



PENNY RUE
Public Policy Division Chair
Report for the December 2015 Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2015

Leadership & Member Engagement

CHAIR REPORT

Penny Rue had the opportunity to represent NASPA and Student Affairs in a congressional hearing convened by the House Committee on education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training on the proposed Safe Campus Act. With strong support from the NASPA office, Rue testified about the unintended consequences of the legislation. She highlighted campus efforts to respond to and prevent sexual assaults of campus, as well as the importance of funding research on prevention strategies.

Representation on the Public Policy Division was expanded, broadening our reach to the Small College Division and the Community College Division.

With strong support from Kim Grieves, Rue developed a position description for both regional and division liaisons.

MEMBER REPORTS

Heidi Leming - NASPA Region III PPD Representative

- Participated in PPD Conference Calls for June, July, August and October
- Sent out Region III Public Policy Newsletter in September and October
- Attendance at regional board meeting Oct. 31 as part of SACSA Conference.
- Presentation at SACSA and NASPA Region III Conference on NASPA Public Policy Updates, November 1-2, 2016 in Greenville, SC.

Kandy Mink Salas, Ph.D. - Public Policy Representative

Kandy continues to recruit graduate students and other professionals to produce articles on public policy issues for the NASPA Region VI newsletter. Coaching and editing is provided.

Kimberly Grieve - NASPA Region IV-W

- Participate in NASPA-IV W monthly conference calls and provide policy updates
- Will be presenting at the NASPA IV-W regional conference
- Participate in NASPA Public Policy monthly conference calls
- Have asked for Andrew Morse's assistance with SDBOR suggested changes to Title IX changes
- Worked on the job description for Regional Policy Representatives
- Will assist with presentations at the NASPA conference

Krista Saleet - Region II Public Policy Representative

- Created a Region II Public Policy Advisory Board to better inform membership of current work in public policy and provide timely Region II feedback to NASPA office and national PPD board on pending legislation and policy trends.
- Board membership includes: Elliott Strickland, Jr, Chief Student Affairs Officer, Penn College of Technology; Karen Van Norman, Associate VP and Dean of Students, Seton Hall University; Amy Hecht, VP of Student Affairs, College of New Jersey; Peter Konwerski, Vice Provost/Dean of Student Affairs, George Washington University; Kevin Worthen, VP For Student Development/Title IX Coordinator, Nazareth College; John Zacker, Assistant VP for Student Affairs, University of Maryland; Tiffany Ciprian, Associate Director of Counseling and Wellness, Title IX Coordinator, New York Institute of Technology; Jeffrey Barnett, Interim Associate Dean of Students, Stony Brook University; Christopher Kuretich, Assistant VP for Student Affairs, SUNY Cortland
- Held monthly conference calls on August 11, September 16, October 21.
- Co-authored Public Policy blog post with two advisory board members (Amy Hecht and Tiffany Ciprian) that will post on November 11th.

Amy Johnson - NASPA Public Policy Representative, Region V

Since our last report (June 2015) Region V PPD Rep Amy Johnson has communicated with the regional community regarding updates to major policy issues, including (but not limited to):

- NASPA's Response to the Draft Dear Colleague Letter re: Disclosure of Medical Records
- ACA Employer Mandate and Impact on Student Employment
- Gender-Based Violence News re: Dept. of Justice Website and Penny Rue Testifying Before U.S. House
- Changes to Federal Aid Policies Allowing "Prior-Prior Year Data on FAFSA
- NASPA's Response to Fair Labor Standards Act Proposed Rule Changes

Professional Development & Events

The Public Policy Division created a slate of conference offerings designed to map to the approved Public Policy Division agenda. Topics include:

- * Public Policy 101: Intersections with student affairs practice
- * Using Prior-Learning Assessment to improve adult degree completion
- * Policy Issues with Undocumented Students

- * FERPA Update
- * Town Hall Forum

Heidi Leming - NASPA Region III PPD Representative

- Presentation at SACSA and NASPA Region III Conference on NASPA Public Policy Updates, November 1-2, 2016 in Greenville, SC.
- **SACSA Conference, “Make it Happen, Make it Matter”**
 - October 31, 2015 – November 2, 2015 ◇ Greenville, SC
 - *Number of Attendees/Participants TBD*
- NASPA Public Policy Update: Region III

This session provided an overview of NASPA’s Division of Public Policy agenda and updates on federal legislation impacting student affairs. Specifically, updates on Higher Education Act Reauthorization, President Obama’s College Ratings Plan, Pell Grant Program, Affordable Care Act, VAWA, and Immigration policy will be shared. Attendees will share other state legislative updates and items to follow during the coming year

 - 1 session
 - Dr. Heidi Leming, Region III PPD Representative
 - Successes of the event/changes that one would make next year.

