



# WEBINAR: 5 Best Practices for Efficient Campus Offices



# Agenda & Speakers



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- 5 Best Practices
  - Q & A



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The **elephant** in the room.





# The Challenges:

1. Operational inefficiencies
2. Long student lines = daily complaints
3. Student no-shows
4. Poor staff productivity and low morale
5. Constrained budgets



# CHALLENGE #1

How can campus offices solve operational inefficiencies?



# SURVEYS



# 1. Use surveys to maximize efficiencies

- Replace paper and mail-in surveys
- Go digital
  - ✓ Send automatic surveys
  - ✓ Improve response rates with text surveys
  - ✓ Gather instant feedback
  - ✓ Gain valuable insights to identify operational enhancements



# 1. Use surveys to maximize efficiencies

*"We now gather meaningful survey responses and data that we were unable to capture before. The survey responses provide keen insights to **identify procedural enhancements** and make our **operations more efficient and effective**. The level of satisfaction from our students has **climbed significantly**."*

**Doug Willis**  
Dean of Student Development at Collin College

# CHALLENGE #2

How can campus offices overcome years of budgetary challenges?





# THE CLOUD





## 2. Lower operational costs with the cloud

- Huge cost savings
  - ✓ Lower capital costs
  - ✓ Lower IT costs
  - ✓ Lower power costs
- Scalable and elastic
- Never obsolete with instantaneous upgrades
- Reliable through redundancy
- Accessible



## 2. Lower operational costs with the cloud

*"With QLess cloud-based software we had the **smoothest fall semester ever** over previous semesters – by a quantum leap!"*

Vice President of Enrollment  
The University of Texas at Dallas



# CHALLENGE #3

How can campus offices reduce the number of student no-shows?



A photograph of a busy university entrance. A large, ornate, dark metal archway with intricate scrollwork and a central crest featuring a cross and leaves spans the path. Below the arch, a large crowd of students is walking in both directions. The students are dressed in casual attire, including jackets, sweaters, and backpacks. The background is filled with trees, some with yellowing autumn leaves. The overall scene conveys a sense of a bustling academic environment.

# FLEXIBLE APPOINTMENTS



### 3. Auto-refill cancelled appointments

- Integrate with your wait list
- Automatic refilling of cancellations
- Interactive communication
  - ✓ Send updates and alerts
  - ✓ Real-time notifications
  - ✓ Bi-directional communication



### 3. Reduce no-shows with appointments

*"With QLess we saw an immediate **reduction in no-shows** and crowding in our waiting area – students come in for their appointments, **we take care of them quickly**, and then they're on their way."*

Catherine Creason  
Director for International Students  
South Seattle College

# CHALLENGE #4

How can campus offices boost staff productivity and improve morale?





A photograph of a modern building with a sign that reads "STUDENT SERVICES CENTER". In the foreground, there is an outdoor seating area with several tables and chairs. Some people are sitting at the tables, while others are walking. Two large white umbrellas provide shade. The word "DATA" is overlaid in large, bold, orange letters in the center of the image.

# DATA

## 4. Improve productivity & morale with data

- Workforce management
  - ✓ Calculate necessary staff to optimize productivity
  - ✓ Forecast the impact of restructuring, joining, or separating queues
- Wait time forecasts
  - ✓ Anticipate peak periods
- Capture pre-visit data
  - ✓ Equip staff to deliver optimal service



## Summary

Forecast Wait **31m**

Waiting

**1104**

Serving Now

**186**

Served Today

**3629**


No-Show %

**18**

FlexAppointments for today

**1134**

Actual Wait

0m  
min**22m**  
median170m  
maxTransaction Time 0m  
min**5m**  
median199m  
maxLOCATIONS 

