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*Developing Learning
Communities
Seven Promising Shifts
and
Seven Powerful Levers*

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Seven Promising Shifts in Academic Culture

**From a culture of largely unexamined assumptions
to a culture of assessment and evidence**

**From a culture of implicitly held individual goals
to a culture of explicit, broadly shared goals**

**From an academic culture focused primarily on
teaching and teachers to one focused primarily
on learning and learners**

**From a teaching culture which ignores what is
known about human learning to one which
applies relevant knowledge to improve practice**

**From a narrow, exclusive definition of scholarship
to a broader, inclusive vision of scholarship**

**From a culture that emphasizes and privileges
individual struggle for private advantage to one
which encourages collaboration for the common
good and individual advancement**

**From a model of higher education as primarily
a quantitative, additive process to one that is
fundamentally qualitative and transformative**

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