Student Affairs delivers innovative co-curricular learning experiences that directly impact student recruitment, retention, and graduation from Cal Poly. The division is committed to the active engagement, wellbeing, inclusion, and success of all students as they progress to graduation and accomplish life-long aspirations. Student Affairs drives graduation initiatives set forth by the CSU and is intrinsically involved in the university’s commitment to create a comprehensive, integrated strategy that improves graduation rates and closes the achievement gap for various student populations.

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs oversees departments that promote success throughout the Cal Poly experience by providing Learn by Doing opportunities, delivering innovative, student-centered programs, encouraging personal growth, and empowering our students within a safe, healthy, inclusive and supportive environment.

Vision

The vision of Student Affairs is to inspire all students to embrace their unlimited possibilities.

Values

Champion the student

Student Affairs provides comprehensive support, guidance and advocacy to create the environment for all students to reach their full potential.

Create visionary programs and services

Student Affairs serves as a leader in delivering innovative and extraordinary co-curricular learning experiences that directly impact student recruitment, retention and graduation.

Sustain meaningful partnerships and collaboration

Student Affairs partners throughout the campus and local community, building strong relationships through active communication to foster an inclusive environment for student success.

Cultivate continuous learning

Student Affairs matches the quality of Cal Poly’s in-class experiences with out-of-class experiences that enhance Learn by Doing.

Promote ethics, integrity and respect

Student Affairs values and celebrates all students, staff, faculty, parents and the extended community with a commitment to employ honest and ethical decision-making practices in all that the division does.

Student Success-Focused Programs and Services

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs provides the divisional leadership, support and oversight of the following units: Alumni Relations, Associated Students, Inc. (student government, recreation center and recreation sports, Julian A. McPhee University Union, childcare) Intercollegiate Athletics, Academic Support (orientation programs, academic services, disability resources, testing services), Campus Health and Wellbeing (health services, counseling services, health education, wellbeing), Career Services, Commencement, Dean of Students (clubs and organizations, Greek Life, Safer, leadership, community service, cross cultural centers, student rights and responsibilities, student crisis management, off-campus programs), Parent and Family Programs and University Housing. In addition, the office oversees divisional strategic planning, assessment, marketing, fund development, dining programming, and advocates to community, policy-makers, and the Chancellor’s Office for all student engagement and programming outside of the classroom.