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NASPA Advisory Services Available

Expert Reviews, Assessments, and Resources to Enhance Student Affairs Practice

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASPA Advisory Services are a new, signature initiative that provide mission-sensitive guidance and support to vice presidents for student affairs and services.

Grounded in NASPA's mission and strategic plan, these services include guided self-assessments, resources, and both remote and on-campus external reviews.

NASPA Advisory Services focus on strengthening essential practices and critical elements applicable to any division of student affairs or services; offer an external examination of a division as a whole, providing expert perspective, meaningful insight, and valuable recommendations; and help strengthen the functionality, productivity, and effectiveness of a division.

In 2015, a Task Force was charged in response to a call from NASPA Past Board Chair, Dr. Frank Lamas, for a review process for divisions of student affairs and services. The Task Force, chaired by Rhode Island College President Frank Sánchez, and composed of senior student affairs officers, has worked in collaboration with NASPA leadership and staff to develop the Advisory Services review and assessment framework. The culmination of the Task Force's work is an extensive self-assessment and review framework emphasizing effective and high-quality student affairs and services at the division level.

NASPA's framework is called P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E.S. and focuses on nine foundational elements applicable to all student affairs and services divisions: student affairs and services' policies, resources, alignment and partnerships with academic affairs, compliance, technology, inclusion, community, evidence-based practices, and student success efforts.

The launch of NASPA Advisory Services includes the pilot phase of P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E.S. self-assessments as well as the opportunity for senior-level student affairs and higher education leaders to join the Advisory Services reviewer pool. Potential reviewers must have at least ten years of senior-level experience, with minimum or equivalent service as an associate/assistant vice president, dean, or above.

Additional information on NASPA Advisory Services, including service levels' activities and outcomes, P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E.S. elements of review, and joining the reviewer pool can be found at <https://advisoryservices.naspa.org/>.

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