



Towards a Community of Practice in Student Affairs Research

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**It always seems impossible
until it's done.**

Nelson Mandela

The background is a colorful, abstract composition of watercolor-like splashes and washes. It features a mix of purple, orange, blue, and green, with some darker, more saturated areas and lighter, more diffused washes. The overall effect is dynamic and artistic.

**A community of practice
is a group of people who "share
a concern or a passion for something
they do and learn how to do it better
as they interact regularly".**



Domain

What we care about.
Our common interest
or problem.

Community

Who cares about it.
Our shared
commitment and
competence

Practice

What we do together.
How we do things
together.

1. Shared problem

4. Mix of partners

2. Active learning

COP

5. Commitment to practice

3. Collective ownership

6. Effective governance

Some questions to move forward:

01

Who is part of the COP:

- Practitioners, researchers, students...
- Seniority etc.
- How does it operate / is governed

02

How is the 'domain' defined? (issue, problem?)

- Activism, subjective wellbeing & social responsibility vs. "SAS research"

03

What are the modalities and platforms of operating?

- 'network', journal, associations, forums
- Projects, teams, individuals; governance?



Thanks

