Common themes in 925 comments about what was **going best for students at CSULB right now**. More common themes appear closer to the top and less common themes further down the list.

Engaging with Classes and Academics

- "My classes are very interesting and my professors are really helpful."
- "I am taking a lot of interesting classes."
- "I am really enjoying my classes in all regards. Content, faculty, schedule, social aspects are all quite amazing."
- "My SI course has helped me greatly in my Chemistry class. It has helped me figure out the gaps in my learning and has helped me build my own study skills."
- "… I am making steady progress towards completing my degree and reaching closer to my goals and developing skills that will help me achieve my future career. I'm proud of how far I've come to keep on pushing toward till graduation."

Making Friends and Social Connections

- "The people I've met and friends i've made have already made a huge impact on my life and I am happy to say that I have a good group of friends here already."
- "I like the people I met and the location"
- "My friends and professors are nice"
- "My social life :) my friends are amazing."
- "The amount of quality time that I have been able to spend with good people."
- "The social life with my classmates as it helps relieve stress and I can have common interest talks with them"

Positive Interactions with Professors

- "Quality professors!"
- "My professors have been very supportive, understanding, and dedicated to my success."
- "Every professor has been effective in teaching their material and I feel their grading has been fair and the criteria for grading has been clearly stated."
- "Good professors who care about students"
- "Lots of my professors right now are empathetic about weather or family concerns, allowing me to restructure my learning processes to accommodate for these things."

Enjoying Campus Facilities and Resources

- "Probably the Rec center."
- "Green campus environment"
- “My dorm life. I enjoy the environment in the dorms”
- "Being able to access the resources I need to help me with my classes and overall, health."
- “My BMAC plan. The center here at long beach is super helpful. Overall all my professors have understood and helped with my accommodations. All the staff if there is kind and always willing to help. Definitely one of my favorite things here at CSULB.”

Community, Student Clubs and Events

- "Women's rowing team"
- "Interacting with the community on campus"
- "I really love the campus, all the events, food trucks, and just stuff in general that we have is such a great motivator to make me want to come to school."
- "Being social and attending different pop up events and clubs here on campus"
- "… I have really enjoyed the student-led campus events lately. … I enjoy getting emails about campus initiatives such as the one about flood preparations and such. It makes me feel safe and cared about as an individual on campus not just as a student."
- "I like the fun activities spread around campus such as contests, pumpkin painting, and the rec center."

Flexible Schedules

- "The class schedule I have"
- "my class schedule and community"
- "I really like my schedule at CSULB right now. It's easy to remember and it allows for breaks in between my classes."
- "I really love the online and virtual class options as it helps with other priorities"
- "The ability to take my courses hybrid or online so I don't have to pay for a parking pass and work more at my jobs."
- “…I have enough time to study, go to class, and have a personal life.”

Common themes in 917 student comments **about what one change would most improve CSULB right now**. More common themes appear closer to the top and less common themes further down the list.

Trouble with Parking and Parking Costs

- “Parking space across the campus. The most difficult part of the day is the commute from the student parking lots to upper campus. I bring lots of “supplies so that I'm prepared everyday, but the 15-20 minute walks to class, uphill, always bring me pains.”
- “The parking is too expensive”
- “more parking availability”
- “Parking costs/fines prey on students who are already financially unstable. Parking should be reserved for students, especially since we’re required to walk to the opposite end of campus for classes.”
- "I think parking permit prices should be lowered. Everything is so expensive and costs so much money."

Frustration with Food Options, Hours and Affordability

- "Most of the food on campus is too expensive for me not to have to bring food every day."
- "I would like more food outlets near the COB building ..."
- "It's hard to find healthy food and gluten-free. I have a sensitivity to gluten, and it's very hard for me to find options to eat on campus."
- “If food options on campus stayed open later”
- "Catering to their night students … because we pay the same amount of money to not get the same amount of resources, meaning any coffee shops, convenience stores, restaurants, nothing is open by the time we get our break, everything is closed, even the vending machines, eat your money …”

Difficulty with Shuttles, Transportation and Campus Mobility

- "Campus shuttles get full too fast and aren’t wheelchair accessible”
- “Clearer communication for the bus routes that go up and down campus”
- “I wish there was more shade going to upper campus. When it’s hot, it’s really uncomfortable walking up all those stairs with little shade to rest.”
- “there has to be an easier way to get from lower to upper campus, that walk is absolutely brutal and a lot of the times it discourages people from going to class.”
- “Add another campus shuttle at peak times, or clear some of the future u construction so that the experience walking to upper and lower campus is more pleasant."

Frustration with USU Construction

- "Loss of resources due to construction- the library has been extremely crowded."
- "Finish the usu construction"
- "Fast forward to after the construction"
- “I would really like the usu to be open. I miss the bowling alley and games we had. Also some of the food options are no longer available.”
- “I would love to have a place where my fellow students can hangout and chill like a student union.”

Lack of Comfortable Places to Sit and/or Study

- "I think more study rooms in certain departments would be awesome. Indoor study spaces are hard to find."
- "Have air condition on all dorms not just the new buildings."
- "More study spaces designated just for quiet study."
- "More study areas (indoor places with a desk and outlet for my laptop). Cheaper food."
- "Make more shaded areas for students."

Difficulty with Classes, Teaching Quality and Communicating with Faculty

- "Extensions on homework assignments"
- "Professors communicating and informing in a more efficient way."
- "Make less assignments from the professors. They should be a little more consolidated because there are just too many"
- "Stop hiring unqualified professors. They do not know how to teach!"
- "Faculty return emails in a timely fashion."