



Shaping a vision for higher education

2016 NASPA Annual Conference

**Common Purpose: Shaping a Vision for Higher Education**

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**Report for the March 2016 Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Professional Development & Events**

- Planning for the 2016 NASPA Annual Conference is going well, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the conference leadership committee and the NASPA staff. This year's conference is going to provide rich amazing learning opportunity for our attendees.
- The opening session keynote speaker is Dr. Victoria DrFrancesco Soto, political scientist, MSNBC & NBCNews.com contributor, and Professor at the University of Texas.
- Featured speakers include: Marc Lamont Hill, Professor, CNN Commentator, Host of BET News & HuffPost Live; Simon Silva, speaker, artist, author; Allison Massari, motivational speaker, and Terrell Strayhorn, Director, Center for Higher Education Enterprise at the Ohio State University.
- This year will feature a social justice symposium. Dr. Shaun Harper will lead the racial justice forum, and Dr. Genny Beemyn will lead the trans\* inclusion forum.
- Numbers for conference registration and TPE continue to track above the Baltimore conference.