

NAFSA Region VI Business Meeting
Tuesday May 26th, 8am - 10am
Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, CA

Jennifer Marinello opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

Leadership Team Information - Jennifer Marinello

- Jennifer reviewed team positions and terms for each team member
- There are eight open positions - term served is 2 years, plus option to renew for 1 year; some team members have this option to renew.
- Four positions have been filled:
 - Elizabeth Leibach – Treasurer
 - Joanna Snyder - Regulatory Ombudsperson
 - Stephanie Leslie - EA KC Representative
 - Vivian Yamoah – Publications
- Positions that will become available December 2009:
 - Chair Elect, Local Arrangements – Indianapolis 2010, RAP KC Rep, ISS KC Rep, State Reps for OH, IN, and KY, Community College Rep.
 - Open positions will be advertised at the Region VI update on Thursday 5/28/09.

Chair Elect Report – Jodie Beatty

- We have been busy planning the Regional Conference. We will talk more about that during the conference report.

Treasurer Report – Elizabeth Leibach (given by Jennifer Marinello)

- Jennifer distributed the budget report as of December 2008; report will be distributed at the Regional update meeting on Thursday.
- At the Region VI update meeting, Elizabeth Leibach shared the budget created for 2008 created by the former treasurer and explained that we spent more than our budget but we had enough revenue from the previous conferences to cover all expenses. Also, noted that the region's saving account is approximately double the budget amount which is strongly advised for any organization to remain fiscally sound. Also, noted that the budget reflects expenditures and credits from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2008 only.

Registrar Report – Rhonda Hinkle (given by Jennifer Marinello)

- JM reported that 323 people registered for the 2008 Fall Regional Conference.

Academy Update – Jennifer Marinello for Sara Allaei

- 2 members are currently participating in the Academy in Region VI; we will gain an Academy participant from another region.
- We need to start thinking about a coach for the 2010 Academy.

KC – International Education Leadership (IEL) Update – Opal Leeman Bartiz (given by Sue Miller)

- IEL in Region VI is unofficially partnering with TLS.

Community College Report – Chad Broecker

- First, Chad showed baby pictures of his adorable new twins!
- The Community College MIG (member interest group) representatives want to make sure that issues facing Community Colleges are considered at the national level, and not only in regions where there is an active MIG.
- Many community college reps speculate growth due to the economic downturn.
- Ivy Tech’s mission now includes the word “global”
 - o Resulting in more emphasis on study abroad
- Looking for someone in each region to serve on the team as the community college liaison
- A meeting was held among Region VI community college DSOs to discuss common int’l education issues and needs, such as utilizing different services like ELS, etc.
- Chad will check to see if each region has a community college rep.

Regulatory Ombudspersons Report – (Sam Lockhart & Joanna Snyder)

- On Thursday May 28, SEVP *may* announce that the SEVIS II roll out date will be pushed back.
- In early May, 400 people attended the batch user meeting in Washington DC at SEVP’s expense.
- Service center emails:
 - o Remind schools to continue using the service center emails. **These emails are for DSOs and ROs ONLY (not students).**
 - Tsc.schools@dhs.gov (Texas Service Center)
 - Nsc.schools@dhs.gov (Nebraska Service Center)
 - Vsc.schools@dhs.gov (Vermont Service Center)
 - Csc.schools@dhs.gov (California Service Center)
 - o Remind schools to use IssueNet for issues, including employment based questions.
 - o On Friday morning (5/29), there will be a regulatory roundtable, set up like a walk-in clinic; Regbuds will be available to answer questions regarding F/J issues, recertification, OPT, H-1B, and transfers. This session will be held in 408B of the Convention Center.

RAP Report – (Sarah Hughes & Marlin Howard)

- Sarah:
 - o National RAP meeting was yesterday.
 - o We had a RAP retreat about a month ago – at this retreat, we created a mission statement and launched a new focus for RAP that focuses on **international enrollment management**.

- We have created templates to share with other schools that include information about strategies & plans related to international enrollment management.
 - We created a new position within RAP: Regional Liaison. John Erikson-Bryant will hold this position; its purpose is to create a central landing pad for all regional RAP reps.
 - We want to put all RAP sessions on the website to share resources.
 - We are working to create an all RAP forum or list-serve through NAFSA and want to encourage all National team members to be involved at Regional Conferences.
 - We are hoping to create a cross-sectional session or workshop, e.g. Credential Evaluation for EA professionals. We think this will be useful, but we don't want to discontinue offering sessions about country specific credentials. ECE and WES have typically offered these sessions and they are usually highly attended.
 - The Ed USA country fair will take place on Thursday May 28th. Flash-drives with country information will be available to every attendee.
- Marlin:
- We hope to connect community colleges with IEPs.
 - We are intrigued by the cooperation of the various knowledge communities on research and the interest in doing it.
 - IEP's seem to be regarded as an important part of NAFSA again although we are small in number. IEP's seemed to be valued as an integral part of the campus mission to internationalize.
 - I plan to submit a proposal and/or paper about IEPs at the fall conference. I was hoping perhaps for something that showed IEP's as part of the university mission or along those lines.
 - I also reminded people that my position opens at the end of the year and while I have a nominee in mind, if anyone else is interested, fine! I really feel that the team needs an IEP person on it. Some regions have their IEP RAP person delegated as the ELTA person. I like that idea.

