On July 1, 2016, Student Affairs, the Office of Student Success, and Undergraduate Studies were merged together to form the new Student Affairs & Student Success unit under the leadership of Vice President Paul Dosal. Driven by an intensified commitment to student success, Provost Ralph Wilcox has charged the new unit with a laser focus on bolstering academic success and the student experience.

USF has long been committed to student success. In November 2009, USF launched the Student Success Task Force which developed a ten-year plan to radically transform student success on our campus. At that time, our six-year graduation rate was only 48% and our four-year rate was at 24%. Today, thanks to the ambitious goals set by the task force and the hard work of units across the university, USF's six-year graduation rate stands at 68.5% and the four-year rate is 51%. These are most impressive gains but USF leadership wants to do even better.

By integrating Student Affairs, Undergraduate Studies, and the Office of Student Success, the resulting Student Affairs & Student Success unit is aligned and staffed to move the 'needle' significantly, bringing real benefit to our students while projecting USF on the path to preeminence among universities statewide, nationally, and globally.

On Friday, July 8, an interim website for the new unit will launch, providing some additional information about Student Affairs & Student Success. Be sure to visit the site at www.usf.edu/student-affairs-success in the afternoon.