



# The Student Success Team

# What is SST?

- The University of Iowa's Student Success Team develops ideas and implements initiatives that foster undergraduate achievement within a safe, engaging, and inclusive campus community.
- Iowa's Student Success Team brings together students, faculty, and staff for the shared purpose of fostering undergraduate student achievement. We emphasize collaboration, communication, and commitment.

# Since 2006, a few highlights of our work:

- First Year Seminars
- On Iowa!
- Early Intervention Programs
- Pick One
- The IOWA Challenge
- Traditions, including 47 Things to Do at Iowa
- Academic Support
- Be Better@Iowa
- Assessment office created

# Defining Student Success (UI SST, 2007)

University of Iowa students succeed when they achieve personal and institutional educational goals.

Successful students develop **skills and knowledge**, become **more mature in their thinking**, assume **greater responsibility** for their own lives and learning, develop **understanding of diversity** and multiculturalism, and become **effective leaders**.

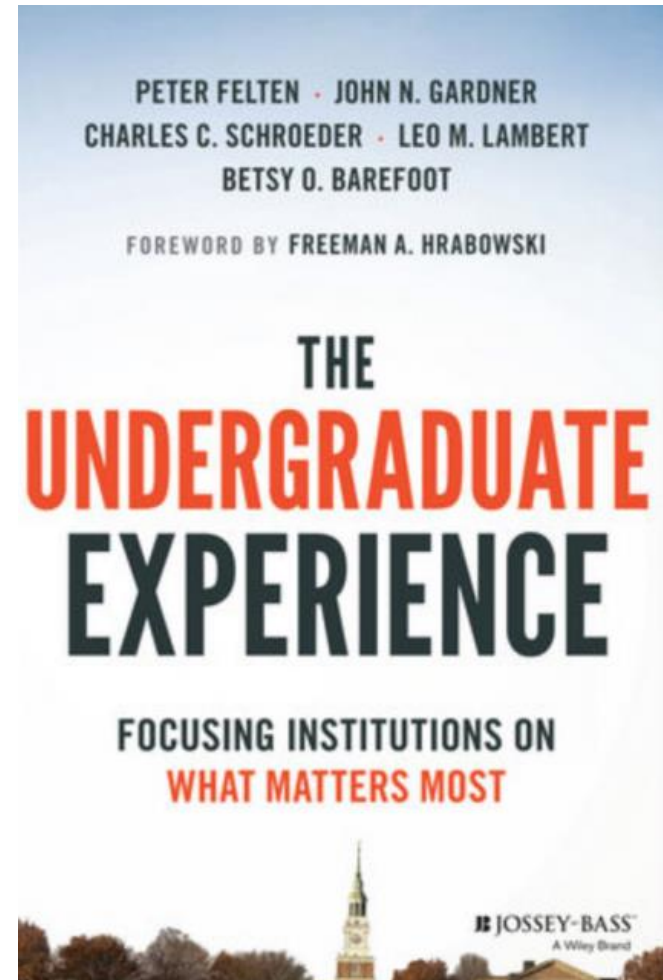


# What is student success? (cont.)

*Student success at The University of Iowa is a **shared enterprise**. Students succeed by active engagement in **educationally-purposeful** activities. Faculty, staff, and students create formal and informal learning opportunities on campus and off, and **policies, programs, and practices** that foster student engagement.*

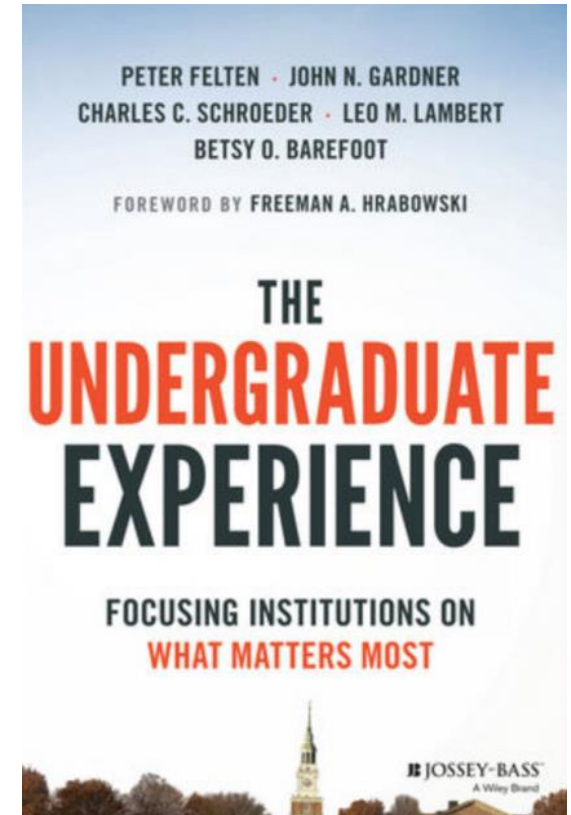
# SST Common Read

- *Learning*
- *Relationships*
- *Expectations*
- *Alignment*
- *Improvement*
- *Leadership*



# Core Themes

- Shared, institutional responsibility for learning
- Celebrate and reward relationships
- Reiterate high expectations
- Align, Align, Align
- Lead through collaboration



# Common Read Structure

- Qualtrics survey re: interest in participating and being a convener of a small group
- Books distributed in October
- Small groups get together to discuss at least twice before March
- Author visit in spring
- Commitment: Participation in small groups and/or author visit in exchange for book



# For Conveners

- The book and website include:
  - Videos on specific areas
    - Advising
    - Writing
    - High Impact Practices
  - Reflection Questions
  - Key principles and action items