Actively Engaging International Students:

What Can We Do to Enrich Their College Experience Virtually

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Virtual Engagement with International Students: Current and Future

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Critical Role of Engagement

- The challenges for international students
- Learning effectiveness
- Social interactions
- Sense of inclusion
- Retention
- Recruitment
Virtual Engagement: Best Practices

• Topic selection
• Information covered
• Peer encouragement
• Student led discussion
• Timing of online engagement
• Impact of available technology
Post-COVID Virtual Engagement: Concluding Thoughts

• Online engagement will not end with COVID
• Supplementary to in person interaction
• Lessons learned from current practices
• Will the abnormal become normal?
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Examples of Best Practices for Virtual Support

Dedicated hours for international students

• Advising and Counseling Services
• Career Services
• Virtual Events/Socials
• Peer Groups
• Club Activities
Examples of Best Practices for Virtual Support

• Daily Survey
• Academic Support
• Course Evaluation
• Parents Engagement
• Students' Events
Discussion
1. What are the specific challenges that you have encountered in virtually engaging international students for extracurricular events?
2. Given the available technology and experience under COVID, what are the perspectives of taking the technological advantage for virtual engagement after the pandemic?
3. Does your institution collect feedbacks from students? Could you please share some feedbacks with us?
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