in the weakness category. A more specific analysis of all responses associated with community would need to be done to try to ferret out the precise positives and negatives.
 Safety32 Pedestrian19 Police-mission5 Emergency Alert1 	
 Athletics27 Facilities11 Support8 Tickets2 Football2 Stadium Behavior1 	

 Alumni-Foundation25 Alumni Relations13 Endowment12 	
• Technology24	
 Faculty16 Office Hours/Participation5 Incentives for3 Recruitment of3 Fac-Staff morale2 	About half of the responses are expressed negatively, while the other half are expressed more positively—indicating that our weakness is faculty who do not contribute, have become complacent or recalcitrant. The other half of responses pertain to difficulties in attracting good faculty, low morale, few incentives for faculty to perform better or do more.
 Campus Culture12 Pride5 Culture-Diversity Intellectual/Cultural Activity2 Traditions2 Climate1 	
 Location12 Limited Physical Growth Potential11 Bound to Region1 	This category refers mostly to campus physical boundaries and the inability to expand rather than to our regional focus, seen as a strength.
 Role, Scope, Mission6 Institutional Innovation6 	
 Legislative Relations5 Politics1 	
Competition2	From other institutions.
• Library2	Of the two, one remark was specific, dealing with shortened hours.

Opportunities

The major nodes/themes associated with question #5 on opportunities McNeese should seize are as follows in order of number of references that fit the theme.

Opportunities—Summary View

Academic	252
Partnerships	97
Students	46
Adv-Mktg-Branding	42
Technology	25
Alumni-Foundation	24
Budget-Affordability	10
Athletics	9
Internal Operations	7
External Opportunities	7
Attitude-Characteristics	4
Employee Opportunities	3
Governance-BOR/State Relations	2
Governor's Program	1

Opportunities—Detailed View

The detailed list below defines more specifically what each general theme means.

	Thematic Nodes & Number of	Observations and Discussion
	References	
•	Academic252	Significantly, more opportunities are associated
	 Enrollment Management66 	with academics than with any other theme in any
	 Recruiting-general17 	other SWOT category including academics itself.
	 Scheduling10 	The largest subset of opportunities belongs to a
	 Recruiting-International8 	renewed emphasis on enrollment management
	 Recruiting-Out of State6 	issues, and notably, constituent responses, taken
	 Recruiting-preHS6 	together, point to some important possibilities with
	 Recruiting-NonTrads4 	respect to target marketing and advertising. Rather
	 Early Admissions3 	than say, advertise McNeese in general, advertise
	 Transfer Process2 	certain programs to certain populations. These
	 Advising1 	issues directly support the second major subset of
	 Retention1 	the academic theme: grow programs. In fact, grow
	• Grow Programs48	programs means both in terms of enrollment,
	 Online Learning38 	number of programs, and presumably, in
	• Workforce Preparation17	recognition and notoriety. Moving programs online
	 Graduate Programs16 	is also seen as a way to grow programs and the
	 Teaching Innovations9 	institution and to fulfill the fourth most sited subset
	 Academic Standards8 	of workforce preparation.
	 Prioritize Programs7 	
	 Scholarship/Research5 	
	• Innovation5	
	 Academic Support Svcs4 	
	 Faculty Development4 	
	• Articulation3	

 Internships3 Course Delivery3 CAMPP2 Service Learning2 Interdisciplinary Programs1 Study Abroad1 Agriculture1 	
 Partnerships97 Industry20 Community-generally18 State Schools/Agencies18 Sowela12 Business/Casino16 K-1215 SEED Center10 Military/Ft. Polk3 Healthcare1 	Community involvement is seen as a strength, but responses suggesting that partnerships (mostly with community) outnumber it as a strength nearly 2 to 1, suggesting there is significant room for growth here.
Students46 Childcare Svcs8 Involvement7 Housing4 FY Experience/FFND4 Career Svcs3 Health Svcs3 Learning Disabilities2 Scholarship Opportunities2 Flexibility1 Dining1 Learning (ESL)1 Preparation1 International1	These responses range from services for, to discipline of, to instilling pride and other intangibles.
Adv-Mktg-Branding42 o Image-Branding6 o Public Relations5 o Expand Market3 o Brand1	Spoken generally, this might be productively coupled with recruiting specifics under academic (above).
Technology25 • Website6 • Emergent Technologies4	

 Alumni-Foundation24 Land Acquisition16 Foundation-Campaign5 Alumni Development3 Budget-Affordability10 Affordable-Cost Effective2 Compensation1 	
• Athletics9	
 Internal Operations7 Sustainability3 Satellite Campus2 	
 External Opportunities7 Regional Growth6 Community Retirees1 	
 Attitude-Characteristics4 Tradition3 Personal Touch1 	
 Employee Opportunities3 Compensation1 Employee Incentives1 Employee Development1 	
Governance-BOR/State Relations2	
Governor's Program1	

Threats

The major nodes/themes associated with question #7 on threats facing McNeese are as follows in order of number of references that fit the theme.

