



Kryssa Cooper

Assistant Vice President for Division Operations and Logistics

Kryssa Cooper serves as assistant vice president for division operations and logistics within Student Affairs. In her current role, Cooper oversees division commercial sponsorship coordination, administrative shared services support and the Joint City University Advisory Board. She also has responsibility for planning large-scale divisionwide events and as a liaison to key stakeholders, including the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee, Board of Visitors Student Engagement and Success Committee and Clemson Family Ambassador Board. Cooper was a member of the President's Leadership Institute (PLI) cohort in 2021.

She previously served as director of corporate and community engagement for two years, working closely with Clemson Sports & Campus Marketing (now CAPCO) as the relationship manager with an expanded responsibility to include cultivating and stewarding other corporate and community partners for Student Affairs.

Under her watch, Student Affairs has enjoyed unprecedented growth in sponsorship revenue. She helped secure more than \$250,000 in both the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years and manages a portfolio of more than 25 corporate partners. The sponsorship revenue earned is distributed to various programs within Student Affairs to support the division's core themes of health, safety and wellness, student learning, inclusive excellence and staff experience. Programs such as the Career Center Clothes Closet, JCPenney Suit Up event, Tigerama, Celebrate Safely, The Big Event and many others and student organizations have benefitted from this revenue source.

Cooper came to Clemson after more than 10 years as an independent development professional for several businesses and nonprofits in California. Most notably, she was a contracted brand strategist for the 2016 San Diego International Film Festival. She managed a portfolio of 35 media and sponsorship contracts, an increase of 42 percent over the prior year. She also oversaw work that resulted in an increase of 95 percent from patron contributions.

Prior to her time in California, she lived in the Southeast, highlighted by 11 years working various positions for Delta Air Lines in Atlanta. She began her career in Delta's management training program, which provided opportunities to learn all aspects of the company's operations.

A native of Alabama, Cooper earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech in May 1988 and a nonprofit development certification from the University of California at San Diego. She is currently enrolled in Clemson's MBA program.

She and her husband, Dave, have two sons, David and Bryan, and daughters-in-law Morgan (Bryan) and Ashley (David).