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Learning Council Mission Statement Mission: Learning Council is an advisory group committed to the development, promotion, and advancement of a student success agenda for prospective and enrolled students at Gavilan College. The Learning Council recognizes that there are varying definitions of student success. Learning Council will create an in-depth forum for discussing various categories of student success, identifying existing and new pathways, and creating a campus climate unified behind the goals of student success. Our primary method would be to find ways of minimizing barriers to student success, and making recommendations based on discussions and findings from external and internal best practices and research. The Learning Council is committed to the following: 1) To promote a collaborative community of inquiry, awareness, and change around learning by means of bridging Student, Academic, and Administrative Affairs. 2) To identify and address barriers to student success to increase persistence and retention levels of the college. 3) To foster and promote opportunities for Faculty and Staff Development to meet the diverse needs of our students. 4) To explore and implement various pedagogies that meet students’ diverse socio-cultural learning needs. 5) To empower members of the campus community in becoming advocates for learning. 6) To create a safe, welcoming, inclusive campus environment centered on student success, empowerment, and engagement. This mission is embedded in the Gavilan College mission statement and reflects the shared beliefs and values of faculty, staff, administrators and students.