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Navigating an Executive Transition in Student Affairs

NASPA announces release of new book edited by Ainsley Carry, vice provost for student affairs at the University of Southern California

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, publishes its latest book *Executive Transitions in Student Affairs: A Guide to Getting Started as the Vice President* Jan. 16, 2014. Edited by Ainsley Carry, the book applies best practices from the corporate world to prepare senior administrators for executive transitions in higher education.

“It is time for the student affairs profession to draw from every discipline to advance our practice. *Executive Transitions in Student Affairs* applies modern thinking on executive leadership to the demands of getting started as a vice president,” says Ainsley Carry, vice provost for Student Affairs at the University of Southern California.

The book features a sampling of strategies and advice offered by vice presidents who have successfully made the transition and continue to effectively lead in their respective institutions. Drawing from their own experiences, the authors offer insights on areas that are particularly challenging to vice presidents navigating the transition period:

- Taking control of your own onboarding
- Establishing first-year priorities
- Evolving from manager to leader
- Identifying the appropriate leadership style for the situation
- Assessing campus culture
- Making the transition as an internal candidate
- Being intentional about communication

“This book is full of rich and profound insights on the professional transition process,” says Larry Roper, vice provost for student affairs at Oregon State University. “The authors have generously shared their experiences, which is a true gift to the reader. While the book focuses on executive transitions, it can be a valuable professional development tool for professionals at all stages of their career journey.”

The book is available on the [NASPA website](#) and retails for \$44.95.

Ainsley Carry is available for media interviews. Please contact Kristal Griffith to arrange an interview.

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