

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST



February 2, 2022

Subject: Announcing HSI Advisors to the University Provost

I am pleased to announce that two of our colleagues have agreed to serve as HSI Advisors:

Dr. Luis Fernandez, Chair and Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice will lead university wide engagement, collaborative planning and resource development to support NAU's distinctive, inclusive excellence in serving Latinx students and communities.

Dr. Claudia Rodas, Associate Clinical Professor, Educational Specialties at the North Valley campus in Phoenix, will work in closely in conjunction with Dr. Fernandez and Vice Provost Stoner to spearhead engagement and planning for NAU's statewide campuses and locations.

Drs. Fernandez and Rodas bring a breadth of perspective, experience, and complementary positionality within the university that will ensure our success extends to the entirety of NAU's operations across Arizona. I am grateful to both leaders for their commitment to this endeavor, as I am grateful to all those whose passion for this work was evident by expressing their interest to serve.

I also want to thank the university community for the enthusiastic support of efforts to elevate, facilitate, and advance NAU's work in this area. I am pleased to expand our leadership team with the HSI Advisors to better focus and direct our efforts toward realizing the boundless potential of NAU's HSI status.

Please join me in thanking Claudia and Luis for accepting these new responsibilities, and my thanks for the continued work of all faculty and staff for their support and contributions to our institutional success as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Karen'.

Karen Pugliesi
Interim Executive Vice President and University Provost