



R-F2019-03: In support of implementing standardized undergraduate advisor training at The College of New Jersey.

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In the General Body,

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey promotes and advocates for its constituents’ best interests; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey acknowledges that TCNJ Policy II.3.70 “Undergraduate Advising Policies and Practices” (c. 2016) indicates that “The Office of Academic Affairs, the Schools, and the Academic Departments will train new advisors during their first year of advising. This training will be tailored to the needs of specific programs. This training program will include discussion of/information about liberal learning requirements, students with special academic circumstances (poorly performing, loss in family, etc.), and transfer students.”¹; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey endorses other college practices for advisor certifications, such as completing “online and/or in-person modules (which includes videos and quizzes) and meet specific criteria for each training level prior to obtaining certification. Academic advisors are required to complete the training program and receive certification”²; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey recognizes a “personalized, rigorous, and collaborative education” as one of the college’s signature experiences according to The College of New Jersey’s Strategic Plan (c. 2016); and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey believes that informed, well-rounded advising is key to achieving this experience; and

¹ Academic Affairs, The College of New Jersey. (2016, November 8). *11.3.70: Undergraduate Advising Policies and Practices*. TCNJ Policy Manual.
<https://policies.tcnj.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/247/2018/02/Undergraduate-Advising-Policies-and-Practices.pdf>

² University of South Carolina. *Academic Advising*.
https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/advising/advisor_toolbox/certification/index.php



WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey attests that undergraduate advisors play a significant role in students' course registration, academic plan, and ultimately the success of their career; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey argues that students should have access to consistent and accurate information regarding their requirements and academic concerns from their advisors.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey stresses that undergraduate advisors should receive standardized training across departments every two years on liberal learning requirements, change of major/minor procedures, and special academic circumstances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey charges the Provost to review the current training for all undergraduate advisors.

ADOPTED: December 4, 2019

Signature of Executive President: _____