



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab Joins AGB Council for Student Success

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The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice today announced that Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab, President and Founder, has been appointed to the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) [Council for Student Success](#). The council, established in 2021, leverages the experience, perspectives, and insights of its members with active leadership roles for the development of AGB expertise designed to strengthen strategic board governance across higher education.

Dr. Goldrick-Rab accepted the opportunity to serve on the Council for Student Success because basic needs insecurity is a critical equity issue in higher education impeding attainment and undermining student health and well-being. She looks forward to working with higher education leaders to continue address the needs of #RealCollege students. She is especially pleased to serve alongside Michael Wiafe, a member of [The Hope Center's Student Leadership Advisory Council](#).

The AGB Council for Student Success regularly convenes to discuss the strategic priorities across higher education and includes representatives from a range of institutional types, including public and private, large and small, single institution and multi-campus system, two- and four-year, religious and secular, and domestic and international. This diversity affords the group a broad pool of experiences that help inform AGB about the obstacles and macro-level trends that governing boards face. In turn, AGB leverages its advisory groups to create tools and resources that benefit over 2,000 institutions and 40,000 members.

"I am honored by the invitation by AGB to serve on their Council for Student Success," said Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab. "I look forward to sharing insights based on the latest science to help institutional leaders make sound decisions that can positively impact their students."

The Council for Student Success is [one of seven](#) councils that enhance AGB's thought leadership. The other six councils similarly represent key leadership roles and priority areas: Board Chairs, Board Professionals, Finance Committee Chairs, Foundation Leaders, Presidents, and Senior Fellows.

"Our council members generously agree to lend their time and talent to advancing strategic governance across higher education," said Henry Stoeber, AGB president and CEO. "Alongside the AGB Board of Directors, AGB consultants, and other board governance experts, the AGB Council for Student Success ensures that boards across the country are receiving leading and practical guidance on salient topics

throughout the year. These council members help to ensure that we are aware of not only what's going on at that moment but also what they need to know from AGB to lead with confidence and knowledge in the boardroom. It's a crucial partnership, and I appreciate their hard work."

ABOUT THE HOPE CENTER

[The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice](#) is an action research center transforming higher education into a more effective, equitable, and impactful sector using a powerful combination of applied scientific research, technical assistance to colleges and universities, policy advising with state and federal governments, and strategic communications. We believe that students are humans first and that their basic needs are central conditions for learning. We are redefining what it means to be a student-ready college with a national movement centering #RealCollege students' basic needs.

ABOUT AGB

The [Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges](#) (AGB) is the premier membership organization that strengthens higher education governing boards and the strategic roles they serve within their organizations. Through our vast library of resources, educational events, and consulting services, and with 100 years of experience, we empower 40,000 AGB members from more than 2,000 institutions and foundations to navigate complex issues, implement leading practices, streamline operations, and govern with confidence. AGB is the trusted resource for board members, chief executives, and key administrators on higher education governance and leadership.