

# Counseling and Accessibility Services

Office or Department of Student Affairs

## Administrative Unit Assessment Report Information

**Year Reporting: FY21 (July 2020 – June 2021)**

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## Department Mission and Goals

**The mission and goals of the department should be consistent over a 5 year period, although some institutional changes may necessitate and prompt a change in mission or goals for specific departments. In this section, you will report the mission statement for your department as well as the long term goals (5 year range) for the department.**

6. What is the mission statement for this department/area? Your mission should explain why the department/area exists and who it serves.	The mission of the Office of Counseling and Accessibility Services is to provide professional confidential support to students by addressing personal crisis situations and offering remedies and/or referrals.
7. What are the goals for this department? These should be the "big things" the department/area intends to accomplish within 5 years.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To provide MGA students non-academic support to address psychological and accessibility issues.</li><li>2. To provide MGA students with the resources for off or on campus referrals.</li><li>3. To help MGA students develop the ability to identify positive traits to make ethical, healthy choices.</li></ol>

## Objectives

Each year, every department should identify objectives the department hopes to accomplish in the next year. These should align with departmental goals and the MGA strategic plan. In the next section you will be reporting on the objectives you set and whether or not you achieved them in FY21. Later in the document you will report on objectives you hope to accomplish in the coming fiscal year, FY22.

### Objective 1

8. Objective 1: What was this department's first objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.	1. Counseling and Accessibility Services will create a "Counselor's Corner" section of their web page with four articles on well being and will submit the links to these articles to Inside MGA (faculty/staff) and the Knightly News (students).
9. Objective 1: Detail how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort)	jobs completed
10. Objective 1: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)	Four Articles
11. Objective 1: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)	25%
12. Objective 1: Did your department meet this objective?	The department did not meet this objective.
13. Objective 1: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?	Due to the transition to more online/virtual services more time was spent in training/certification.

## Objective 2

14. Objective 2: What was this department's second objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.	2. Counseling and Accessibility Services will be offering five support groups for our students beginning Fall 2020.
15. Objective 2: Detail how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort)	Jobs completed
16. Objective 2: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)	100 percent
17. Objective 2: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)	50 percent
18. Objective 2: Did your department meet this objective?	The department did not meet this objective.
19. Objective 2: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?	With more online/virtual sessions it was difficult to conduct support groups in a virtual setting.

## Objective 3

20. Objective 3: What was this department's third objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.	3. Counseling Services will survey at least 75% of students using Telehealth Services.
21. Objective 3: Detail how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort)	Survey
22. Objective 3: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)	75 percent
23. Objective 3: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)	80 percent
24. Objective 3: Did your department meet this objective?	The department exceeded this objective.
25. Objective 3: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?	We learned that the majority of our students enjoyed Telehealth Sessions. No changes we will continue to offer Telehealth sessions in addition to in person sessions.

**Objective 4**

26. Objective 4: What was this department's fourth objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.	4. Accessibility Services will track the number of service and emotion support animal requests.
27. Objective 4: Detail how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort)	Number of students applications that requested emotional support animals
28. Objective 4: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)	100 percent
29. Objective 4: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)	100 percent
30. Objective 4: Did your department meet this objective?	The department met this objective.
31. Objective 4: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?	We were looking at trends to see if the requests were valid and to help us identify the need for further treatment in our area.

**Future Plans**

32. Please identify and detail three to four measurable objectives for the next fiscal year. In listing the objectives, please use the format shown in these examples.1) The Department of X will improve services levels by 5% as measured by our satisfaction survey. 2) The department of X will provide training in ABC for at least 73 MGA faculty and staff.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monthly tracking of the number of unique students seen in person vs. Telehealth.</li> <li>2. During the Fall Semester 2021we will offer 5 Fresh check events (one per campus)</li> <li>3. Track the number and hours spent providing testing for accommodated Students.</li> <li>4. Develop flyer to distribute at Orientation starting Spring 2022 related to available resources for our areas.</li> </ol>
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**Open Box for Assessment Comments**

<p>33. Based on this assessment, please share your thoughts on the current status and future direction of this department or area. Use this space to summarize overall use of assessment results for continuous improvement and open text box for assessment comments:</p>	<p>As we continue to increase the awareness of our services within the campus community, and due to associated issues with COVID-19 we recognized that we needed additional staff to properly address the growing awareness and need for both counseling and accessibility services.</p>
<p>37. If the COVID-19 pandemic impacted this assessment cycle, please provide specific details below.</p>	<p>It prevented us from continuing the support groups in the Fall but allowed us alternate ways of offering services to our students</p>

**MGA's Strategic Plan**

<p>34. Based on your goals and objectives listed above please indicate their connection with MGA's Strategic Plan (<a href="https://www.mga.edu/about/docs/Strategic_Plan_Overall_DB.pdf">https://www.mga.edu/about/docs/Strategic_Plan_Overall_DB.pdf</a>) by checking all associated and relevant Imperatives / Strategies from the list below. (Check all the apply)</p>	<p>Grow Enrollment with Purpose            1. Expand and enrich the face to face student experience,            Own Student Success            4. Expand student engagement and experiential learning,            Build Shared Culture            7. Cultivate engagement with its local communities</p>
<p>35. Please indicate which of the following actions you have taken as a result of the 2020/2021 Assessment Cycle (Note: These actions are documented in reports, memos, emails, meeting minutes, or other directives within the reporting area) (Check all the apply)</p>	<p>Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate Members of the Campus Community, Faculty or Staff Support: Professional Development Activities, Trainings, Workshops, Technical Assistance, Process Changes: Improve, Expand, Refine, Enhance, Discontinue, etc. Operational Processes, Request for Additional Financial or Human Resources</p>

**Other**

<p>36. Please indicate (if appropriate) any local, state, or national initiatives (academic or otherwise) that are influential in the operations, or goals, and objectives of your unit. (Complete College Georgia, USG High Impact Practice Initiative, LEAP, USG Momentum Year, Low-Cost No-Cost Books, etc)</p>	
<p>38. Mindset Update (Academic Deans ONLY) Please provide an update on the implementation of your school based mindset plan/strategy. Include any adjustments to metrics for the AY20/21 as well as outcomes associated with your appraisal of your schools activities.</p>	