Results of the Strategic Planning Thought Exchange: Students

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Exchange Summary

Camosun College, Camosun College
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Imagine you are in charge of Camosun. What would you start doing, what would stop doing, and what would you want to stay the same?

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Participation Breakdown

155
Participants

116
Thoughts

2,490
Ratings

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Wordcloud of Top-Rated Thoughts

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THOUGHTS

Key Thoughts

To have an option between online or in class learning It makes it easier for student to juggle their already busy schedule and gives you relief to not have to commute to school everyday for every class.

4.4 ★★★★½ (32)
Ranked #1 of 116

Add more online classes and fully online programs Online classes are convenient for many people with busy lives and disabilities. Online learning is the wave of the future, and will be profitable.

4.4 ★★★★½ (31)
Ranked #2 of 116

Offer more options for online/distance learning Many students work full time during the week and attending classes only in the evenings is difficult. Online classes provide flexibility

4.3 ★★★★☆ (34)
Ranked #3 of 116

Build affordable / subsidized on-campus student housing on both campuses Students need somewhere to live that is affordable and not a dump.

4.3 ★★★★☆ (33)
Ranked #4 of 116

Have student housing on campus specifically the Interurban campus It takes too long to get to school and there is a housing crisis where students cannot afford to pay 3rd party housing. School should do more to help

4.3 ★★★★☆ (33)
Ranked #5 of 116

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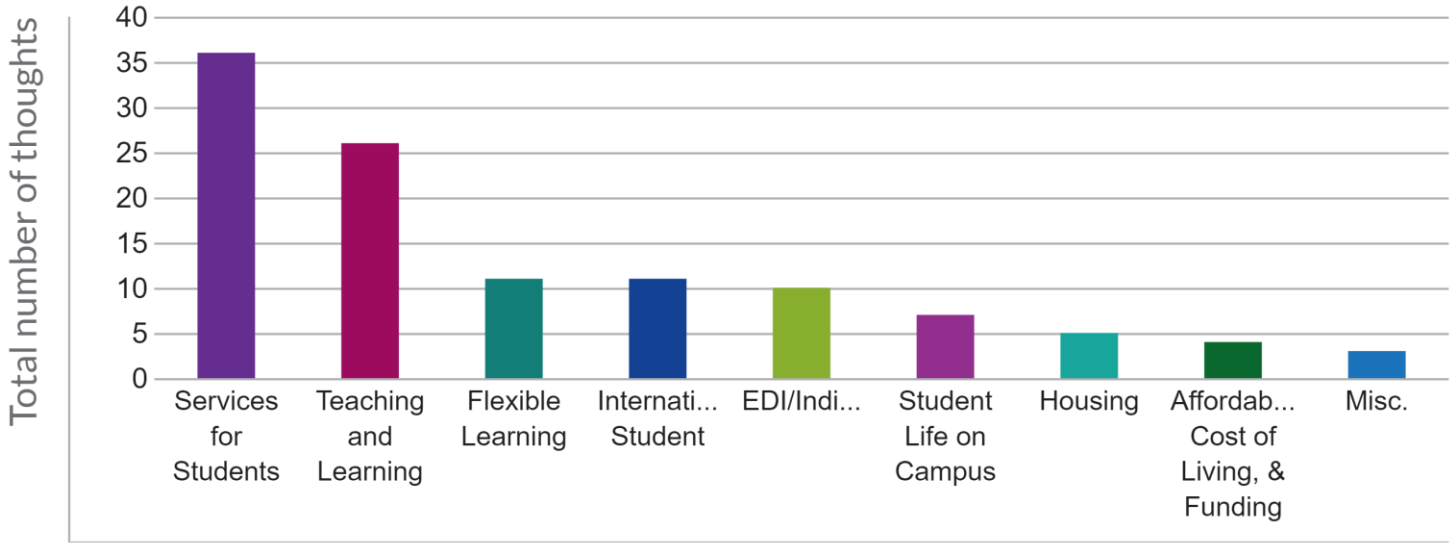
EMERGINGTHEMES