Kandy Mink Salas, Ph.D. - Public Policy Representative

- Regionally, Kandy will be co-presenting (with Amy R. Johnson, the Region V Rep) the annual Public Policy Update session at the Western Regional Conference in Oakland, CA.
- Kandy will also be presenting at WRC a session, with research team colleagues, on important issues in the undocumented student community, particularly related to DACAmented students.
- Nationally, as a part of the Public Policy Division offerings at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Kandy will be presenting a session called, “Undocumented Students in the Public Policy Context” and will be a facilitator at one of the NASPA Public Policy Town Halls at the Annual Conference.
- Not specifically related to the Public Policy Division but related to public policy issues, Kandy will be a keynote speaker at the NASPA Multicultural Institute to address Undocumented Students and Identity Development.

Matt Aschenbrener - NASPA IV-East Public Policy Representative

GOAL	ACTIVITY
Encourage & promote programs on public policy at the national and regional conferences.	Contacted multiple people in the region who previously presented at past regional and/or national conferences on public policy. Five programs at the regional conference will be focused on public policy.
Present program at regional IV-East conference	Completed the program proposal and was

on Public Policy Update.	accepted. Received updated powerpoint from NASPA. Ready to present on 11/9 at 2:45.
Submit materials for the IV-East “newsletter” (e-mailings) on topics of public policy 2-3 times per year to start the discussion.	

Optional Other Reports - Advocacy & Scholarship *(not required)*

Member-generated monthly Public Policy Blog post topics have included:

- Campus Climate Surveys and Public Policy
- The 32 National Campus Safety Initiative (32NCSI): A Practitioner Resource for Campus Safety
- State-Level Legislation Complicates Institutional Compliance Efforts
- The Growing Importance of Public Policy to Student Affairs and How to Get Involved

Kandy Mink Salas, Ph.D. - Public Policy Representative

- The Fall 2015 issue of the Region VI e-newsletter will include an article called “An Update on Undocumented Students Policy and Resources” by Dr. Kandy Mink Salas, Assistant Professor and Program Director, College Counseling and Student Development Program, Azusa Pacific University.
- At the Western Regional Conference and during the monthly Public Policy Division calls, issues of public policy, NASPA’s stance on policy issues, and impacts on new policy and legislation will be and are shared and discussed.

Matt Aschenbrener - NASPA IV-East Public Policy Representative

GOAL	ACTIVITY
Contribute to the Public Policy Division at the national level.	Participated in PPD and regional monthly calls; I am scheduled to complete a blog posting next quarter; reviewed and shared state and regional information during the monthly calls and other communication during the month.
Contribute to Public Policy at the regional level.	Shared information from PPD calls and meeting in New Orleans with regional constituent groups; shared information during monthly IV-East regional conference calls.

Shawn De Veau - NASPA Public Policy Liaison to the Knowledge Communities Report

- I submitted updates for the monthly conference calls with the Knowledge Communities (KC) leadership and participated in the Public Policy Division calls. Items focused on keeping membership up-to-date on “Dear Colleague” letters from the Department of Education as well as responses coordinated by and/or participated in by NASPA, updates on policy changes and new releases of information materials from the White House, Departments of Justice and Education as well as policy changes/discussions at the state level.
- I have completed the initial draft of the Public Policy Division piece for the Knowledge Community Online Publication to be released at the 2016 NASPA National Conference. My article focuses on the importance of keeping abreast of public matters as a Student Affairs professional while also sharing that information across the institution to better serve our students.

Amy Johnson - NASPA Public Policy Representative, Region V

- **Inland Northwest Student Affairs Colloquium**
 - *July 28, 2015 @ North Idaho College, Coeur d’Alene, ID*
 - Approx. 15 attendees at session
 - Key themes:
 - Overview of NASPA public policy agenda
 - Review of current national public policy items and status update
 - Current “hot topics” for area schools
 - Q&A
 - 1 session, NASPA Public Policy Update
 - Session went well; good dialogue among participants
- With PPD colleagues in Region VI, A. Johnson will co-present a public policy presentation during the Western Regional Conference in Nov. 2015: a general NASPA public policy update and a presentation regarding emerging, state-based policy.