Discussion Questions for Implementing Strengths-Based Advising on Your Campus

- 1. How is a strengths-based approach to advising different from how advising is typically conducted on your campus?
- 2. What would it look like to incorporate a strengths-based approach into your current advising system?
- 3. What (if anything) would need to change about the way you currently organize and implement advising on your campus, if you wanted to focus more on your students' strengths?
- 4. What benefits do you see from shifting to a strengths philosophy? Which types of students do you think would benefit most from this? What would it take to implement this approach with those groups?
- 5. What kinds of additional information would you need about your students in order to implement strengths-based advising?
- 6. What support is necessary for your advisors if you shift to this approach?
- 7. What are the challenges of moving to this approach? What strengths do you have in your academic leadership team to address these challenges?
- 8. What kind of training would your advisors need? How would you provide this?
- 9. How do you help advisors view advising as more than course selection?
- 10. What is the first step you would need to take if you wanted to make a paradigm shift to strengths-based advising?