Threats—Summary View

Academics	93
Budget-Affordability	91
Largely External Threats	72
Loss of Enrollment	47
Attitude	42
Personnel Issues	32

Safety Issues	24
Public Image	19
Facilities	11
Endowment	9
Governance-Internal	8
Student Issues	8
Athletics	7
Technology	4
Diversity	4

Threats-Detailed View

The detailed list below defines more specifically what each general theme means.

	Thematic Nodes & Number of	Observations and Discussion
	References	
• A	cademics93	Many of the responses in this category are related,
0	Program Loss37	of course, to budget issues: program loss, class size,
0	Lowered Standards18	loss of resources, and so on. However, there are
0	Increased Class Size7	responses that point to threat independent of budget
0	Loss of Accreditation7	and entirely within the control of faculty, such as
0		program standards.
0		
0	Lowered Standards-online4	
0	Loss of Teacher quality4	
0	Loss of Graduate Programs2	
0		
0	Misaligned with Workforce1	
• B	udget-Affordability91	Loss of state funding and rising tuition threaten the
0	8	institution in terms of reduced enrollment and
0	8	employee attrition, among other issues.
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0		
	Students3	
0	0 0	
	institution2	
0	8	
0	2	
0	Overspending1	

 Largely External Threats72 Governance-external32 Absorbed by other inst17 Competition for Students26 Hurricanes4 Declining # of HS graduates2 Landlocked2 Rising Costs assoc with running an institution2 Bad Economy1 Increased Bureaucracy1 Job Market1 Location1 	Two notable sets of responses here include competition with other schools (including Sowela) as well as fewer high school students graduating over the next 8 to 10 years.
 Loss of Enrollment47 Declining # of HS graduates2 Loss of Student Athletes2 	Although this theme is noted in the previous theme, taken as whole and independent, it represents the fourth biggest threat. Enrollment threats come from change in demographics, increased cost, increased competition, retention problems, and perception of the institution's quality and offerings.
 Attitude42 Complacency7 RSM—Lack of Focus8 Loss of Personal Touch5 Loss of Community Interaction4 	Often cited as a strength and what people love about McNeese, our attitude or perhaps threats that undercut our attitude and focus are seen as a threat to the institution as a whole.
 Personnel Issues32 Attrition21 Salary cuts6 Morale4 Untrained, inexperienced1 	These issues are largely, almost exclusively tied to budget.
Safety Issues24	One responses deals with acts of God, one suggests a risk assessment team, two say "safety issues," some suggest "crime," "terrorism," "robbery," "violence," safety at night, and student safety generally.
 Public Image19 Loss of Identity-Cowboys1 Loss of McNeese name1 Loss of Tradition1 Negative Perceptions1 	

 Facilities11 Power outages4 Grounds2 Maintenance2 Space issues2 ADA1 	
 Endowment9 Loss of Financial Opportunity for Students3 Loss of Restricted Accounts1 	
 Governance-Internal8 Privatization3 Increased Bureaucracy1 Overspending1 	
 Student Issues8 Loss of Financial Opportunity for Students3 Less Prepared Students2 Rising Textbook Costs2 Academic culture1 	
 Athletics7 Loss of Football Tradition3 Loss of Athletic Success2 Loss of Student Athletes2 	
• Technology4	
 Diversity4 Lack of3 Too much1 	

Direct Comparison by Theme-Summary, Aggregated

The following charts line up Strengths with Opportunities and Weaknesses with Threats based on the parent nodes, aggregated.

Strengths	Opportunities	Weaknesses	Threats
Attitude-	Academic252	Facilities146	Academics93
Characteristics164			
Academic	Partnerships97	Academics138	Budget-
Programs109			Affordability91
Faculty57	Students46	Student	Largely External
		Experience95	Threats72
Students55	Adv-Mktg-	Image-Branding85	Loss of
	Branding42		Enrollment47
Community	Technology25	Employee Issues50	Attitude42
Involvement54			
Regional Focus52	Alumni-	Budget/Funding44	Personnel Issues32
	Foundation24		
Athletics18	Budget-	Collaboration with	Safety Issues24
	Affordability10	Externals35	
Culture13	Athletics9	Safety32	Public Image19
Opportunities9	Internal	Athletics27	Facilities11
	Operations7		
Alumni-	External	Alumni-	Endowment9
Foundation8	Opportunities7	Foundation25	
	(retirees/economy)		
Arts Programs8	Attitude-	Technology24	Governance-
	Characteristics4		Internal8
Services6	Employee	Faculty16	Student Issues8
	Opportunities3		
	Governance-	Campus Culture12	Athletics7
	BOR/State		
	Relations2		
	Governor's	Location12	Technology4
	Program1		
		Role, Scope,	Diversity4
		Mission6	
		Legislative	
		Relations5	
		Competition2	
		Library2	

Direct Comparison by Theme- Detail, Aggregated

The following two charts line up Strengths with Opportunities and Weaknesses with Threats according to thematic nodes, aggregated as described in the methodology section.