Top Themes by Total Thoughts



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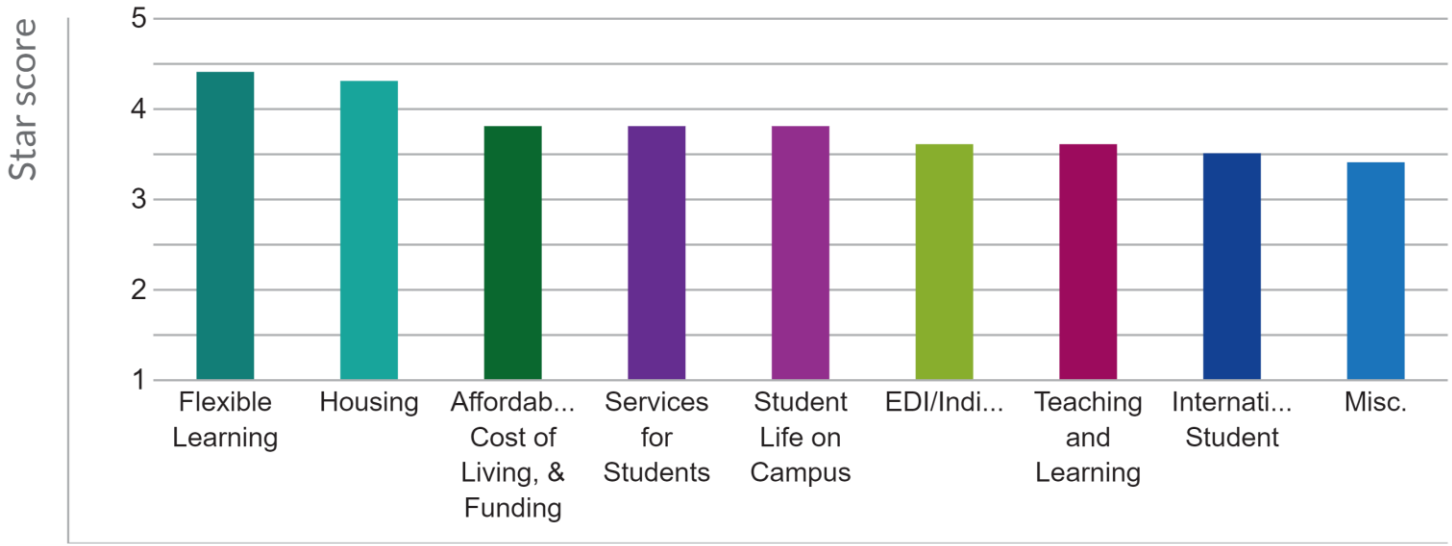
EMERGING THEMES

Top Themes by Star Score



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THOUGHTS
Flexible Learning Options

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Offer more online classes Adults need flexibility to complete their programs. Pandemic online learning improved accessiblity so much and now its been removed and I can't finish 4.3 ★★★★☆ (33)

Offer more online classes As a single parent, it would be nice to have the option to do classes online. Preferably in the evenings. 4.3 ★★★★☆ (30)

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THOUGHTS
Housing

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Student housing Renting in Vic sucks, building student housing will attract more people to this school, there is property at interurban, possible shuttle to Landsdowe 4.1 ★★★★☆ (33)

Build a dorm Students have a hard time looking for accommodation 4.1 ★★★★☆ (30)

Definitely get dorms 3.9 ★★★★☆ (32)

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THOUGHTS
Affordability, Cost of Living & Funding

Textbook costs included with tuition Its stupid to calculate course cost and not include essential materials. 3.8 ★★★★☆ (33)

More bursaries or funding for mature students with challenging situations as a mature student it is a challenge to leave your job/career and re-enter post-secondary. It is also often a necessary next step. 3.8 ★★★★☆ (5)

Lower Tuition for international students Low income - Part time jobs 3.6 ★★★½☆ (23)

Pay needs to increase to match new living costs in Victoria. Camosun pay is way lower than other institutions 3.3 ★★★☆☆ (14)

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THOUGHTS
Service for Students

Parking is ridiculously expensive student budgets are not huge! 4.2 ★★★★☆ (29)

Have a clinic on campus for students to see Medical Doctors & help all students who don't have family physicians with the decline of Family Dr's local With the shortage of GP's in Victoria & the Island, this will help many students both local & international in getting medical treatment asap . 4.2 ★★★★☆ (11)

I would start offering registration two semesters in advance like UVic. This help students plan out their fall and winter semesters and helps with planning for how they will graduate. 4.1 ★★★★☆ (32)

Pay parking should be at least half of what it is now Tuition, insurance, rent and food are all things most students already over pay for. It doesn't make sense that the students have to pay so much. 4.1 ★★★★☆ (21)

Communication needs to improve 4.1 ★★★★☆ (14)

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THOUGHTS
Student Life on Campus

