The national organizations represented at the SDSU White House convening believe in the right of every student to have access to counseling and advisement for postsecondary (career and education) preparation, access and success. The organizations further acknowledge the diversity of professionals who serve students in this regard, including school counselors, advisors, and other professionals, each with different specialized training, skills and competencies.

However, the national organizations agree that there are common prerequisites for the effective delivery of counseling and advisement for postsecondary preparation, access and success, including:

1.) A commitment to collaboration among professionals in service to students;
2.) Cultural competence and the ability to work with all students, including students who are currently underserved and underrepresented.
3.) Proficiency in the use of data to assist in identifying, designing, implementing, and evaluating policies and practices related to counseling and advising students for postsecondary access and success.
4.) Training in both the theory and practice of advising students for postsecondary access and success.

As a direct outcome of the White House convening, the national organizations in attendance agree to commit to the formation of a collaborative council, effective immediately, to achieve the following short-term goals:

1.) Conduct a comprehensive multi-organizational, multi-institutional asset map of competencies, knowledge/skillset requirements, and resources for advising students for postsecondary access and success.
2.) Identify other concrete priorities for the council to address, including, but not limited to, advocacy, research and communication to policymakers and administrators on behalf of counseling and advising professionals.