Faculty Director for Undergraduate Data Strategy

Position Description

The Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Undergraduate Education is adding a new member to the Student Success Team to focus on data issues related to undergraduate retention, persistence, time to degree, and degree completion. The Faculty Director for Undergraduate Data Strategy will work closely with academic leaders (department chairs, associate deans, advising directors, etc.) to prioritize issues regarding these student success issues within particular programs and identify recommendations for potential solutions. The portfolio of the Faculty Director for Undergraduate Data Strategy includes the following:

1. Analyze data to identify trends, barriers, and issues for undergraduate retention, persistence, time to degree, and degree completion and work with academic leaders to develop proactive, evidence-based solutions. Particular areas of focus include:
   - Course performance rates and equity gaps among particular student demographics
   - Retention, completion, and time to degree rates within individual majors and programs and for equity gaps across student demographics within such programs
   - Curricular and classroom scheduling practices to optimize capacity and meet students’ pedagogical needs

2. Work with academic leaders to identify university and department academic policies and practices that impact student retention, persistence, time to degree, and degree completion (e.g. transfer rules, GPA thresholds, course repeats, withdrawal dates, etc.) and collaborate to propose solutions.

3. Work closely with campus offices (University Registrar, Transfer, Advising, etc.) to identify trends with student course demand and planning data and communicate potential opportunities for college and department leaders, including using data and tools to optimize course schedules and offerings.

4. Facilitate efforts to develop affordable curriculum and inclusive access through digital and open educational resources (STAR initiative).

The ideal person for this position will be a faculty member at the rank of associate professor or above (tenure-track or professor of practice). The Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor will provide a partial FTE buy-out to enable this work. The initial appointment will be temporary, for a term of between 18 months and two years.

If you would like to nominate someone to serve in this role, or would simply like more information, please reach out to Amy Goodburn, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Undergraduate Education, at agoodburn1@unl.edu.

Applicants should send letter of interest, a current CV, and a brief statement of support from their department or program chair by Friday, November 22, 2019 to agoodburn1@unl.edu.