KC – TLS Report (Kathy Ice-Wedding)

- This KC is extremely happy to be joining forces with the IEL KC. Our joint effort will be beneficial to the NAFSA organization.
- Major foci of the TLS KC are internationalizing curriculum and campus, intercultural and cross-cultural training, research and assessment, and theory connections, reflections, and applications.
- The TLS KC is broken down into three networks: Intercultural Communications and Training (ICT), Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus (ICC), and Research and Scholarship (RS). ICT's main initiative for 2009 is the expansion of their "Theory Connections" resource. ICC's foci are theories and models related to internationalizing the campus and curriculum, discussions on the future of internationalization around the world, and practice resources connecting the theory to institution implementation. RS' foci are disseminating and promoting research on internationalization, leading discussions on major topics in international higher education, serving as a center for all those interested in the topic of

- internationalization to gather, and linking NAFSA members and non-NAFSA members together.
- The TLS KC is asking people to submit proposals for the 2010 NAFSA Conference, Kansas City, Missouri. This KC encourages cross-KC proposals that appeal to multiple audiences. One of our ideas is to include
 - We hope to include an instructional session about how to properly present data/standards for research and surveys. We also hope to attract more student presenters.

Grants

-Kathy's presentation led to a discussion about grants. Sue Miller reported that there is a limited amount of grant money (\$2000) available for student presenter grants and travel grants. Most grant recipients for the 2008 Regional Conference were students. Tammy suggested possible changes to the grant process (offering a limited number of grants, earmarking grants for certain groups, e.g. students, members, newcomers). Another idea would be to offer 10 newcomer grants, each totaling \$125 and 10 student grants, each totaling \$75 for a total of \$2000. We will discuss these ideas at the next meeting.

- TLS is working on a research grant proposal. NAFSA is urging an increase in research and assessment. Marlin spoke with Chris Veers to discuss the research component of NAFSA. Sue read the research standards: "IRB approval should mean that research qualifications will meet the NAFSA standards."

- We discussed the proposed grant amount. The NAFSA budget has \$500 allotted for state initiatives that is often unused. It was proposed that two grants of \$500 are given. Many committee members felt strongly that the grant amount should be substantial, at least \$1000.

- The team determined that a sub-committee needs to convene to discuss the research grant and proposal process. Anyone submitting a proposal should submit a budget and grant proposal. Types of research include qualitative, survey, and literature review. If we have a compelling research grant idea, we can encourage that they apply for a grant. The grant sub-committee will meet before the next meeting.

Publications/Website Update (Vivian Yamoah)

- Vivian was unable to attend the meeting.

State Reports

Indiana State Report – Tammy Orahood

- 75 people attended the IN state meeting; 12 sessions
- Darren Eaton offered a popular session over lunch on speed networking. We might want to consider adding this component to the newcomer's luncheon at the Regional Conference.

Kentucky State Report – Soren Peterson

- Kentucky State Meeting will be Friday, 26 June, at Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY.
- My term is up in December, so anyone interested in becoming the Kentucky State Representative should talk to me.

Ohio State Report – Natalie Leek (Absent)

- The OH state meeting was held on May 1st.
- There were 32 sessions, including a panel presentation with Mitch Leventhal, Vice Provost for International Education at UC. He is presenting a session at the National Conference about best practices when working with agents.
- Natalie was able to attract so many sessions by sending personal emails to contacts within the state.
- The meeting was held a week after the SEVIS fee chargebacks so this was a major point of discussion for many attendees.

Workshops

- Jennifer reported that we plan to offer the following workshops to the Region:
 - o F-1 for Beginners: July 13, 2009 – Columbus, OH – Hilton Garden Inn
 - o J-1 for Beginners: July 14, 2009 – Columbus, OH – Hilton Garden Inn
*Jennifer will check with NAFSA nationals about getting materials for these additional workshops.
 - o F-1 Second Step: November 8, 2009, Region VI Conference, Cincinnati, OH
 - o J-1 Advanced: November 8, 2009, Region VI Conference, Cincinnati, OH
 - o Academic Ethics Across Cultures: November 8, 2009, Region VI Conference, Cincinnati OH
*This is a cross-sectional workshop created by Opal Leeman-Bartis.
 - o Fundamentals of Short-Term Education Abroad Programming, Region VI Conference, Cincinnati, OH
*This workshop is not confirmed; Jennifer is trying to find a trainer so that we can offer an EA workshop at the Regional conference.

Future Conference Information

2009 Regional Conference Updates (Jodie Beatty, James Tenney, Lea Minniti, & Damien Marshall)

- The 2009 Regional VI conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, (513) 579-1234.
- The conference dates are November 7-11, 2009.
- James and Lea have been working at the Local Arrangement co-chairs. James is coordinating all communication with the hotel and Lea is coordinating volunteers.

- James, Lea, Elizabeth & Jodie are in the process of creating a budget for the 2009 conference. We hope to finalize it by early June and send it to the chair stream for approval.
- The theme will be "International Education: No Longer Underground" which ties into the special event at the National Underground Freedom Center.
- Lea & James have convened a volunteer committee to work on no host dinners, special events, a.v. & greening the conference.
- Damien would like to make sponsorship more appealing for sponsors. Ideas include featuring sponsor on the NAFSA Region VI website, putting sponsor's name on electronic signs in the hotel, information in the program.
- The team also talked about soliciting sponsorships for research grants. (This might be more appealing for certain sponsors). If we offer this option, we need to distinguish between conference sponsorship and grant sponsorship.

2010 Conference

- The 2010 Region VI conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN, November 6-9, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lea Minniti.