## **Coastal Carolina University**

# Feel the Teal Service Initiative

"Colleges are starting to see higher education in business- like realities. They are realizing that revenue depends on selling the college (recruitment) to its customers (students and parents). Sales (enrollment) are made based on the college's brand (image), product (courses, programs, degrees), and by creating a connection with the customer (customer service)."

> *Embrace the Oxymoron: Customer Service in Higher Education,* Neal Raisman, PhD (LRP Publications: 2002)







# Defining Service Excellence



# Service Excellence Is Not...

- "The customer is always right"
- "Free" grades
- Giving the "customer" whatever they want
- Smiling when someone is upset
- Focusing on only the external customer



# Service Excellence Is ...

- About making the situation right, not being right
- Educating the customer as well as serving the customer
- Embracing school pride
- Present even when there is no personnel to assist in the customer process
- Being "other focused"
- Working well with co-workers and internal customers

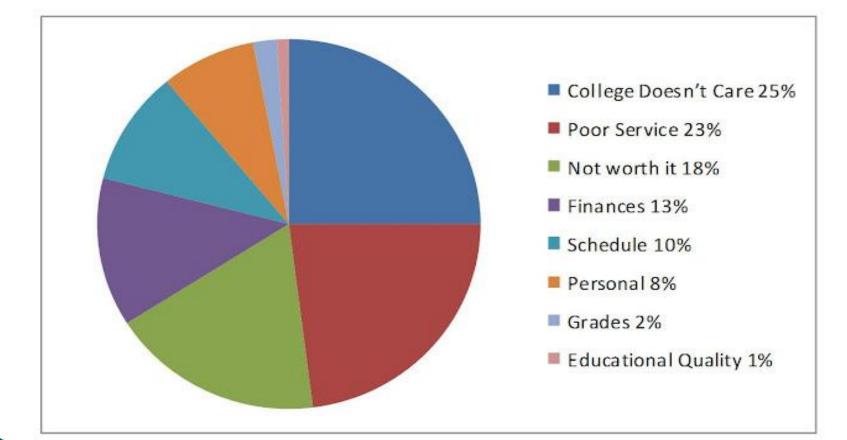


## Why Focus on Service Excellence at CCU?

- Competition of higher education
- Rising expectations of our customers
- Create that brand identity and image for CCU
- Contributes to a more pleasant work environment
- Facilitates ongoing learning and improvement
- Turns recruitment success into retention success



## Why Students Leave College- 2012



Source: Neal Raisman & Associates



# Understanding our Customers

# **External Customers**

parents, students, potential students, businesses and industries, employers, donors, potential donors, community members, media, other universities, alumni

# **Internal Customers**

faculty, staff, board members, student workers, vendors, volunteers, alumni



# Feel the Teal Training Modules

Module One: CCU Service Basics Module Two: Attitude of Service

### Module Three: Civility on Campus – Feb. 20 Module Four: CCU History and Traditions – April 17

Module Five: Dealing with Difficult SituationsModule Six: Personal AccountabilityModule Seven: Branding the CCU Service DeliveryModule Eight: Service Relations and Retention



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# Service Excellence at CCU



## **Commitment to Service Excellence**

#### • **PRINCIPLE**

- Represent CCU with HONESTY.
- Abide by the **RULES.**

- **PRIDE** Show respect ...
  - To YOURSELF.
  - To **CCU**.
  - To the **CUSTOMER**.

#### • POLITENESS

- Be THOUGHTFUL.
- Be COURTEOUS .
- Be KIND.

#### **PROFESSIONALISM**

- Do your **BEST.**
- Use your **BEST.**
- Present your **BEST**.



"We must together build a strong university wide culture of exceptional service where everyone can **Feel the Teal**. By focusing on undergraduate and graduate academic excellence and good academic customer service, we will see an increase in student willingness to learn and engage not only in their studies, but also in experiential learning and leadership activities. Good customer service will better enable us to offer a quality product – education."

President DeCenzo Coastal Carolina University



