



**John R. Laws, Community College Division Chair
Report for the 2010 Winter Board of Directors Meeting**

November 1, 2010

Discussion Items

No discussion items at this time. Preparations are developing to, at sometime in the future, request a discussion and review of the membership structure and how Community Colleges are encouraged (or not) to be part of NASPA

Action Items

No action items at this time.

NASPA GOALS

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

- Ivy Tech Community College (John Laws) hosted the college's third Student Services Institute. Another 30 college employees participated to join the other 54 from Ivy Tech.
- Kate Mueller has presented workshops on student learning outcomes and on behavioral assessment/threat management (see next section for specifics).
- Extensive work has been done by Denise Swett (and others) to plan a strong Community College Institute (CCI). In addition to the event planning (see second bullet), Denise was able to develop a new model for sponsorship and increased programming opportunities and work with NASPA officials to ensure effective, long-term arrangements were established to provide a foundation for this and future CCI's. This was ground-breaking work on Denise's part.
- Denise Swett was able to obtain a sponsor for this year's event that will assist greatly in the ability to feature top-notch presenters.
- The Community College Institute is a full-day professional development program providing extended learning opportunities in areas that are significantly impacting community college student services professionals. Denise Swett has done extensive work this year developing this year's program and developing a model for the Community College Division to use in the future. This year's CCI brings together national experts in Community College Student Engagement, Retention and Success. Professional staff from the Community College Center for Student Engagement (CCCSE), which is a component of the Community College Leadership Program in the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin, along with practitioners from three community colleges will present national findings on student engagement based on extensive research using the Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE), followed by overviews of

specific programs and initiatives that their colleges have put into place based on the data. This is a unique opportunity for community college student services professionals to have direct interaction with colleagues who have developed strategies to effectively address the challenge of student retention and success utilizing documented best practices in student engagement.

- A partnership was recently signed between NASPA and the University of Maryland, University Park to offer a selective, senior level two-year executive program to our members that provides individualized assessment of leadership skills and challenges to leadership. The program, the Community College Executive Leadership Experience (CCELE), will help participants develop critical leadership skills, provide on-one mentoring, involve group coaching sessions, and much more. The program will assist community college presidential hopefuls as well as senior student affairs professionals looking to strengthen their skills and service to the community college world. Conceived several years ago, the program has received support and funding from George Young, former NASPA President and long-time community college professional. Gwen Dungy and Maggie de la Teja have this year built upon their years of work and that of others to orchestrate this program into reality. The first experience will take place this March!

B. To provide leadership in higher education through policy development and advocacy for students on important international, national, state, and local issues.

- John Laws and several Advisory Board Members assisted in the recruitment of community colleges to join the Lumina Study on Student Services Expenditures.

C. To advance pluralism, diversity, and internationalism in NASPA and the profession.

- The Community College Division (John Laws) is exploring ways to collaborate with the NASPA's NUFF members (Anna Gonzalez, Richard Carvajal, Renee Romano, and Jacob [Jake] Diaz) to further the goals of NUFF.

D. To provide leadership for promoting, assessing, and supporting student learning and successful educational outcomes.

- Kate Mueller has provided leadership in writing and assessment student learning outcomes, as well as in program review for student services.
- Several Advisory Board Members and others they have contacted have submitted program proposals for the annual conference. Several have been approved.
- Advisory Board Members and others continue to advance this goal through regional work at conferences and nationally through writing and presentations.

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

- A very significant event occurred during this reporting period, although the Community College Division had little direct involvement with the development. Ms. Tiki Ayiku was hired by the NASPA Office to assist the Community college Division. Tiki has proven to be a good asset to the Division and helpful to our Advisory Board Members. The Division is blessed to have her working with us and joining the fine service that Stephanie Gordon has provided for years.
- John Laws participated in making phone calls and other contacts to non-renewing NASPA Institutional Members. Moderate success was achieved.

