

Arts and Science Federation of Associations (ASFA)

Strategic Planning Discussion, February 2015

Thinking about how to improve the student learning experience and build Concordia's reputation as a 'next-generation' university, which 3 of the items below do you see as most important?

- 1) Wide options for and deep integration of online/digital learning (2)¹
 - Should be supplementary to lectures
 - Cutting teachers and putting more emphasis on TAs
- 2) Cutting-edge program offerings linked to research strengths (1)
 - Money grabs
- 3) **'Intellectual fusion'—multi- and cross-disciplinarity (22)**
 - Wish there was more of (noted by: urban planning/journalism)
- 4) **Wide options for and deep integration of experiential learning (23)**
 - Very viable to all degrees, especially for practicum experience
 - Needs further explanation-> co-op? Field trips?
 - Very beneficial for future experience/opportunities
- 5) Wide options for and deep integration of innovation and entrepreneurship (6)
 - Depends on department, could be beneficial to some and not to others (noted by: History)
- 6) Deeper integration of skills that help students with work- readiness in program curricula (0)
 - Education as a commodity
 - Would rather hands on learning, rather than a lecture
- 7) Deeper integration with the city (18)
 - Interested in how this would be applied
 - Suggested to condense point 7 & 8

¹ The numbers in red represent the number of votes for each of the items on the list

- 8) Deeper commitment to public and community engagement (15)
 - Helps develop how to attack the workforce after school, how to integrate as second phase of schooling
- 9) Increased access for students to international opportunities (16)
 - Some can not afford it financially
 - Suggest more bursaries
 - Able to bring learning process abroad (noted by TESL)
- 10) Increased access to and involvement in faculty research (17)
 - Networking with faculty
 - Opens opportunity
 - Beneficial for future endeavours (noted by: psychology, linguistics)
- 11) Academic facilities that facilitate a next-generation learning and campus experience (23)
 - Building quality
 - Outdated tech labs
 - Austerity cuts
 - TD/MB 9th floor building renovation
 - Directly applies to MA offices