

## USF St. Petersburg SACS Accreditation

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### X. CORE REQUIREMENT TEN

#### Statement

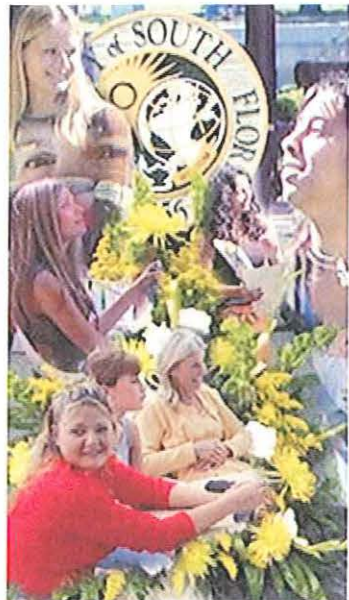
**The institution provides student support programs, services, and activities consistent with its mission that promote student learning and enhance the development of its students.**

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg recognizes that student learning begins in the classroom and extends to those interactions and activities that occur outside the classroom and constitute campus life.

Thus, student support programs, services and activities that promote student learning and enhance student development originate in numerous units of the campus. However, the division with primary responsibility for student development and learning beyond the classroom is the Division of Student Affairs.

The primary purpose of the Division of Student Affairs is to support the educational mission of USFSP to be a "student-centered learning community" by providing services and programs that are essential for student support and that address holistic student development both within and beyond the classroom. The services and programs of the Division of Student Affairs are aligned with the campus values of "encouraging intellectual growth"; providing opportunities for education "rich in both theory and practical experience that enables our graduates to pursue careers and professions with competence and confidence"; respecting diversity; and "recognizing our responsibility to contribute to civic well being". In addition, Student Affairs programs and services directly implement the following institutional goals articulated by the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board on February 24, 2003:

- Create a campus life that challenges, supports, and encourages student involvement in activities and programs that will enrich and enhance students' university experience and empower them for lifelong success.
  - Promote, strengthen and support research as a pathway to learning, discovery, solving problems and contributing to the public good.
  - Create a campus culture that in its composition, attitudes and actions, respects, encourages and embodies diversity.
  - Increase the enrollment of students...and provide them with the instructional support and services to allow them to realize their fullest potential.
- The Division of Student Affairs provides comprehensive and high quality services that are determined by best practice and student needs


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assessments, that are designed to meet or exceed professional standards, and that are continually improved by outcomes assessment.

The mission of the Division of Student Affairs was most recently reviewed as part of the divisional strategic planning process in the spring of 2003. It was revised as follows:

The mission of the Student Affairs Division at USF St. Petersburg is to meet the needs of our students in this time of tremendous growth by complementing and supplementing the mission of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Paramount to this mission is the Division's leadership role in creating and maintaining a campus ambiance that fosters academic excellence, promotes social and personal development and creates opportunities for students to explore today's global society through their interaction with fellow students and faculty members from diverse backgrounds.

The Division of Student Affairs is organized as four departments under the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs. These include Assessment and Effectiveness, the Counseling and Career Center, Director of Student Services, and Student Life.

#### [Associate Vice President for Student Affairs:](#)

USF St. Petersburg's Division of Student Affairs is led by an Associate Vice President, commensurate with the leadership of the Divisions of Academic and Administrative Affairs. The Associate Vice President reports to the Campus Executive Officer and Vice President and serves as the chief student affairs officer on the campus. The Associate Vice President provides leadership for and direct support to each department in the division and supports the achievement of Divisional and Departmental goals by providing administrative services, financial support and human resources. In addition, the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs serves the students, alumni, faculty, and administration of the university, facilitates collaboration among these groups and represents these constituencies in the greater metropolitan community. The Associate Vice President supports the institutional mission by providing leadership and coordination for efforts that involve the entire Division such as strategic planning, research, assessment, and budgeting as well as the development of initiatives that serve to enhance the campus environment for student learning.

[Assessment and Effectiveness](#)  
[Counseling and Career Center](#)  
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#### **Minimum Documentation Required:**

- 1. Information requested in Part A concerning student support programs.**
- 2. Student Handbook.**
- 3. Organizational Chart for Student Development Services.**

**Supporting Documents:**

Part A	<a href="#">Part A, SACS Application</a>
USF SP #6	<a href="#">USF St. Petersburg Student Handbook</a>
Attachment KK	<a href="#">Organizational Chart for Student Affairs</a>
Attachment LL	<a href="#">Assessment and Effectiveness</a>
Attachment MM	<a href="#">Counseling and Career Center</a>
Attachment NN	<a href="#">Student Services</a>
Attachment OO	<a href="#">Miller Letter</a>
Attachment PP	<a href="#">Student Disability Services Manual</a>
Attachment QQ	<a href="#">Student Life</a>

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