

Dean Ken Ballom was appointed the Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign a public research intensive university in 2008. He is responsible for a large component of the Division of Student Affairs and employees who serve more than 45,000 students.

Prior to joining the University Of Illinois Division Of Student Affairs, he served as the Dean of Student Affairs at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas from 1998 until 2008. Prior to his promotion to dean he served as the Assistant Dean of Students at the University of North Texas from 1995 until 1998. While serving as Dean of Students, Ballom was instrumental in leading the university in developing new university-wide

programs and planning, remodeling, and construction of several facilities.

Dean Ken Ballom has over 26 years of experience in student affairs and serves as an advocate for the needs of students on campus. He earned his B.S. in counseling education from Texas A&M at Commerce, Texas and his M.S. in college student personnel administrations from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

During his career he provided oversight and vision in administering a comprehensive range of programs and services: Career Center; Counseling and Psychological Services; Student Conflict Resolution; Dean of Students; New Student Programs; Off-Campus Student Services, Veteran Student Services, Student Leadership Center; Testing Center; Student Legal Services; Tennant Union; Office of Minority Student Affairs; Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs; Campus Recreation, Women's Resource Center, Student Disability Resource Center, and Student Government Association.

Dean Ballom's leadership in the profession includes serving as a co-founder of the Annual Big Ten Behavioral Threat Assessment Meeting. He is also an active participant with the Midwest Dean's Conference. On the state level, Dean Ballom served on the Illinois Liquor Commissions Control Board. He also serves as a representative on the K-12 Promises Made Promises Kept Board. He is an active member in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

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