	Strengths	Opportunities		
•	Attitude-Characteristics164	• Academic252		
	 Personal Touch29 	 Enrollment Management66 		
	 Class Size9 	 Recruiting-general17 		
	 Family1 	 Scheduling10 		
	o Affordable22	 Recruiting-International8 		
	• Size20	 Recruiting-Out of State6 		
	o Administration14	 Recruiting-preHS6 		
	 People-Employees14 	 Recruiting-NonTrads4 		
	 Dedication of Faculty-Staff11 	 Early Admissions3 		
	 Fiscal Responsibility8 	 Transfer Process2 		
	 Campus Culture5 	 Advising1 		
1	• Atmosphere3	 Retention1 		
1	• Experience1	 Grow Programs48 		
	• Organization1	 Online Learning38 		
		 Workforce Preparation17 		
		 Graduate Programs16 		
		 Teaching Innovations9 		
		 Academic Standards8 		
		 Prioritize Programs7 		
		 Scholarship/Research5 		
		• Innovation5		
		 Academic Support Svcs4 		
		 Faculty Development4 		
		• Articulation3		
		 Internships3 		
		• Course Delivery3		
		• CAMPP2		
		• Service Learning2		
		 Interdisciplinary Programs1 		
		• Study Abroad1		
		• Agriculture1		
•	Academic Programs109	Partnerships97		
	• Nursing18	 Industry20 		
	 Quality of Programs14 			
	 Engineering11 			
	 Variety of Programs6 	 State Schools/Agencies18 Sowela12 		
	 Agriculture6 	• Business/Casino16		
1	 Education Programs6 	• K-1215		

Strengths and Opportunities

o PreMed6	• SEED Center10
 Mass Comm4 	o Military/Ft. Polk3
 Class Offerings3 	• Healthcare1
 College of Business3 	
 Engineering Tech3 	
o Innovation3	
 Academic Program Standards2 	
 Accreditation1 	
• Graduate Programs2	
• Theatre Program2	
o Biology1	
• English1	
• Math1	
• MFA1	
o Music1	
• Online1	
• Radiology1	
• Research1	
• Faculty57	• Students46
• Faculty-Student Interaction26	• Childcare Svcs8
• Teaching6	• Involvement7
	• Housing4
	• FY Experience/FFND4
	• Career Svcs3
	• Health Svcs3
	 Learning Disabilities2
	 Scholarship Opportunities2
	 Textbooks2
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	• Learning (ESL)1
	 Preparation1 Pride1
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	o International1
• Students55	• Adv. Mitta Drandina 42
	Adv-Mktg-Branding42
	 Image-Branding6 Public Relations5
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	• Expand Market3
 International Community3 Career Services2 	o Brand1
 Career Services2 Job Placement1 	
• Enrollment2	
• Non-traditional Students2	
 Student Assessed Fees2 	

	 Debate Team1 Graduation Rate1 	
	 Origination rate1 	
	 Student-community relationships1 	
	o bradent community relationships	
•	Community Involvement54	• Technology25
	 Relationship with Industry10 	• Website6
	• Community (as an entity/concept)8	 Emergent Technologies4
	 Economic Impact8 	
	• Relationship with Businesses3	
	• K-12 Involvement1	
	 Legislative Delegation1 	
	• Partnerships1	
	• W/ Sowela1	
1	 Local Draw42 	
1	• Accessible to local area5	
	• Valuable to Commuters3	
•	Regional Focus52	Alumni-Foundation24
	8	• Land Acquisition16
		• Foundation-Campaign5
		• Alumni Development3
•	Athletics18	Budget-Affordability10
	o Football4	 Affordable-Cost Effective2
		• Compensation1
•	Culture13	• Athletics9
	• MSU History5	
	• The McNeese Name3	
	• Tradition2	
	• Pride1	
•	Opportunities9	Internal Operations7
	o Jobs3	 Sustainability3
	• Learning3	 Satellite Campus2
	 Scholarships1 	-
	• Potential1	
•	Alumni-Foundation8	External Opportunities7
	• Legacy1	
	 MSU Foundation1 	C C
		 Community Retirees1
•	Arts Programs8	• Attitude-Characteristics4
	 Banners Series4 	• Tradition3
1	o SFAA1	

