First in Line Advisory Council
2015-2016

In its larger goal to support student success at Baylor and beyond, the First in Line Advisory Council (FILAC) will build upon the work of the Task Force on First Generation College Students (2013-2014) and the First Generation College Student Working Group (2014-2015), overseeing interventions to support FGCS and continuing to advance Baylor’s understanding and support of the needs of first generation college students.

The FILAC is expected to:

a. Begin or continue implementing and advancing the recommendations made by the Task Force on First Generation College Students, including pre-matriculation outreach, scholarship initiatives, grant proposals, and programs which can contribute to academic and personal success at Baylor (housing, Orientation, Line Camp, student organizations, mentoring, a summer bridge program, etc);
b. Continue to study the profile and experience of Baylor’s first generation college students, and build upon the recommendations that the Task Force on First Generation College Students made; and

c. Develop a strategic plan for the implementation of programs and services to support first generation college students, both in the immediate future and in the long term.

The FILAC will meet monthly throughout the academic year. The First in Line Leadership Team (Assistant Director of Student Success, Associate Vice Provost of Academic Enrollment Management, Dean of Student Learning & Engagement, and both FGCS VISTAs) will meet on an as needed basis.

FILAC Roster:

Sinda Vanderpool, Academic Affairs
Todd Buras, Philosophy
Joey Cantu, Pre-Med
Jackie Diaz, Student Financial Services
Jeff Doyle, Student Learning & Engagement
Mark Dunn, Business
Pat Farmer, Chemistry
Sally Firmin, Academic Support Programs
Kianna Ford, Journalism Student
Dave Kennedy, Campus Recreation
Areas of emphasis for the year:

Data and Research
This sub-committee will shepherd the assessment of current interventions and support services. Additionally, the data and research team will further Baylor’s understanding of its current FGCS population, including identifying gaps in Baylor’s support of FGCS and best practices in current Baylor interventions, as well as exploring new areas of inquiry about FGCS experiences and needs. Further, the sub-committee will be responsible for bringing relevant articles and research regarding FGCS support to FILAC.

Resourcing
This sub-committee will work collaboratively with current and prospective interventions and support services to acquire and allocate resources for those programs. While the implementation of FGCS support programs occurs across many areas of campus, this sub-committee will focus on securing grants and university resources to facilitate Baylor’s support of FGCS. This sub-committee will also cultivate resources to support FGCS work-study positions and scholarships, as well as better promotion of current programs that could benefit FGCS.

FIL Leadership Team
This sub-committee will oversee the overall support of FGCS at Baylor. This team will also work with campus areas that wish to implement or expand FGCS support services.