### Ann Arbor

Forecast Wait **20m**

Waiting

**13**

Serving Now

**6**

Served Today

**117**


No-Show %

**16**

FlexAppointments for today

**31**

Actual Wait

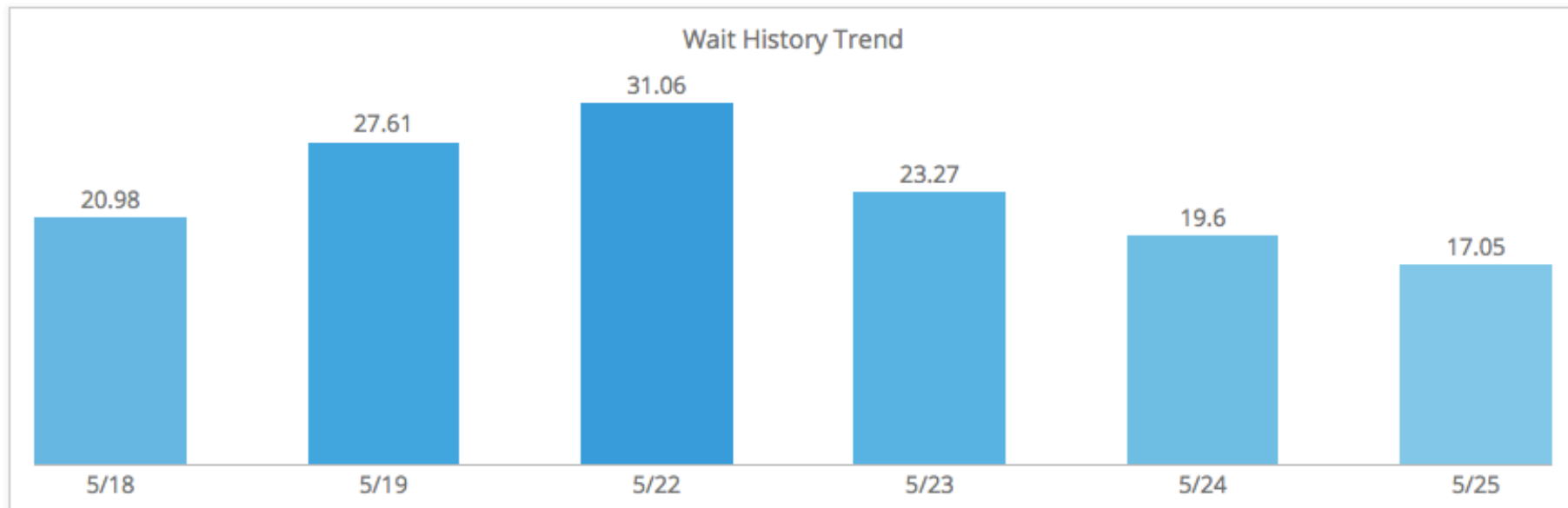
0m  
min**20m**  
median36m  
maxTransaction Time 2m  
min**8m**  
median89m  
max

By Classifier

By Employee

Employee Utilization 85.7 %

Employee	Median Transaction Time (minutes)	Idle Time (minutes)	Serving Now	Served Today (by employee)	Classifier	Served Today (by classifier)
Chang	8.3	9.2	1	16	Window 2	16
Christie	5.4	6.1	1	32	Window 9	33
CSS 109			0	0	-	
Janice	11	9.5	1	8	Window 3	8
Mandy	8.9	10	1	14	Window 6	14
STW 109	5.7	4.8	1	15	Window 4	15
William	5.9	5.4	1	32	Window 10	31





## 4. Improve productivity & morale with data

*"The data we get from QLess helps us chart the peaks in student activity so we can better plan and manage services. By plotting when peaks will occur, we can ensure that there we have **enough staff at the right locations** to assist our students."*

Dr. Rolando García  
South Campus President at Broward College



# CHALLENGE #5

How can campus offices eradicate long wait times and student complaints?



# TECHNOLOGY



## 5. Utilize a queue management solution

- Replace legacy technology
- Offer appointments
- Provide remote join options
- Display wait times on lobby monitors and on your website



## 5. Utilize a queue management solution

*"We were in the middle of registration and by the end of the week my assistant remarked, 'Do you know that we have not had a single complaint.' **QLess turned everything around.**"*

Amber Kelley, Dean Student Services  
Austin Community College





# Q & A



# Your 5 Takeaways

1. Maximize efficiencies and identify service improvements with **digital surveys**.
2. Overcome budgetary challenges and lower costs by embracing **cloud-based technology**.
3. Reduce student no-shows by offering **appointments**.
4. Boost staff productivity and morale by using **data**.
5. Eradicate long wait times and student complaints with a **queue management system**.



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A large group of students is sitting on a green lawn in front of a historic building with towers. The students are arranged in several groups, some sitting on the grass and others standing. The building in the background has a crenellated roof and two prominent towers with blue domes. The scene is set in a park-like area with many trees and a paved walkway.

# Thank You!