

NAFSA Region XII Southern District Newsletter (November 2010)

Announcements from the Southern District Team

Vote Now in the Southern District Elections:

Online Election Ballot: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SouthernDistrictElections2010>.

The Southern District invites you to cast your vote for the 2011 District Leadership Team. Please vote for all positions on the ballot, showing that you have reviewed the list of nominees and support a candidate for each open seat on the District Team.

The District Team is responsible for planning and implementing all activities for the Southern District membership. (Review Team job descriptions at <http://www.nafsa.org/nafsaregions/default.aspx?id=21651>.) The new District Team will begin their terms of service on January 1, 2011. According to the Operating Procedures, the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Treasurer must be elected to the Team. All other positions can be appointed by the Chair. However, the current Team chose to announce an open call for nominations in order to involve the full membership in this process and to encourage volunteerism and leadership. We were thrilled to receive so many wonderful nominations. The Southern District Team thanks you for your vote!

New Website:

NAFSA has updated the Regional and District websites to a new "content management system". This will eventually be easier for the Regional and District Teams to update information. Unfortunately, for now, all updates must filter through NAFSA's office staff in Washington DC. Therefore, District web updates (at least in the short-term) will not be as quick as in the past. Please bear with us as our online presence goes through this restructuring. For now, if you use the Southern District's original site address (www.region12south.nafsa.org), you will be redirected to the new site (<http://www.nafsa.org/nafsaregions/default.aspx?id=21538>).

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Community College Update

The California Colleges for International Education (CCIE) Annual Meeting took place on Nov 18 at the Community College League of California (CCLC) Annual Convention & Partner Conference at the Pasadena Convention Center. All members of the California community college community, including Board members, administrators, faculty, student government representatives and international education practitioners were invited to this free meeting. For information, visit <http://ccieworld.org/newsletters.htm> or <http://www.ccleague.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3363>.

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Education Abroad Update

Rosemary G. Feal's article recently featured in The Chronicle, [The World Beyond Reach](#), illustrates a trend toward cutting advanced language studies from college and university curriculum. This can be viewed from the education abroad perspective as either an opportunity or an obstacle to education abroad programming. The proactive EA administrator will seize the opportunity to work with academic departments to design degree paths which require advanced language study to be completed abroad. Alternatively, an apathetic approach would be to watch interest in non-English programs decline. Stay on top of the game and begin the conversations with key allies on campus early.

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International Scholar Update

There have been many questions related to new H-1B and L-1 fees. See the [USCIS Q&A](#) to help clarify the confusing issues.

Related to J-1 scholar issues, SEVIS release 6.6 which came out November 12, 2010, will use updated CIP codes and descriptions. Many actions that ROs and AROs perform on current J-1 records will trigger a change to CIP 2010 codes. For more information, please see the [NAFSA SEVIS 6.6 Resources material](#).

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International Student Update

Managing the Transition from CIP 2000 to CIP 2010 Codes in SEVIS

For help in handling the transition from CIP 2000 to CIP 2010 in SEVIS, see the [NAFSA Resource Library](#).

New USCIS Fees Effective November 23, 2010

Applications or petitions mailed, postmarked, or otherwise filed on or after November 23, 2010 must include the new fee. Most fees are being increased, but the fee for Form I-539 is being decreased slightly.

[See a fee chart and link to the full text of the rule.](#)

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Recruitment, Admissions & Preparations Update

If you've ever wondered how to evaluate a credential from Indonesia, then look no further than the August 2010 issue of NAFSA's *wRAP Up* newsletter. You'll find a brief overview of the Indonesian educational system, as well as 3 interpretations of 4 different Indonesian credentials ranging from a secondary school diploma to a graduate degree. The newsletter also includes an abundance of other information useful to anyone involved in admissions and credential evaluation. [Click here](#) to access the August newsletter.

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Questions? Contact Your District Team

Your Region XII Southern District Team members are ready to assist you. If you have specific content area questions, please contact the appropriate District Team representative from our [District Team member roster](#).

From your friends on the Region XII Southern District Team

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