# 2016 Siyaphumelela Draft Conference Programme

## Conference Theme: *Promising practices towards systemic interventions for student success*

## Sub-themes
- Extending our understanding of factors in student success
- Supporting success in student learning through data analytics, including early warning systems
- Building a community of practice for student success
- Exploring the ethics of data analytics – cross cutting.

## About Siyaphumelela
The 2016 conference builds on the highly successful inaugural conference that took place in May 2015 and will feature a number of international speakers as well as key role players, including students, in the field from South Africa. While the work of the five Siyaphumelela grantees will be profiled, we are keen to hear of promising practices from a cross-section of universities in South Africa. The conference will be preceded by three concurrent workshops.

More information is available at www.siyaphumelela.org.za.

# Pre-conference Workshop

## Workshop One: 10h00 – 17h00

**Theme*: Effective academic advising informed by data analytics*

**Facilitators:** Dr Allison Calhoun-Brown - Assistant Vice President for Student Retention: Georgia State University.

Introduction by Dr Tim Renick- Vice President for Enrolment Management/Student Success and Vice Provost: Georgia State University.

## Workshop Two: 11h00 – 16h30

**Theme: *Systemic approaches to student success: An institutional perspective.***

The Quality Enhancement Programme encouraged DVCs, Deans/Directors responsible for Teaching and Learning to participate.

***Facilitators:*** Dr Tim Renick- Vice President for Enrolment Management/Student Success and Vice Provost: Georgia State University.

## *Workshop Three:* 10h00 – 17h00

**Theme: *Integrating and building our data for effective student support.***

Examples from Florida International University and South African are explored with Siyaphumelela experts to explore how we might build a data warehouse and analytics system to enable an effective South African data-driven student support approach.

***Moderator:*** Dr Jan Lyddon, Data Coach for Siyaphumelela

***Presenters (to be confirmed):***

Introductory video by Dr Consuelo Boronat: Director, Operational Analysis: Analysis and Information Management, Florida International University

Prof Murray Leibbrandt- Pro Vice-Chancellor Poverty and Inequality, University of Cape Town

## Conference Programme: Wednesday 29th June 2016

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| 08:30 08:45 | Registration and morning coffee |
| 08:45 – 09:00 | **Welcome and Contextualisation of Conference:**<br>• Ms Jenny Glennie – Executive Director, Saide<br>• Mr William Moses - Managing Director: Education, Kresge Foundation |
| 09:00 – 10:15 | **High level plenary panel**<br>**Setting the Scene: Challenges and Responses to Student Success in Higher Education**<br>• Prof Ahmed Bawa – CEO: Universities South Africa<br>• Reflection on Student Perspectives – to be confirmed<br>• Dr Diana D. Parker – Deputy Director General (Universities Branch): DHET<br>• Dr Sizwe Nxasana – Ministerial Task Team on Financing |
| | Comfort and tea break |
| 10:35 – 11:45 | **Keynote presentations:**<br>**Systemic Approaches to Enhance Student Support**<br>• Dr Tim Renick – Vice President for Enrolment Management/Student Success and Vice Provost : Georgia State University<br>• Prof Diane Grayson – Director: Institutional Audits, Council on Higher Education |
| 11:45 – 13:05 | **Parallel paper presentations and workshop**<br>• **Venue A: Four paper presentations** selected from 36 abstracts received<br>• **Venue B: Four paper presentations** selected from 36 abstracts received<br>• **Venue C: Workshop:** The Information Mosaic: Analytics for Decision-Making, led by Dr Jan Lyddon -Data Coach for Siyaphumelela |
| 13:05- 14:05 | Networking and lunch |
| 14h05 – 15h15 | **Keynote presentations**<br>**Overcoming socio-cultural challenges to students' success**<br>• Dr Shaun Harper- Executive Director, Centre for the Study of Race and Equity in Education, University of Pennsylvania<br>• Prof Yunus Ballim – Vice Chancellor, *Sol Plaatje University* |
| 15h20 – 16h20 | **Institutional presentations**<br>**Promising practices in promoting student success in South Africa**<br>• Presentations from Siyaphumelela Institutional Partners |
| | Comfort and tea break |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | **Panel of Vice Chancellors and Deputy Vice Chancellors**<br>**This panel may be moved back to Thursday morning**<br>**Leading systemic approaches to enhance student success**<br>• Prof Adam Habib – University of the Witwatersrand<br>• Prof Cheryl de la Rey/Prof Norman Duncan – University of Pretoria<br>• Prof Lis Lange- University of the Free State<br>• Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University – to be confirmed<br>• Prof Thandi Gwele – Durban University of Technology |

| | Closing remarks & end of day |
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**Thursday 30th June 2016**

| 08:00 – 08:30 | Registration and morning coffee |
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| 08h30 – 09h40 | **Keynote presentations:**<br>***Effective academic advising informed by data analytics.***<br>• Dr Alison Calhoun-Brown- Assistant Vice President for Student Retention: Georgia State University<br>• Prof Francois Strydom – Director: Academic - Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of the Free State |
| 09:40 – 10:40 | **Institutional presentations**<br>***Promising practices in Academic Advising from South Africa***<br>• Presentations from Siyaphumelela Institutional Partners |
| | Comfort and tea break |
| 11:00 – 12:20 | **Parallel paper presentations and workshop**<br>• **Venue A: Four paper presentations** selected from 36 abstracts received<br>• **Venue B: Four paper presentations** selected from 36 abstracts received<br>• **Venue C Workshop:** The Information Mosaic: Analytics for Decision-Making, led by Dr Jan Lyddon -Data Coach for Siyaphumelela |
| 12:20– 13:15 | **Student panel**<br>***Student Insights on promoting student success***<br>• Students from each of the Siyaphumelela institutions |
| | Networking & Lunch break |
| 14:15 – 15:20 | **Report back from Workshop 3**<br>***Integrating and building our data for effective student support: a possible way forward in South Africa***<br>• An example from the USA<br>• Prof Murray Leibbrandt- Pro Vice-Chancellor Poverty and Inequality, University of Cape Town(to be confirmed) |
| 15:20 – 16:30 | **Perspectives from a US university alliance, a South African university and Siyaphumelela**<br>***Building communities around student success.***<br>• Bridget Burns – Founding Executive Director of the University Innovation Alliance in the USA<br>• Dr Matete Madiba: Director: Student Affairs, University of Pretoria<br>• Jenny Glennie – Siyaphumelela Initiative |
| | **Closure** |