

Lander University Committee Assignments

Friday, September 8, 2023

Retention Council (2023-2024)

Appointed By: Chair of committee

Reports To VP of Student Experience and Quality

Membership

The Retention Council shall be chaired by the Vice President of Student Experience and Quality Assurance. Members of the committee will be appointed by the chair and will include representation from the faculty and staff. Terms of service will be one year, with the possibility of reappointment.

Function

The Retention Council is directed to focus on the retention of students and to develop plans to encourage student success and persistence to graduation. The charge is:

- Review best practices that encourage student success at Lander and the national level
- Analyze Lander data to determine Lander populations at risk of attrition;
- Identify structures and processes that may contribute to students leaving before graduation;

Recommend or implement policies, procedures, and programs to encourage student achievement and success to graduation and bring our retention rates in line with our peers

Procedures

The Council normally meets every two weeks during the fall and spring semesters.

The Council reports to the Vice President of Student Experience and Quality Assurance.

Member	Title / Role	Term of Service
Amanda Darden (Chair)	Vice President for Student Experience & Quality Assurance	
Gavin Bethea	Student Success Advisor / Student Success Center	
Catherine Covar	Director - Housing & Residence Life / Housing	
Ashton Davis	Lecturer of Chemistry / Academic Affairs	
Michael Graham	Lecturer of Psychology and Human Services / Director of First-Year Program	
Demario Watts	Director of Student Life & Orientation / Student Affairs	
Dena Gossett	Captain of Uniform Patrol - University Police / LUPD	
Nick Foray	Graduate Student Representative	
Omar Wattad	Head Coach, Men's Basketball / Athletics	
Zakiyyah Sloan	Financial Aid Counselor / Enrollment Management	