- Most Advisory Board Members participated in a discussion about consolidation and also promoted discussion at regional meetings and elsewhere.
- Greg Thomas, Senior Student Affairs Officer Representative chaired the sub-committee on Community College Professional Award. Have sent communication to each Regional Vice President for the purpose of soliciting nominees Regional and National Awards. Received approximately 50% response. Sent additional communication in an attempt to solicit nominees from the Regional Vice Presidents that did not respond to the original request. Upon not receiving any response following the additional outreach, I sought assistance from NASPA. Ms. Tiki Ayiku of NASPA communicated with those regional representatives that did not respond and she was successful in getting some feedback. Unfortunately, not every representative responded. Tiki discussed this matter with Ms. Stephanie Gordon and John Laws and it was determined that the process could advance without full participation. On October 20, 2010 it was decided during a Community College Advisory Board conference call that a selection committee would consist of Advisory Board Members and non-members. It was determined that an email would be sent out to all Community College Advisory Board Members asking for volunteers to serve on the Community College Professional Award Selection Committee. It was explained that if a board member serves on the selection committee then he or she would forfeit their chances to be nominated for either award. Progress is being made.
- Lisa Waits, Senior Student Affairs Officer Representative continued reviewing results from the NASPA Community College Member Survey she developed. Information continues to be shared and discussions held about the future improvements to NASPA and associated practices.
- Former Advisory Board Member and Chair, Ed Shenk, with assistance from others, is working on documenting the history of the community college knowledge community and division.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Kunwar Umesh Vig, Region I

No Report Received.

Steady Moono, Region II

No Report Received.

Tracy Moore, Region III

No Report Received.

Joianne (Joy) Smith, Region IV-E

- Encouraged individuals to attend the drive-in regional conference
- Encouraged Regional conference participation

Note: College President was out on Medical leave and so focus has been internal keeping things moving at Oakton rather than on NASPA.

Jerry Mason, Region IV-W

Since being selected as Community College Division Representative for Region IV-W in May of 2010, I have actively been involved in promoting the special interests of community college for the NASPA IV-W Region. Specifically the following activities and projects have been taken on during this time;

- Attendance at Region IV-W Advisory Board Meeting, June 2-4, 2010 (Omaha, NE)
- Conference Call with Community College Division Advisory Board, June 2, 2010

- Attendance at NASPA Assessment and Retention Conference, June 10 -12, 2010 (Baltimore, MD)
- Successfully recommended a community college colleague to fulfill an open Region IV-W Advisory Board Position (Emily Pack, New Professionals and Graduate Students KC) July 2010
- Selected for planning committee for 2011 NASPA IV-W Regional Conference in Denver, CO, July 2010
- Assisted with successful submission of conference proposal for 2011 NASPA National Conference, “Why New Professionals Should Consider the Community College”, August 2010
- Presented at Colorado Community College Student Life Directors Meeting to promote 2010 NASPA IV-W Regional Conference, NASPA/ACPA Unification and general overview of NASPA, Sep 10, 2010
- Presented at Colorado Community College Advising Directors Meeting to promote 2010 NASPA IV-W Regional Conference, NASPA/ACPA Unification and general overview of NASPA, Sep 17, 2010
- Conference Call with Community College Division Advisory Board, Oct 20, 2010
- Will attend Region IV-W Advisory Board Meeting, Nov 2-3, 2010 (Omaha, NE)
- Will attend 2010 NASPA IV-W Regional Conference, Nov 3 – 5, 2010 (Omaha, NE)

Kori Bieber, Region V Representative

No Report Received.

Kate Mueller, Region VI Representative

- In June 2010, presenter and facilitator at NASPA Assessment and Retention Conference.
- In August 2010, presenter for two Innovative Educators webinars. One on developing and implementing community college Behavioral Assessment Teams, the other on training employees about emergency preparedness plans.
- For the November 2010 Region V&VI conference, both Regional Reps (Kate Mueller and Kori Bieber) will host a Community College Reception.
- In November 2010, facilitator for Student Services Institute at Ivy Tech, Sellersburg on Student Learning Outcomes.
- For the 2011 ACCCA (Association of California Community College Administrators), submitted a workshop proposal on developing and implementing community college Behavioral Assessment Teams.
- For the 2011 National conference: Submitted a workshop proposal on developing and implementing community college Behavioral Assessment Teams.
- For the 2011 National conference: panelist on submitted proposals for workshops on community college issues.
- Assisting in planning of 2011 Community College Institute at national conference.
- Have made myself to various people for information interviews about working in community colleges.
- Hired and mentored a graduate student from Cal State Long Beach M.S. in Counseling/Student Development in Higher Education program.