

Dr. Mary J. Wardell-Ghirarduzzi brings passion for creating more equitable, inclusive, just, and caring campus climate and culture for all. She is an executive leader skilled at building organizational capacity through strategic initiatives with over 20 years of experience in California higher education focused in academic affairs, student life, community engagement, and diversity and inclusion. Currently she is the Chief Diversity Officer and Vice Provost for Diversity Engagement and Community Outreach and an adjunct professor of organizations, communication, and leadership at the University of San Francisco.

Mary has been instrumental in leveraging the university's mission and commitment to social justice, equity, and inclusion to strengthen the campus for students, faculty, and staff. She has expanded the university's community engagement as a San Francisco anchor institution, particularly for multicultural and marginalized communities. Some of the impactful programs she has envisioned include: Latinas in Leadership, which brings more than 400 Latinas to the university each January; Allies in the Academy, a program that has created a network of support among women-identified staff; and Reflecting on Whiteness, facilitated for and by white-identified community members at USF to discuss transformative allyship. She has been a leader in developing a creative framework for how the university's mission can be more fully realized as part of the community it resides within for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources. In 2017, she ushered the first ever comprehensive campus climate survey process for the University of San Francisco.

Appointed by Mayor Edwin Lee to serve as a Commissioner, then elected President of the San Francisco Public Library Commission, Mary is also the steward of a \$160M dollar budget for a system of 28 libraries that impacts the futures of thousands of college students as well as hundreds of thousands of residents at one of the Bay Area's most celebrated anchor institutions. In 2018, under her tenure as president, the San Francisco Public Library was recognized with the National Library of the Year Award, the nation's most prestigious library award. She serves as a trustee on the executive boards of the Urban Libraries Council in Washington, D.C, the San Francisco Interfaith Council, and the Ignatian Solidarity Network.

Dr. Wardell-Ghirarduzzi received a doctorate in education administration, policy, and leadership from Pepperdine University; a master's in counseling and social justice education from San Diego State University, and a bachelor's in communication from the University of the Pacific. She is a native of Stockton, California.