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CAA Vision Statement

The Valparaiso University Council of Academic Advisors will be recognized in higher education for exemplary academic advising and as a resource for best practices in fostering student success.

CAA Mission Statement

The CAA strives to empower students to reflect on their vocations, take ownership of their education and professional development, and to lead and serve in the ever-changing global community.

CAA Values Statements

1. Advisors fostering information literacy among all students.
2. Advisors encourage students to be lifelong learners.
3. Advisors practice equity and inclusion.
4. Advisors value the uniqueness of each student.

CAA Purpose Statements

Accountability: We are committed to providing timely, accurate, and intentional advising.

Diversity: We honor the unique nature and interests of each student. Advising services and delivery methods will be shaped to fit the diverse needs of our campus populations.

Respect: We seek to establish a reciprocal relationship with students based on an ethic of care and shared responsibility.

Social Responsibility: We foster a culture of independent thinking and global awareness so that students make informed, socially responsible choices consistent with their academic, career and life goals.

Integrity: We seek to engage students in a fair and professional process of meaningful self-reflection and authentic inquiry.

CAA Advising Goals Statements

1. We help students identify cross-disciplinary connections.
2. We aid students in understanding the relationship between Liberal Arts and Sciences courses and professional development curricula.
3. We develop critical thinkers who are leaders.
4. We teach students how to navigate through Valparaiso University degree obtainment.
4. We continually assist students in understanding the nature, purpose and potential of higher education.
5. We ensure that students have access to knowledgeable and informed advisors who demonstrate care and respect.

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6. We mentor students as they explore and clarify their values and educational and life goals.
7. We provide accurate information about educational opportunities, requirements, policies and procedures.
8. We collaborate with students on the development and implementation of academic plans and educational experiences congruent with students' interests and abilities.
9. We communicate regularly with students to monitor and evaluate their educational progress.
10. We teach students to utilize university resources to maximize their unique educational and personal potential.
11. We improve University-wide academic advising via an ongoing assessment program