
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – CLARION UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

5-YEAR PROGRAM REVIEW (2015-2020)

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Student Affairs advances and complements the educational mission of the university through the collaborative efforts of the departments or areas of New Student Programs, Student Engagement and Development, Residence Life and Housing, Auxiliary Operations, Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Center for Wellness.

The Division of Student Affairs works collaboratively with our community to support student personal, intellectual and professional development by creating and fostering an integrated learning environment through quality services, programs and facilities. We guide and support the social and emotional growth and development of our students outside the classroom.

Division Highlights and Points of Pride

Nationally Recognized

- Authoring of Behavioral intervention article regarding administration.
- Authoring of Behavioral Intervention article regarding Res Life training.
- Created a training video for the National Behavioral Intervention Team Association.
- GEAR Up Grant for high school student exposure to campus.
- NCAA Coaches Connector for Division II Swimming & Diving.
- Hosted National Championship – Fall 2018.
- Postvention Response/Death Protocol presentation – NaBITA.
- Behavioral Intervention & Athletics presentation – NaBITA.
- Authoring of Behavioral intervention article regarding faculty training.
- Authoring of Student Development Theory paper for research journal.
- Interviewed by Higher Education Resources about Freshman Transition.
- Interviewed by the Chronicle of Higher Education re: Death Protocols.
- Interviewed by USA Today re: Students making the most of their Summer.
- Interviewed by University Business re: Title IX practice.

Regional & Local

- Hosted first ever Safe Schools Summit – December 2018.
- Good Neighbor Program & PLCB Grant.
- Peer Adjustment Leaders (PALs) Mentoring Program.
- Peer Wellness Mentor Program.
- Civic Scholars Grant creating mini libraries for local communities and North County Trail Association.
- Greek Mentoring Program.
- Hosted Safe Schools Summit (2018, 2019).
- Hosted PASSHE Student Affairs Conference with 171 attendees from 29 colleges/businesses.

Assessment

Student Affairs Assessment Committee

The committee serves as an advisory group to the vice president and members help to facilitate divisional assessment activities within their departments. In fulfilling its charge, the committee focuses on:

- **Program Review/Accreditation:** Ensure that division units are engaged in appropriate program review or accreditation processes.
- **Student Learning and Program Outcomes Assessment:** Ensure that division units are engaged in systematic, continuous, and meaningful assessment activities that demonstrate the division's impact on student learning and development and its commitment to continuous improvement.
- **Professional Development:** Ensure that the division's staff have support for assessment efforts.
- **Collaboration on Institutional Assessment Initiatives:** Ensure that division assessment activities support university assessment initiatives.

During the last five years, the committee has focused on:

- Updating program-level student learning outcomes.
- Mapping programs, services, and activities to the outcomes.
- Completing an inventory of the division's current assessment activities.
- Determining and implementing the best assessment strategies for measuring student learning.
- Utilizing the Campus Labs Baseline system to develop and implement many of the division's assessment projects.
- Developing a process, forms, and a timeline for planning and reporting assessment activities, results, and improvement efforts.

Division Strengths

Facilities Improvements – Complete Renovation of Tippin, new equipment in Rec Center, Outdoor Fitness Court.

Technology Improvements – Electronic Medical Records, Campus Labs platform, CU Start, 25 Live.

Assessments/Benchmarking Plan – Yearly plans and regular national benchmarking studies.

Grants – PA Liquor Control Board, Gear UP!, It's On US.

Recruitment and Retention efforts – rebuild of New Student Programs, PALS mentoring program, Parent & Family Services, Judicial Mentoring program, Wellness Peer educators, Student Resource Room.

Housing – Living Learning Communities, Housing Affordability, robust programming and leadership opportunities.

Title IX – Created Title IX Team, Increased Title IX Awareness, reporting and training.

Communication - University Student Communication Team, CU Engage, Parent 2 Parent portal.

Restructure of Division Organization and programs.

Center for Wellness Model Improvements – Accreditation, Walk-in model, eliminated wait-list.

Behavioral Intervention Team – best practice model implemented, presentations shared at national conferences, articles written for industry expert perspective, retention impact on our students, training and awareness for faculty and staff.

Areas we will Focus on for Future Improvements (Aligning with TNI and FSS)

Student Success: Focus on DEI initiatives, invest in mental health supports, expanding use of CU Start program for our new students.

Affordability: Enter into a new dining contract, engage an on-line textbook provider, and create opportunities for revenue generation and general savings.

Engagement and Citizenship: Food insecurity, assist homeless students, building capacity in leadership of student organizations, increase communication with student leaders, make opportunities for student organizations to collaborate in an effort to increase capacity and better utilize financial resources, invest in Greek life, increase off campus engagement.

Clarion Brand and Promise: Continue collaborative work of Communication and Marketing, Student Affairs, University Police, and student leaders to implement effective ways to communicate with students. Explore opportunities for shared/renovated outdoor athletic facilities with Clarion Area.