

## Appendix C NSSE Survey Items Contributing to Each Benchmark Score

### Active and Collaborative Learning (ACL)

About how often during the current school year have you ...

- asked questions in class or contributed to class discussion?
- made a class presentation?
- worked with other students on projects during class?
- worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments?
- tutored or taught other students?
- participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course?
- discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class?

### Student – Faculty Interaction (SFI)

About how often during the current school year have you ...

- discussed grades or assignments with an instructor?
- talked about career plans with faculty member or advisor?
- discussed ideas from readings or class with faculty member outside of class?
- received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance?
- worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework?

Have you or do you plan to work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements before you graduate from UNL?

### Enriching Educational Experiences (EEE)

How much time do you spend in a typical 7-day week participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, publications, student government, sports, etc.)?

Have you participated or do you plan to participate in...

- practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment?
- community service or volunteer work?
- a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together?
- foreign language coursework?
- study abroad?
- independent study or self-designed major?
- culminating senior experience?

About how often during the current school year have you ...

- had a serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity?
- had a serious conversations with students of different religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values?
- Used an electronic technology to discuss or complete an assignment?

To what extent does your institution encourage contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds?

### Level of Academic Challenge (LAC)

How much time do you spend in a typical 7-day week preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, etc. related to academic program)?

During the current school year, how many...

- assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings have you done?
- written papers or reports of 20 pages or more have you done?
- written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages have you done?
- written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages have you done?

During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized?

- analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory?
- synthesizing and organizing ideas, information or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships?
- making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods?
- applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations?

About how often during the current school year have you worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations?

To what extent does your institution emphasize spending significant amount of time studying and on academic work?

### Supportive Campus Environment (SCE)

What is the quality of your relationships with...

- other students at your institution?
- faculty members at your institution?
- administrative personnel and offices at your institution?

To what extent does your institution emphasize...

- providing the support you need to help you succeed academically?
- helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities?

providing the support you need to thrive socially?