



# NASPA-FL

## PUBLIC POLICY

## REVIEW UPDATE

### WELCOME

Hello my name is Jody Conway and I am serving as the Florida NASPA Public Policy Chair. In this role, I want to find a way to serve the ever increasing needs of our members as it relates to public policy updates. In order to meet this need, a quarterly update has been established that will be put out every October, January, April and July. Welcome to the first edition. Check it out and let me know how we can serve you best as it relates to public policy issues at the state level.

If you would like to send suggestions for the next newsletter, please email [jodyconway@usf.edu](mailto:jodyconway@usf.edu).

### MEET THE EXPERT

Dr. Heidi Leming has been a NASPA member since 2002 and currently serves as the Region III Public Policy Representative. The current Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the Tennessee Board of Regents, Dr. Leming has been instrumental in advancing student affairs and student



success initiatives related to accessibility, high impact practices, and support for low-income and minority student populations. In this role, Dr. Leming also serves as the Title IX Coordinator the System and is the Chancellor's Representative to the Volunteer Tennessee board.

### CHECK IT OUT

NASPA offers a FREE online course on Strategies for Managing the New FLSA Overtime Rules in Student Affairs – Click [here](#) for more information. It is a 90 min on demand course. This Live Briefing was recorded on June 9, 2016.

### NEW POLICIES AND LAWS

#### FEDERAL UPDATES

The Department of Labor's proposed change to the salary threshold for exempt employees is being closely followed by higher education leaders and NASPA. *Full article* [here](#).

The White House has issued a "Student Debt Challenge" and encourages higher education institutions to sign on by register through the [Student Debt Challenge website](#).

Financial Aid Simplification and Transparency Act of 2015 (S.108) – no action since January 2015. *All bills can be found* [here](#).

Texas A&M University and other A&M System schools this fall will begin to allow concealed weapons in classrooms and dorm rooms. *More information* [here](#).

Title IX and the changing policies regarding consent bring about many questions. *Read more* [here](#).

Defunding of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. *Read more* [here](#).

#### STATE UPDATES

Senate Committee on Higher Education bills can be tracked online [here](#).

House Committee on Higher Education bills can be tracked online [here](#).

### FUTURE NASPA OPPORTUNITIES



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