

Meeting of the Full Board March 16, 2023 8:30 am

Discussion Item

BOT – 3 Student Success Panel

Background Information

Student Success is about more than enrollment numbers, graduation rates and GPAs – it requires going beyond academics to support students' physical, emotional, and transitional needs. Every student's experience is unique, from their educational goals to the barriers they encounter when trying to achieve them. The one size fits all approach is no longer effective, especially given UNCG's significant proportion of first-generation, minority, and transfer student populations.

Associate Vice Provost Regina McCoy developed and will lead this panel presentation with students Antoinette Gregory, Sky Strickland, and Sa'mya Muhammad, who will share their perspectives on what helps them be successful and committed to their academic and personal goals. These students are UNCG Guarantee Scholars, a program that provides exceptional scholarship support for North Carolina students with great academic promise but limited financial means.

Antoinette is a 4th year student double majoring in Information Science and Library & Information Science. She will share how the leadership opportunities in the UNCG Guarantee Scholar and McNair Programs have supported her academic studies and contributed to her successful applications for acceptance to several graduate programs.

Sky is a 3rd year Psychology major who uses his experience as a first-generation student from rural North Carolina to mentor other students while actively engaging in undergraduate research with a faculty mentor.

Sa'mya is a 2nd year Studio Art major with a concentration in Animation. She is also a peer mentor who nurtures her peers and helps them feel connected and valued as they stay on track and focused on their goals.