NASPA Region I Newsletter

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NASPA REGION I FALL CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESSS!

The Annual Region I Conference in Sturbridge, Massachusetts (November 7-9) has come and gone. "Designing today for a Stronger Tomorrow" was yet another successful gathering for NASPA in New England. Over 450 conference registrants, including attendees at the SSAO Institute, (62) undergraduates at the fourth annual Undergraduate Pre-Conference, four general pre-conference participants and corporate sponsors.

Dr. Bill Grace, the Founder of the Center for Ethical Leadership "keynoted" the three day event and NASPA President Kurt Keppler, as well as Executive Director Gwen Dungy, were in attendance.....Dr. Keppler moderated the Annual Town Meeting.

The Senior Student Affairs Officers looked at:

"An Overview of Facebook.com and Other On-line Communities"
"FERPA...and You Thought It only Applied To Transcripts"
"Who Are Our Students? Meet the Millenials"
"Coping With Psychiatric Illness On Your Campus: A Legal Quagmire AND the OCR May Be Knocking Down Your Inaccessible Door"

56 educational sessions (many sponsored by KCs), state and regional awards and much in the way of learning and catching-up with colleagues occurred prior to nationally known speaker, and former Quinnipiac University (CT) student life staffer, Michael Miller bringing the event to a close on November 9.
A vote will be taken shortly on HR 609; Base Guarantee Elimination for Campus Based Federal Financial Funds. Under this proposal the following Region 1 states will lose the following amounts in funding for Supplemental Grants, Work Study, and Perkins Loans programs:

- Maine -$7,232,110
- Mass. -$9,381,784
- N.H. - $2,428,031
- VT. -$4,425258

Please ask your President and student leaders to contact your Senators and Congressmen about this issue.

They can also write:

Senator Mike Enzi
Chair, Senate Education Committee
379 Russell Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Representative John Bodner
Chair, House Education Committee
2181 Rayburn Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Please give this your immediate attention!!!
Region ONE Reads

Part One

Recommendations from colleagues around the region attending the conference in Sturbridge, MA November 6-9, 2005

Collected by: Delight Champagne, Springfield College and Hollie Ingraham, University of Maine at Farmington

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The CT State Advisory Board met after the state meeting at the Region I Conference and put together a tentative schedule of programs through Fall 2006. They are:

**Saturday, February 25th from 4-6 pm**
Graduate Student/New Professional Reception Program Topic: Managing Placement at National Conferences
Location: TBA

**Friday, May 19th from 2-4 pm**
Best Practices Swap Meet/Reception
Breakout areas will include Residence Life, Student Activities, Career Services, Student Affairs, Judicial, and others
Location: TBA

**Mid-October Drive-In from 10 am – 3 pm**
Program Topic: Millenial Students/Helicopter Parents
Location: TBA

Other possible programs include an undergraduate conference, possibly co-sponsored with NEACUHO and other groups; a discussion on managing Spring Weekends; Crisis Management Planning; a Drive-In for student affairs professionals at the community colleges, and Students with Asperger's Syndrome.

Specifics will be emailed to members as they are finalized and will also be listed on the CT NASPA web page (http://www.wesleyan.edu/reslife/CT_NASPA.htm)

If you would like to volunteer to assist with statewide activities, please contact Stuart Brown at Stuart.Brown@uconn.edu. Do not be bashful in volunteering to assist in the development and running of programs in the state. Any type of help is welcome.
NASPA Region 1 Report

December 2005 National Board Meeting

By Craig Hutchinson, Region 1 Vice President

Goal A: To provide professional development to our members through the creation and dissemination of high quality experiences, information and exemplary models of practice.

On professional development fronts, the New Professional and Graduate Student KC is planning a February 2006 presentation of the traditional “All of the Above Conference”…a workshop now occurring twice yearly for new professionals in New England.

Yale University hosted the 2005 Ivy League Summit, an annual meeting of graduate student leaders and graduate student services administrators in October. Eight Ivy League institutions from Region 1 and Region 2 participated discussing current issues, necessary student services and best practices in graduate education and student development. Our AGAPSS KC regional chair, Lisa Brandes, was on hand to encourage continued involvement with NASPA and the KC.

