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Institutional Effectiveness Fellow

Dr. Joyce Ellenwood

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Project Title: Academic Advising Effectiveness Initiative: Aligning Practice, Data, and Student Success

Dr. Joyce Ellenwood has been selected as the Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Fellow for the Academy of Faculty Enrichment (AFE) Faculty Fellows Program. Her project, Academic Advising Effectiveness Initiative: Aligning Practice, Data, and Student Success, seeks to strengthen student retention, progression, and graduation by transforming academic advising into a cohesive, data-informed, and outcomes-driven function across Virginia State University. The initiative will establish a comprehensive advising framework that standardizes advising practices, expands the strategic use of Navigate360 and Degree Works, formalizes advisor and student responsibilities, and reestablishes the Academic Advising Council as a central body for governance, assessment, and continuous improvement. Through the integration of assessment measures, key performance indicators, and data-driven decision-making, the project will enhance advising effectiveness, support accreditation readiness, and foster a culture of accountability and continuous improvement that advances institutional effectiveness and student success.