ACADEMIC SUPPORT UNITS

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3.1.3 Academic Support Units

3.1.3.1 The Graduate School

School supports and advances excellence in graduate education and the scholarly and professional activities associated with it, while promoting a diverse, inclusive, and connected community. The Graduate School aims to prepare GVSU graduates to become effective leaders in their field, lifelong learners, and scholars who excel in a global environment.

3.1.3.2 Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy

The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy conducts applied research and offers expertise on the latest knowledge and trends in the philanthropic field. Professional development services including courses and workshops, online resources, and publications offered. The Johnson Center puts research to work, with and for professionals across the country, supporting effective philanthropy, building strong nonprofits and providing resources and data for informed community change.

3.1.3.3 Faculty Research and Innovation Center

The Faculty Research and Innovation Center promotes a culture of active scholarship, encourages innovation and enterprise, facilitates collaborations, and serves as an advocate for university scholarship and creative practice. The Center sponsors workshops, colloquia, lectures, and discussions. It provides help with

developing a scholarly agenda, mentoring by senior faculty member, assistance in finding collaborations, opportunities for undergraduate research and scholarship, and publishing as a scholar. In addition, the Center: 1) serves as the University's central office that supports faculty and staff in the identification, development, submission and administration of externally sponsored agreements for scholarly research and creative activity, 2) oversees compliance awareness and accountability within the research culture of the university through assistance, education, and communication including activities involving human subjects, animal welfare, biohazards, and chemical safety, 3) serves as a resource for faculty, staff and students in developing technologies with commercialization potential and coordinate efforts between industry and the university, and 4) offers a variety of opportunities for undergraduates to pursue research and scholarship in various disciplines under the direction of a faculty mentor.

3.1.3.4 Barbara and Stuart Padnos Center for Global Experiences

The purpose of the Barbara and Stuart Padnos Center for Global Experiences is to organize and coordinate the university's international programs and activities; oversee international partnerships, faculty-led programs, study abroad programs, work and internship programs in other nations, international volunteer and service-learning activities; and assist in the recruitment, admission, and advising ofinternational students.

3.1.3.5 Robert and Mary Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center

The purpose of the Robert and Mary Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center is to enhance student learning by supporting faculty members in their efforts to teach effectively. This Center promotes a scholarly approach to teaching and learning, supports reflection on professional practice, encourages growth at all career stages, and rewards innovation in teaching through conferences, workshops, retreats, mentoring programs, and teaching innovation grants program, faculty learning communities, and other initiatives.

3.1.3.6 Student Academic Success Center

The Student Academic Success Center provides a wide range of services to students, the university and the community. Services include: instructional support services, academic advising, student support programs, new student advising and registration, oversight of academic standards, and assistance with university events and outreach initiatives. Instructional support services include tutoring,

learning skills development and structured learning assistance courses. Advising services include pre-major, change of major transfer student advising, student-athlete advising, or general advising. Student support programs include TRIO-Student Support Program, Oliver Wilson Freshman Academy, and the Degree Completion Support Program. Academic Standards oversight includes General Education Foundation requirements and Academic Review Committee.