Campusless College Degrees Controversy

SITUATION
Classroom instruction and education as a whole are coming under increased observation, scrutiny, and tension from politicians, accreditation organizations, and business and education leaders.

TASK
You are a member of a focus group comprised of educators and students who represent members of your campus. As a group, your task is to determine the best course of action regarding the growing controversy surrounding whether your campus should grant “campusless college degrees” through online courses.

People are looking to your group for leadership to provide a distinct course of action on this issue. Your group’s responsibility is to offer one clear voice for your campus whether to grant “campusless college degrees” through online courses.

Each focus group consists of individuals who differ in their perspectives about whether your campus should grant “campusless college degrees” through online courses.

In light of your assigned position on this issue, you must recommend action that you think your group should take. You must maintain your assigned position. Develop a rationale in support of your position and persuade your group members to take the action that you recommend.

POSITION
Meet with your partner and/or others who share your assigned position on this issue. Review and master the arguments supporting your position. You may generate additional ideas, points, and alternatives in support of your assigned position on this controversy in the space provided.

At the end of the controversy, submit your materials with the group's final decision.
GROUP DECISION REPORT

1. First names of group members: _____________________________________________

2. What was your group’s decision? _____________________________________________

3. How did your group make its decision?
   a. Majority rule
   b. Consensus
   c. Chance (flip a coin, etc.)
   d. Other _____________________________________________

4. List the most persuasive arguments for the group’s decision:
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 
   d. 
   e. 

5. Considering your group as a whole, how engaged was your group in this controversy?

   Not at all          Completely
   1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10