	• Personal Touch1
 Services6 Leisure Learning/Cont Ed4 Career Services1 	 Employee Opportunities3 Compensation1 Employee Incentives1 Employee Development1
	Governance-BOR/State Relations2 Governor's Program1

Weaknesses and Threats

Weakness	Threats		
• Facilities146	Academics93		
• Parking60	 Program Loss37 		
• Traffic4	 Lowered Standards18 		
• Classroom3	 Increased Class Size7 		
o Bayou2	 Loss of Accreditation7 		
• Recycling1	• Online Education7		
	 Loss of traditional classroom5 		
	 Lowered Standards-online4 		
	 Loss of Teacher quality4 		
	 Loss of Graduate Programs2 		
	 Loss of Library Resources1 		
	 Misaligned with Workforce1 		
Academics138	Budget-Affordability91		
• Enrollment Management/Inst. Research	 Loss of Funding59 		
Issues45	 Rising Tuition/Fees17 		
 Recruiting16 	 Salary cuts6 		
 Retention8 	 Loss of Financial Opportunity for 		
 Advising4 	Students3		
 Advising System1 	 Rising Costs assoc with running an 		
 Enrollment4 	institution2		
 Admission Standards3 	 Rising Textbook Costs2 		
 One-Stop Shop Enrollment3 	 Loss of Library Resources1 		
 Graduation Rate2 	• Overspending1		
 Transfer Issues2 			
• w. Sowela1			
 Self-Study of Student Success1 			
 Academic Rigor/Demand12 			
 Graduate Programs12 			
 Online Programs12 			
 Scheduling-Class Frequency12 			

 Teaching innovations12 Research6 Student Preparedness6 New Academic Programs4 Instructional Support Programs3 Program Review3 Academic Consistency2 College of Education2 Lack of Interdisciplinary Programs1 Academic Health Programs1 Limited Degree Offerings1 Study Abroad1 	
 Student Experience95 Recruiting16 Dining Services9 Financial Support9 Retention8 Advising6 Advising Systems1 Enrollment4 Student Resources4 Admission Standards3 Attendance3 Career Services3 One-stop shop Enrollment3 Student Enthusiasm3 Graduation Rate2 Financial Experience2 Transfer Issues2 w. Sowela1 Graduation Event1 Emph. on International Students1 Student Paper1 	 Largely External Threats72 Governance-external32 Absorbed by other inst17 Competition for Students26 Hurricanes4 Declining # of HS graduates2 Landlocked2 Rising Costs assoc with running an institution2 Bad Economy1 Increased Bureaucracy1 Job Market1 Location1
 Image-Branding85 Advertising23 Reputation13 Website11 	 Loss of Enrollment47 Declining # of HS graduates2 Loss of Student Athletes2
 Employee Issues50 Communication25 Employee Accountability10 	 Attitude42 Complacency7 RSM—Lack of Focus8

 Professional Development7 Governance4 Fac/Staff morale2 Employee Experience1 Staff Shortages1 Budget/Funding44 Resources20 Salaries13 	 Loss of Personal Touch5 Loss of Community Interaction4 Personnel Issues32 Attrition21 Salary cuts6 Morale4 Untrained, inexperienced1
 Collaboration with Externals35 Community Interaction28 Rel. with Sowela3 Safety32 Pedestrian19 Police-mission5 Emergency Alert1 	 Safety Issues24 Public Image19 Loss of Identity-Cowboys1 Loss of McNeese name1 Loss of Tradition1 Negative Perceptions1
 Athletics27 Facilities11 Support8 Tickets2 Football2 Stadium Behavior1 	 Facilities11 Power outages4 Grounds2 Maintenance2 Space issues2 ADA1
 Alumni-Foundation25 Alumni Relations13 Endowment12 	 Endowment9 Loss of Financial Opportunity for Students3 Loss of Restricted Accounts1
• Technology24	 Governance-Internal8 Privatization3 Increased Bureaucracy1 Overspending1
 Faculty16 Office Hours/Participation5 Incentives for3 Recruitment of3 Fac-Staff morale2 	 Student Issues8 Loss of Financial Opportunity for Students3 Less Prepared Students2 Rising Textbook Costs2 Academic culture1

 Campus Culture12 Pride5 Culture-Diversity Intellectual/Cultural Activity2 Traditions2 Climate1 	 Athletics7 Loss of Football Tradition3 Loss of Athletic Success2 Loss of Student Athletes2 	
 Location12 Limited Physical Growth Potential11 Bound to Region1 	Technology4	
 Role, Scope, Mission6 Institutional Innovation6 	 Diversity4 Lack of3 Too much1 	
 Legislative Relations5 Politics1 		
Competition2		
• Library2		

Direct Comparison by Theme Unaggregated

This table shows the top ten responses as coded by theme at the lowest level of coding. Thus, it represents a somewhat different view from the above charts, which show comments aggregated by the parent node.