Creating more space to study/hangout since many students have multiple hour breaks in between classes. Many of us feel trapped at school with these long breaks — 3.9 (33)

More student activities, It's important to have more and better awareness for activities. It's hard to find out when and what is happening, also not enough activities — 3.9 (9)

Increase the student life around campus more especially for domestic students. There is hardly any school spirit at the school. One of the top reasons people chose which school to go to is for their school spirit — 3.8 (32)

I would like for there to be more "program meet & greet" type events - outings, camping trips, sporting events, bar nights, potlucks, hikes etc. It is important for people in the same program to get to know each other and be a team. We are all going to be getting to know each other over 2-4+ yr — 3.7 (18)

Create more happening cultural events, more small scale sports or fun activities, more art and craft competitions and more awareness about funds etc. It is really imp. because of the increasing depression or stress, less engagement of students within the campus, no awareness about many funding progr — 3.6 (3)

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THOUGHTS
Indigenization and EDI

Start by making education accessible to everyone and ensure systems were in place to meet student needs. Because the current system is selective about who gets education and help.

4.0 ★★★★☆ (23)

I would make sure to offer the same supportive services at interurban campus as you do at Lansdowne. There is no support for trans student at int Trans folks feel truly alienated at interurban. No queer/trans support means no visibility and no active inclusion. It's horrendous at interurban.

3.7 ★★★★☆ (25)

There needs to be a gender neutral bathroom with a shower in the Young building, near the gym. There is no safe space for genderqueer people to shower after working out at Camosun, and this lack of bathroom prevents access to the facilities.

3.6 ★★★½☆ (32)

It would introduce studies and techniques related to First Nations art in the Visual Arts program. Because it is important to preserve and transmit these beautiful shapes, as well as being a way to reconcile the past and embrace the present.

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3.6 ★★★½☆ (8)

More backup needed in the form of hardcopies readily available, for example, hardcopies of AUG applications, and registration, and consistent info. Persons with disabilities and/or no access to converting, for eg.types of documents to fillable forms online; traditional methods more accessible

3.6 ★★★½☆ (7)

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THOUGHTS
Teaching and Learning

Class sizes are nice. Easier to learn in small groups — 4.2 (29)

Reconsider group assignments. 1 or 2 people do all the work but everyone gets the same mark. Some are happy with a bare pass and others are trying for scholarships. It's not appropriate to penalize hard workers for the poor work of others. — 4.1 (30)

More teacher evaluations Students should be able to evaluate their professors — 4.1 (21)

I would introduce lecture-capture for all classrooms so chronically ill and immunocompromised folks can actually have access to an education. There is little to no support for us, though the pandemic showed us how easily classes can be offered online. lecture capture would remove barriers! — 4.1 (10)

I would start thoroughly reading reviews on teachers to make sure that students are receiving the best care and being taught properly at Camosun. This is very important and can lead students to be eager to learn and shows that we want the best for them at Camosun. — 4.0 (25)

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THOUGHTS
International Students

I would open more groups, especially evening classes. I would make sure PDD international students would be more prepared for their new life at camosu Several students work in the mornings, so they need options that work with their schedule. PDD International students need to be set up for success

3.8 ★★★★☆ (10)

Tuition rate stability during the full program of studies for international students. Meaning that tuition doesn't increase during a program years. International students are crucial for the economy in Canada and thus they should be treated fairly by giving them more economic stability.

3.7 ★★★★☆ (30)

Increase the English proficiency requirement for International students to apply to Camosun It's not fair for international students to be excluded by domestic students because their English can't keep up with the level of the assignments

3.5 ★★★½☆ (12)

Improve knowledge for work conditions to international students International students office offer answering questions and guide for international students; however, they always answer that we shouldvemail IRCC

3.5 ★★★½☆ (8)

Accompaniment in procedures for international students, creating groups by nationality so that they can support each other.

3.4 ★★★½☆ (2)

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THOUGHTS
Miscellaneous

I would diversify the plant life in the grass field on Richmond and Landsdowne, put mulch down instead of rocks for a pathway. As landowners, I believe it is important to support the local ecosystem throughout whatever property is owned.

3.4 ★★★½☆ (28)

Start being a community leader for solving the climate crisis, stop relying on international tuition for balancing the budget, keep Camosuns character Camosun is a force in the community and what we do influences what others do.

3.3 ★★★☆☆ (1)

Get rid of the red walls in the school of business. The make it difficult for the brain to work.

3.2 ★★★☆☆ (30)

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