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**Purpose:** seek advice from and serve as a thought partner for your peers

**Process:**

- The presenting team shares a description of their thorny issue and provides critical information about the **local context**.
- Peers pose questions to **clarify** important details.
- Peers offer **recommendations and suggestions** for next steps.
- All discuss.

# Tips for Selecting a Thorny Issue to Share

- ***Too small:*** Designing recruitment materials, discussing a challenging situation involving an individual staff or faculty member
- ***Too big:*** Developing a new model of advising
- ***Just right:*** How to incorporate more opportunities for program and career exploration in first-year experience courses; how to assemble and structure a committee tasked with reimagining opportunities for incorporating active and experiential learning in first-term courses

# Workshopping a Thorny Issue Agenda

## For each thorny issue, allow:

- 5 minutes to present
- 5 minutes for questions
- 15 minutes for discussion and recommendations about next steps