	Strengths	Opportunities	Weaknesses	Threats
1	Local draw42	Grow academic	Facilities76	Loss of funding59
		programs48		
2	Attitude-	Online learning38	Parking60	Loss of
	characteristics36			Enrollment43
3	Personal touch29	Advertising-	Image-Branding37	Loss of
		Marketing-		programs37
		Branding27		
4	Faculty-Student	Industry	Community	Competition for
	interaction26	Partnerships20	interaction28	students26
5	Faculty25	Facilities19	Communication25	Safety issues24
6	Affordable22	Community	Advertising24	Personnel
		Partnerships18		attrition21
7	Community	Workforce	Technology24	Loss of academic
	involvement21	Preparation17		standards18

8	Size (not class	Recruiting17	Resources20	Complacent
	size)20			attitude17
9	Students20	Land	Pedestrian	Rising tuition-
		Acquisition16	Safety19	fees17
10	Nursing18	Graduate	Recruiting16	Absorbed by another
		Programs16		institution17
11		Business and Casino		
		Partnerships16		

*note-Three opportunities tied at 16, so the list goes to eleven.

SWOT Analysis Summary

While more analysis could be done in this area, there is enough information to reasonably conclude the following. McNeese's greatest strength is its local draw or hold on the five-parish region as it pertains to enrollment. Second to this and perhaps directly related to it are characteristics that appeal to a broad constituency and can be summed up as McNeese's personal touch, e.g. close student-faculty interaction, and a regional focus in much of what McNeese does.

McNeese's greatest opportunity lies in growing its academic programs, largely through making these programs available online. While at first this may seem counterintuitive to what appears to be our strength, one might conclude that in fact more online programs would appeal to prospective students in the region who would still prefer to be affiliated with McNeese than with another online provider largely because McNeese is local and therefore a known quantity for employers in the region and students who wish to remain in the region. Perhaps the second greatest opportunity lies directly in line with our strength and that is through forging more partnerships with local/regional businesses, industry, schools, civic and government organizations. These partnerships can be a draw in terms of opportunities for student internships, opportunities to boost enrollment, and so on having, arguably, a net positive effect on our image in the region.

McNeese's greatest weakness, as perceived by its constituents, is its facilities, and in particular parking, which given recent activity on campus and legislative capital outlay decisions is actually good for McNeese. Short of that, our biggest weakness is in the advertising, image, branding category, which, as noted could be mitigated over time due to partnerships and other programming.

Unsurprisingly, our greatest threat remains budget cuts, which is the gateway to numerous other threats, including loss of students, programs, personnel, academic standards, and so on. One other notable area of threat, not specifically tied to budget is loss of enrollment due to regional and state demographics and, of course, competition from other schools who can perhaps offer more financial incentives making them competitive with McNeese. Given the state climate for higher education, this threat most likely will come from Texas schools that can offer competitive tuition and fees with what McNeese offers. Complicating our financial assistance for students is the need to raise tuition to mitigate budget cuts, thus making it harder for us to compete with ambitious schools across the state line.

Questions 8, 9 (Student Learning, Enrollment-Retention)

Understandably there is considerable overlap in the responses to these questions. Arguably, those responses dealing with Student learning could, in many ways, be taken as responses to the retention question as they share not only the same concerns, as evidence thematically, but at the comment level address the exact same issues.

	Question 8—Improve Student Learning		
#	Responses	Frequency	
1	Learning Experience	194	
2	Faculty Teaching Issues	128	
3	Learning Support	66	
4	Enrollment Management	37	
5	Institutional Management & Outreach	28	
6	Academic Program Management	24	
7	Advising	19	
8	Academic Standards	19	
9	Student Services	16	
10	Student Financial and Incentives	14	
11	Misc	10	
12	Facilities	3	
13	Website	2	

Top Responses Grouped by Theme (Student Learning)