Lisa Brandes has also authored a chapter for the upcoming Jossey Bass New Directions In Student Services on Graduate Student Centers.

Rhode Island sponsored a Senior Student Affairs Officers Panel Discussion in November at Rhode Island College. SSAOs gathered to discuss career advancement and current topics/issues in student affairs.

Planning for our fourth (reinvigorated) regional “Mid-Level Institute”, under the direction of Terri Potter of Plymouth State University (NH), is underway. The series of four one day meetings at various New England colleges will occur, as usual, in the spring.

Goal C: To promote pluralism, diversity, and internationalism in NASPA and the profession.

Dartmouth College will host the fifth annual NASPA Region 1 Latino Student Leadership Conference in April 2006. Planning is reaching the necessary pace to pull together this very popular weekend-long event which has drawn several hundred participants to hear presentations of high quality and relevancy over the past several years.

The July "Mini-Exchange” with our Canadian colleagues was successful. The delegation, sponsored by the International Education KC and led by Laura Deveau of Boston University, visited McGill University, the University de Montreal and Concordia University. The group met with representatives of student health services, student services, a Student Union President and senior student affairs administrators. A reciprocal visit is planned for fall 2005 or spring 2006.

Student Affairs staff from Bentley College (MA) will present on “Student Affairs and Students in the Middle East: Similarities/Differences at the Region1 Conference. This is motivated by a recent staff trip to Bahrain where the College has a "partnership" program.

The University of Hartford was the site of a drive in conference which dealt with university processes and responses around the “Death of a Student”. Connecticut NASPA sponsored this September event.
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December 2005 National Board Meeting, continued

Goal D: To provide leadership for promoting, assessing and supporting student learning and development.

In Maine, the annual MASAP (Maine association of Student Affairs Practitioners) Conference was once again a success. Dr. Jane Fried keynoted the conference which focused on infusing intentionality into the co-curriculum and measuring outcomes from resulting student learning. 60 professionals from around the state enjoyed a day of focused and thoughtful presentations and planning for student success.

Our new Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC chair, Peri Shapiro Gordon of Simmons College, along with over 450 KC members from New England are busy organizing a web site and plan of action for addressing the needs of this rather large sub-group of the Region 1 constituency. The survey work at the Sturbridge Conference should provide guidance for the needs and activities around this timely set of issues.

NASPA RI co-sponsored a day conference for residence life paraprofessionals entitled "Rhode To Leadership 2005" on November 5.

Jean Joyce Brady from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Professions, and chair of the Region 1 Alcohol and Other Drug KC, will serve as co-editor (with Penny Rue, University of Virginia) for a special issue of the NASPA Journal on health issues in higher education.

Our Rhode Island colleagues are currently involved in their "Partnership for the Future" program where graduate students from the College Student Personnel Program at the University of Rhode Island "shadow" a professional in a Rhode Island IHE for a day.

Goal E: To maintain, evaluate, and develop a high quality association structure and national office to meet current needs, anticipate future trends, and promote growth.

An initiative to assess current understanding of the purpose of, and expectations for, the Knowledge Communities is planned for the annual conference. A staffed display in the general activity area of the conference will provide information, pictures of the chairs and a survey for registrants to complete. The intent is to inform the current national conversation around maximizing the value of the Knowledge Community system.

Massachusetts NASPA continues its tradition of regular events emphasizing connections for members and member categories in the "Bay State" including a social this summer following a Catholic Colleges Conference held at Emmanuel College in Boston. Marketing materials have also been designed and produced highlighting NASPA as valuable professional development with attracting new members in mind. A "professional development calendar" has been created for events sponsored by several higher education associations in Massachusetts collaborating with MCPA (the Massachusetts College Personnel Association), NEACUHO and MAWE.

Other Region Business

The goal, set at our regional retreat in June, of reaching 1,000 regional members as our contribution to "6% in '06" has been reached. The October 2005 membership report shows Region 1 with 1,028 members. The attending effort to add at least one new member institution is progressing as well.

As has been the tradition for some time, a portion of the proceeds from our annual Silent Auction at the regional conference will be presented to an area social agency or foundation. This year, the Molly Bish Foundation, instrumental in bringing the "Amber Alert" to Massachusetts, will receive support.