Charting the Course; Navigating the Future
The Watson College of Education
What is Appreciative Inquiry?

A strengths-based approach that focuses on the best of what already exists in a system in order to get more of it.

Appreciative Inquiry is a way of bringing about positive change in human systems and a way of being in and seeing the world.

“the telling of stories is not just to make people feel good and warm. . . The power of the stories is in their ability to remind us what success looked like and felt like – to relive the event and remember that we can be successful, and that we have the capability to bring life and energy to our work.”

D.Cooperrider
Setting the Context

Watson College at Its Best!

What works well?
What gives it life every day?
When is it most alive?

We will be using a method of AI - **SOAR**
Identification of Strengths

• Interview the person next to you about this question

• What do you value most about WCE and what strengths does it contribute to the community(s), the students, and the state?
Opportunities

• Envision what WCE looks like in 5 years.
• Share your vision with the two people closest to you.
• The 3 of you, reflecting on your visions, write a 6 word story
Reflecting on our conversation about strengths and opportunities, what should our most compelling aspirations be and what are our dreams and wishes for the future?
What 3 to 5 indicators would let us know we are making a difference and/or what meaningful measure would let our stakeholders know we are achieving our goals and objectives?
Thank you for your input and Helping us to
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