Detailed View of Themes

	Question 8—Improve Student Learning			
		Thematic Nodes & References	Observations and Discussion	
•	Le	arning Experience194	Comments coded to these themes should be	
	0	Tech-support campus/classroom39	understood as things that are necessary to	
	0	Professional preparation24	improve student learning (and teaching),	
	0	Hands-on learning22	e.g. tech-supported classrooms, and or the	
	0	Student-Faculty interaction, class size21	kinds of experiences that students should be	
	0	Guest speakers14	required to engage in, such as oral	
	0	Internships13	presentations or group work.	
	0	FFND13		
	0	Student Discipline12		
	0	Student engagement9		
	0	Research6		
	0	Learning Communities5		
	0	Interactive learning4		
	0	Service learning3		
	0	Field Experience (improve)2		

	• Student-centered learning2	
	• Group work (students)1	
	• Oral presentations1	
	• Study abroad1	
•	Faculty and Teaching Themes128	This group includes a variety of issues
	• Better teachers46	related to faculty and teaching, including
	 Evaluation of teaching10 	comments that are critical of teachers,
	• Faculty professional development21	supportive of teacher needs (e.g.
	 Teaching innovation20 	professional development, workload
	• Hire more faculty9	considerations/hire more), to a broad range
	 Survey students—study data9 	of comments that dealing with curriculum,
	• Research6	instructional methods, course content and so
	 Faculty Workload4 	on.
	• General education focus4	
	 Curriculum design3 	Research refers both to student research
	• Incentives for teaching excellence3	projects under faculty direction, and faculty
	 Improve collegiality2 	research proper. The same node is coded
	• Improve interdepartmental	under the parent theme "Learning
	communication1	Experience."
•	Learning Support66	Tutoring and supplementary instruction
	• Tutoring32	(class-specific peer tutoring support) are the
	 Mentoring programs10 	most notable suggestions, statistically, in
	• Library10	this area.
	 Eliminate LiveText7 	
	• Study areas4	
	• Writing Center1	
	• MyMathLab1	
	 Learning Disorders1 	
•	Institutional Management & Outreach50	This group includes ways the institution
	 Collaborate with K12 & LCTCS35 	should reach out for collaborators in
	 College prep programs21 	education, business/industry to the benefit
	 Exposed to Degree offerings1 	of both incoming students and current and
		graduating students.
		graduating students.
	• Interactions with Employers1	
	• Communication with Student/Parents1	
	• Safety issues1	
	• Advertise learning1	
•	Enrollment management38	This parent theme refers to the concept, not
	 Scheduling variety22 	necessarily the unit.
	• Admissions (exceptions, registration)6	
	 Better students1 	
	• Withdrawals/Drops5	
	 Registration limits2 	

 At-risk identification2 	
 Transcript issues1 	
Academic Program Management24	
• Online courses-programs19	
• New programs3	
• Innovation2	
Advising19	
• Orientation2	
• Course shopping1	
• Course load1	
Academic Standards19	
 Writing-Reading improvement5 	
• Critical thinking2	
• Accreditations1	
Student Services16	
• Career Services4	
 Student life4 	
• Online-ADA2	
o ADA2	
• Daycare1	
• Parking1	
 International students1 	
• Counseling1	
• Student Financial and Incentives14	
 Scholarships9 	
• Recognition of student successes2	
 Financial aid counseling1 	
 Textbook costs1 	
• Student jobs1	
• Misc10	
• Facilities3	
• Website2	

Top Responses Grouped by Theme (Enrollment-Retention)

All responses were coded then divided into one of three parent themes based on the question: Enrollment; Retention; Both-Enrollment/Retention. Care was taken to ensure that even though some comments are coded using the same or similar language, in substance they remain essentially discreet, such that something appearing under the parent node of Enrollment, does not also apply to Retention. While the concepts might overlap, the essences of the comments as solicited from the public in meetings do not. In cases where they might, they are coded thematically and assigned the "Both" category.

Question 9—Increase Enrollment-Retention		
#	Responses	Frequency
1	Enrollment	349

	Recruiting	119
	Advertising	95
2	Retention	160
	Student Support Services	74
	Academic-Classroom issues	50
3	Both	153
	Affordability	42
	Student Experience	41

