

NOSS Statement in Response to Recent Florida Higher Education Developments

It is with great dismay that the National Organization for Student Success (NOSS) has witnessed the increasingly hostile education environment our colleagues in the state of Florida, and by extension their students, are experiencing.

The mission of NOSS is to support professionals in educational institutions in making a positive difference in the lives of students. Thus, we state firmly and with great conviction our commitment as educators to making our institutions safe, accessible, equitable, inclusive, and diverse for our students and for all who are in the institutional communities. They are the values that we all should hold as empathetic humans trying to help and support one another through the difficult journey of life. We believe in these values; in the professionalism of our colleagues, trained educators who are experts in their fields; and in the free and open exchange of ideas in the public higher education setting.

Student success cannot flourish in a place where scholarly inquiry and debate are threatened, or where honest, hardworking, and talented educators fear for their jobs or are afraid to speak the truth. Quality student-focused higher education cannot occur in a general environment of hostility, suspicion, and unease.

We stand with all of our members who are continuing to serve and support students despite continued attacks on their professions and academic freedoms.