Innovation in Higher Education: What It Is and What It Is Not

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What is innovation?

relentless pursuit of comprehensive and end-to-end student success...

• without silo-ing emphasis into one aspect of student experience,
• without (sometimes blind) allegiance to existing practices, policies and procedures, and
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• with willingness to take carefully considered risks in a culture that is extremely risk averse’
Student focus remains squarely on academics and professional development.
Biggest Challenges

• **Institutionalization** of program procedures across institutions

• Consistently cultivating a strong **cohort culture**

• Expanding to **serve more students** (classroom capacities and assignments, learning support space, faculty)
What are you willing to risk for students?
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