Detailed View of Themes

	Question 9—Increase Enrollment-Retention			
		Thematic Nodes & References	Observations and Discussion	
•	En	rollment349	On recruiting—recruit in high and middle	
	0	Recruiting119	schools, target specific populations with	
		 High Schools51 	specific degree offerings, encourage area	
		 Target Recruiting 22 	businesses to recruit students from their	
		 Middle Schools11 	employee base, actively recruit from Sowela.	
		 Non-traditional students1 		
		 Businesses to recruit7 	On advertising—most comments were simply	
		 Recruit from Sowela7 	"advertise." "First choice" refers to a	
		 Use students to recruit6 	response to "make McNeese the first choice"	
		 Use Alumni to recruit3 	among local/area students.	
		 Legacy admissions1 		
	0	Advertising95	Distance education—increasing this is	
		• Website8	popularly thought to boost enrollment, and in	
		 Parents4 	some cases is associated with retention.	
		 Analyze competition3 		
		 Branding3 	Admissions—"experience"making the	
		 First Choice2 	admissions experience simply and enjoyable.	
	0	Distance Education35		
		• E-learning31	Unique populations—offering programs for	
		 Off-Campus Sites3 	(whether degree or other), or in the case of	
		• Satellites2	community involvement the thought is to get	
		 Alternative delivery1 	involved more with the community and	
	0	Admissions27	students will come.	
		 Admissions Experience12 		
		 Early admissions8 	Academic programs—notably more graduate	
		 Transfer issues4 	programs to increase enrollment. "Specialize"	
		 Orientation3 	encourages us to push one program or type of	
	0	Unique Populations25	programs over any others.	
		 Community Involvement20 		
		 Adult Education2 		
		 Local Workforce1 		
		 Veterans programs1 		

		• SPUR1	
	0	Academic Programs17	
		Program variety3	
		 Specialize2 	
		• 3-year degree1	
	0	Campus Life14	
		 Housing14 	
	0	Affordability-Cost12	
		 Out of State Waivers12 	
	0	Facilities6	
	0	Enrollment—(don't grow)1	
•	Ret	ention160	"Student Support Services"—corresponds to
	0	Student Support Services74	"Learning Support," the third highest theme
		 Advising-Counseling21 	for question 8. These are not exact thematic
		 Scheduling16 	correspondences because Advising, for
		 Mentoring10 	example, gets its own node for Question 8, but
		 Career Testing10 	here is part of another node.
		Intervention8	1
		 Tutoring Services5 	Similarly, "Academic-Classroom Issues"
		Academic-Classroom Issues50	corresponds to "Learning Experience,"
	0	 Academic Classicolin Issues	highest ranking theme for question 8.
		Freshman Foundations6	ingliest faiking theme for question of
			Teaching-Teacher Issues—corresponds
		 Services Learning6 Attack Deliving 5 	
		• Attendance Policies5	somewhat to "Faculty-Teaching Themes" for
		 Freshman Experience5 	question 8, although the frequency is
		• Hands-on4	substantially lower here.
		Drop Fees3	
		Internships3	
		 Improve Learning2 	
		 Curriculum reviews2 	
		 Test out1 	
		 Reflective learning1 	
		 Barrier classes1 	
	0	Teaching-Teacher Issues14	
		 Teaching quality7 	
		 Teaching improvement2 	
		 Incentivize teaching2 	
		 Employee retention2 	
		 Faculty accountability1 	
	0	Monitoring Students12	
		 Retention plans5 	
		 Tracking students3 	
		 Survey students2 	
		Exit Interviews2	
	0	Affordability-Cost Issues10	
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		 Student Jobs6 	
		 Academic Incentives3 	
		 Financial/Academic Appeals1 	
•	Bo	th Enrollment and Retention153	Comments coded to these themes in some
	0	Affordability-cost42	way fit enrollment and retention, or do not
	-	 Scholarship-Financial support28 	clearly fit either group (esp. "Misc").
		 Cost11 	
		 Textbook costs3 	Workforce is included in "Academic
	0	Student Experience41	Programs" and pulled out for its own node as
		 Traditions4 	the substance of the comments also include
		• Childcare4	institutional endeavors not directly tied to a
		• Greeks3	degree program.
		 Shuttle bus2 	
		 Dining1 	
		 Student safety1 	
		 Social networking1 	
	0	Enrollment Management Issues16	
		 Admissions Standards14 	
		 Credit recovery1 	
		 Registration1 	
	0	Personal Touch12	
		 Employee training5 	
	0	Academic Programs10	
		 Program-Workforce alignment3 	
		• COMPASS3	
		 Student-faculty interaction2 	
		• Degree value1	
		Library1	
	0	Collaborations10	
		Alumni7	
		 Peer Institutions2 	
	_	 Business involvement1 Misc7 	
	0	Workforce7	
	0	 Program-workforce alignment3 	
		Continuing ed2	
		Job Placement2	
	0	Athletics5	
	0	Tech Campus1	
	0	Grants1	
	0	Communication1	
	0	Communication1	

Questions 2 and 3 (Love/Strength) Hedgehog Analysis

For purposes analyzing this question, responses to question 3 on strength were reorganized to more closely mirror the coding for question 2 on love.

