

Draft Statement for Merit/Promotion Packages:

During the review period I served as a **member/convenor** of the Launch committee for **XX**, a new faculty hire in the department of **XX**. Launch committees are a new pilot program developed and implemented by the Mentorship and Networking Initiative of the UC Davis ADVANCE Program which is funded by the National Science Foundation (PI: Chancellor Linda Katehi). It is a faculty-driven program to provide support, insight, and guidance to new faculty as they begin their careers at UC Davis and to accelerate their professional integration into the campus. It is a time intensive, year-long commitment that involves meeting formally as a committee, approximately twice a quarter **(or insert actual frequency)**, as well as informally individually, to address issues such as timing of lab space renovations, funding opportunities and campus processes for identifying and pursuing funding opportunities, strategies for recruiting outstanding lab members, networking and methods for developing research collaborations, teaching and other campus resources, impactful service opportunities (etc), and to help them resolve any challenges that they are facing. **Insert specific examples of what was accomplished as a convenor and/or member of the Launch committee.**