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Welcome New Members and Returning Members! My name is Sandra Avalos and I am the new Chair for the First-Generation College Student Advising Community (FGAC). Not only am I a first-generation college student, but I am also the first girl in our family to graduate from high school. I understand the struggles like most of you do. I believe that our Advising Community is very important to our nation and globally. Our Steering Committee is made up of volunteers who are working to develop the following goals:

- *Provide professional development to our members in a variety of ways. Our Best Practices subcommittee, Research & Scholarship subcommittee, Communications subcommittee, and Community Building subcommittee are working hard to put together programming that will benefit advising professionals based on survey results conducted in November 2021 and ongoing feedback to be collected in 2022.*
- *Collaboration with other Advising Communities, whether that includes research, virtual events, conference proposals, or socials. We are currently working on creating a master schedule of events with finalized dates and times.*

As a Steering Committee, we are looking forward to getting to know one another, reaching our members in the Advising Community, and collaborating with other Advising Communities to brainstorm ideas for research, writing and collaborating on conference proposals, publication writing, facilitating virtual events and socials, and increasing engagement and communication through email updates and social media posts. If you are interested in participating on the FGAC Steering Committee, please email me at [savalos@ksu.edu](mailto:savalos@ksu.edu).