

# Academic Support and Student Services Committee

Thursday Sept. 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Zoom Online

## Members Attending:

Dr. Elaine Correa (Chair), Dr. Alicia Rodriguez (Vice-Chair, At-Large),  
Dr. Pratigya Sigdyaal (BPA), Dr. Monica Ayuso (A&H), Dr. Melanie Taylor (AV),  
Mariela Gomez (Student Service Professional), Steve Miller (Staff Member),  
Prof. Matt McCoy (Librarian), Maria Espinoza (*ex-officio*, ASI Exec-VP),  
Sandra Bozarth (*ex-officio*, Dean of Libraries), Dr. Denver Fowler (*ex-officio*, AD Undergrad. &  
Graduate Studies), and TBA (*ex-officio*, AVP Student Affairs & Student Success), and  
Jennifer McCune (*ex-officio*, Registrar).

## Absent:

Dr. Jeroen Gillard (NSME) [*excused*], Dr. Markel Quarles, (AVP Student Affairs)

### I Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

### II Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes: Sept. 1, 2022  
(Motioned by Steve Miller, Seconded by Melanie Taylor)

### III Approval of Agenda

- Approval of Agenda: Sept. 15, 2022  
(Motioned by Alicia Rodriguez, Seconded by Pratigya Sigdyaal)

### V Old Business

- Edits/Changes to Names of Members- Minutes Template (Email Doc)

### VI New Business

- Guests – Professional Advisors/Directors/Coordinators, and Faculty
  - Mrs. Yvette Morones (SSE), Dr. Anayeli Gomez-Navarro (NSME),  
Mr. Paul Salie (SSE), Ms. Janine Cornelison (A&H), Ms. Cindy  
Zuniga-Prado (BPA), Dr. Joel Haney, (A&H Faculty)
- Referral #7 – Advising Taskforce Recommendations
  - Consensus that the work professional advisors do is important, necessary  
and an integral part of the operation of each school. Mentioned several  
times that the main factor needed for success is resources to support the

advisors, more advisors to reduce the advisor to student ratio in some schools and common tools across all advising activities to support the goal of a consistent experience.

- The various advising centers have been built over several years to create a working environment that is unique to each school and is performing well for their respective areas. It is feared that the restructuring of the reporting responsibilities proposed by Option #1 of the recommendation threatens those connections and working relationships. The new Director of Admissions would need authority to implement changes and without direct reporting from professional advisors would leave them without sufficient power to effect those changes.
- Our discussion for this session included representation from Professional Advisors (4 schools), and a faculty member who participated in the early draft of the recommendations. The benefits of Option #2 were highlighted. The next meeting will provide an opportunity for Option #1 to be discussed. Invitations to attend the meeting will be provided. If conflicts arise, a written statement will be requested.

## VII **Open Forum**

- **Announcements**
  - Mariela Gomez announced the kickoff of Latin Heritage Month.

## VIII **Adjourn – 11:27 am**

- (Moted by Alicia Rodriquez, Seconded by Matt McCoy)