Moving Forward- Summary of NSSE Retreat (September 2015)

The four main areas of focus:

1) **Advising**
   - Expectations of advisors
     - Teaching students responsibilities
     - Student advising connected to high impact practices
     - Being intentional with asking students about their HIPs (have a goal)
     - Build a sense of community for students looking for advising

2) **Creating a culture of engagement**
   - Building a positive culture on campus and faculty
     - Orientations
     - Activities within faculties
     - Build in HIP into orientations
     - Invite students to events
     - Conferences
   - Ask positively focused questions- focus on what is going well and what is already being done and work on improving that. Focus on what faculty value on student engagement
   - Develop a student forum
   - In faculty orientation
   - Including service component
   - 'house system'
     - Haskayne huddle app
     - Include faculty
     - Incentivize (provide incentives)
   - Real world experience
     - Cohort
   - Mentorship
     - With faculty
     - With peers
   - Student engagement committee

3) **HIPs**
   - Keep doing what we are doing
     - Focus on HIP practices for senior cohort.
     - Improve research opportunities.
   - Create a table to identify HIP and identify gaps
     - Communicate these to students, staff and faculty
   - Being intentional with asking students about their HIPs (have a goal)
   - Build in HIPs into orientations

4) **Further explorations and communication of the results**
   - Meetings to present broad overview and outline plan
   - Use qualitative data

- Look at year 1 program in nursing- is it serving its purpose?
- Find a way to move forward with direct actions eg. Make informed decisions and implement actionable change.
- Take reports to Dean
- Get specific data to departments→ U15 data: this will provide an opportunity to highlight what needs improvement.
- Additional questions on NSSE and USRI
- Coordinate with curriculum review process to inform student engagement in different ways other than NSSE
- Observation: work on the culture within a faculty/ dept. to enhance student engagement.
- Connect with orientation team, how to carry forward their initiatives eg. Student cohort.