NASPA Board Action Items

None at this time

NASPA Mission

To be the principal source for leadership, scholarship, professional development, and advocacy for students.

The purpose of the Faculty Assembly is to provide a venue for involvement of NASPA’s Graduate Preparation Program full and part-time faculty, and graduate students wishing to pursue a career as a faculty member. Through the assembly involvement activities for faculty will be more accessible, the faculty voice and presence within the association will be strengthened and networking and professional development opportunities will be developed.

The Faculty Assembly is led by the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council is composed of:

- 7 Regional Representatives
- 3 Members of the Faculty Fellows, one to include the past chair of Faculty Fellows
- 1 Media Representative
- 1 Member at Large
- 1 Graduate Student Representative

The Chair of the Faculty Council is a Member of the NASPA Board of Directors.

Leadership

- Faculty Council Report
  - The first meetings of the Faculty Council and Faculty Assembly were held at the Annual Convention.
6 members of the Faculty Council attended its first meeting (all appointed members at that point) and generated a plan for the first meeting of the Faculty Assembly held after the NASPA Faculty breakfast.

51 faculty members attended the first meeting of the NASPA Faculty Assembly. Following a brief presentation on the formation of the Assembly and the composition of the Faculty Council led by Ortiz small workgroups were formed to brainstorm needs regarding the following topics. Groups were facilitated by members of the Faculty Council and Faculty Fellows.

- Annual conference Professional Development Needs
- Non-conference Professional Development
- Graduate Preparation Program Relevance
- Graduate Students and Aspiring Faculty
- Faculty Support at the Regional Level

- Leadership/Volunteer Management
  - Faculty Council is in the process of appointing its designated members. To date all seats on the council have been filled except for the media board and graduate student representatives.
  - A process is being developed to select the graduate student representative to the council.

- Member Engagement
  - Members of the Faculty Assembly will continue to be recruited through the renovated NASPA website, through regional conferences and targeted emails campaigns.

- Community Involvement
  - None at this time

- Award Recognition
  - None at this time

- Scholarship
  - None at this time

- Professional Development
  - None at this time, though the Faculty Council is prioritizing its potential activities to include professional development activities for its members.

- Advocacy
  - None at this time.
NASPA Strategic Plan

Goal 1
1. Build the capacity to create knowledge and use data to provide evidence that will support excellence in practice.

The Faculty Assembly, Faculty Council and its activities have the potential to tighten and align connections among theory, research and practice through better addressing faculty development and the communication between faculty and CSAOs (see 1.3).

Objectives
1.1 Be the primary source of data on the experience of college and university students.
1.2 Demonstrate the impact of student affairs on student learning, persistence, and success through scholarship, assessment, evaluation, and research.
1.3 Tighten and align the connections among theory, research, and practice.
1.4 Enhance skills and provide tools to conduct student affairs program reviews in support of best practice and institutional effectiveness.

Goal 2
2. Lead advocacy efforts that shape the changing landscape of higher education.

Objectives
2.1 Assert NASPA's leadership role in critical issues of public policy regarding higher education.
2.2 Define, adopt, and communicate a public stance on critical policy issues in higher education.
2.3 Build capacity among membership in order to effectively influence public policy.
2.4 Track state and regional issues that might significantly affect students, practitioners, and/or campuses.

Goal 3
3. Launch an initiative to collaborate with student affairs worldwide.

Objectives
3.1 Conduct a needs assessment to guide and prioritize NASPA's international efforts.
3.2 Clarify NASPA's niche in international student affairs.
3.3 Provide context-appropriate professional development activities to improve knowledge and skills of student affairs professionals both domestic and abroad.
4. Strengthen NASPA by making it a more responsive, vital and sustainable organization.

The Faculty Assembly provides for important involvement of faculty within the structure of the organization (see 4.6), and enables a direct link to strengthening NASPA’s work with graduate preparation programs (see 4.5).

Objectives

4.1 Diversify and strengthen the sources of NASPA’s revenue.
4.2 Increase collaboration and partnerships with higher education and other organizations.
4.3 Review and redefine the roles and responsibilities of the NASPA President, Executive Director, Regional Vice Presidents, and Board structure and composition.
4.4 Increase opportunities for innovation through technology.
4.5 Strengthen NASPA’s contributions to student affairs graduate preparation programs.
4.6 Ensure the participation and inclusion of NASPA’s members in leadership and governance.
4.7 Examine resources and staffing to ensure alignment with strategic planning goals.