Notably, the thing constituents love most about McNeese are attributes of University culture. These same attributes were second among comments that attested to McNeese's strength. Similarly, constituents noted that McNeese's impact on the region is the second aspect they love the most, and noted as third among McNeese's strengths. While academic excellence is fifth in the love question, it does top the strength question. University values are also notable in this analysis, especially if they are taken as part of the University culture, which would be a reasonable association.

LOVE—Thematic Nodes & References	STRENGTH—Thematic Nodes &
	References
University Culture219	Academic Excellence166
Impact on Region87	University Culture124
Values77	Impact on Region120
Educational Experience72	Student Experience55
Academic Excellence56	Values49
Student Experience40	Athletics18
Athletics28	Educational Experience9
Facilities-Ground7	Symbols3
Misc-No4	Misc-No2
Symbols3	

Summary View of Love-Strength Codes

Detailed View of Love-Strength Themes

LOVE—Thematic Nodes & References	STRENGTH—Thematic Nodes &	
	References	
University Culture219	Academic Excellence166	
• Size39	• Faculty57	
• Atmosphere25	 Faculty-Student interaction26 	
o People20	 Teaching6 	
Colleagues19	• Nursing18	
 Administration9 	 Academic Programs-Quality14 	
• President1	 Engineering11 	
 Caring Faculty9 	 Academic program variety6 	
 Faculty-Staff8 	• PreMed6	
○ Staff8	 Agriculture6 	
• Employer6	 Education Programs6 	
o Alumni4	 Mass Comm4 	

 Alma Mater1 	• Engineering Tech3
 McNeese Foundation1 	• College of Business3
• Friendly18	 Class Offerings3
 Opportunity18 	• Innovation3
o Pride16	• Theatre Program2
 Positive Attitude15 	 Graduate Programs2
• Family13	 Academic Program Standards2
 Campus Community12 	 Accreditation1
• Tradition11	• Radiology1
 Memories3 	o Biology1
• Resilient2	• MFA Program1
• Fun7	• English Program1
• Potential4	• Math Program1
• Home3	• Music Program1
• Reputation3	• Research1
• Volunteerism2	• Online1
• Wholesome1	0
 Collaborative1 	Ŭ Ŭ
• Adaptable1	
• Everything1	
Impact on Region87	University Culture124
1 0	
• Community interaction22	
• Support2	• Size20
• Art-Culture-Theatre17	• People-employees14
Banners4	• Administration14
Band1	• Dedication of Faculty/Staff11
• Vital to Region10	• Alumni-Foundation8
• Convenient4	• Legacy1
o Location2	 MSU Foundation1
	• MSU History5
	• Campus Culture5
	• Atmosphere3
	• Tradition2
	o Pride1
	• Family1
	• Experience1
	• Organization1
• Values77	Impact on Region120
• Personal47	• Community Involvement54
 Accessibility of all 	 Rel. with Industry10
Employees13	 Economic Impact8
 Excellence with a Personal 	 Community8
Touch5	 Rel. with Business3
• Affordable17	 Community—K121
• Diversity10	Partnerships1
 Wesley Foundation1 	Rel. with Sowela1

• Integrity3	 Legislative Delegation1 Regional Focus52 Local draw42 Accessible5 Commuter3 Arts Programs8 Banners4 SFAA1 Services6 LL/Continuing Ed4 Career Services1
 Educational Experience72 Student-Faculty Interaction42 Class Size26 Undergraduate Research2 Learning Centered1 Hands-on1 	 Students and Student Experience55 Opportunities20 Learning3 Job3 Scholarships1 Potential1 Opportunities1 Services5 Student Life4 International Community3 Self-assessed fees2 Non-traditional Students2 Enrollment2 Career Services2 Job Placement1 Student-Community Rel1 Progression1 Debate team1 Graduation rate1
 Academic Excellence56 Quality of Education19 Teaching Excellence4 Faculty Experiences4 Teaching Opportunity3 Faculty Research1 Mass Comm Dept3 Education programs3 Faculty3 Business programs3 Nursing2 Music dept2 Social Sciences1 PreMed1 EASE Program1 	 Values49 Affordable22 Personal Touch19 Fiscal responsibility8

• Engineering Programs1	
• Library1	
• Student Experience40	• Athletics18
• Student Life11	o Football4
 Greeks4 	
 RecComplex2 	
 Student Support7 	
 Scholarships2 	
 Counseling Center1 	
 Infirmary1 	
 Writing Center1 	
• Athletics28	Educational Experience9
◦ Football12	 Class size9
• Facilities-Grounds7	• Symbol3
o Grounds4	o Name3
• Aesthetic2	
 Oak Trees1 	
• Misc-No4	• Misc-No2
• Police1	
• Symbols3	
o Name1	
○ Jolie Blon1	
• Blue and Gold1	