



**Penny Rue**  
**Public Policy Division Chair**  
**Report for the March 2016 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 12, 2016**

**NASPA Board Action Items**

None at this time

**Leadership & Member Engagement**

**CHAIR REPORT**

**March 2016**

I was invited by NACUA and ACE as one of two representatives of student affairs practitioners at a listening session with The Department of Education Office of Civil Rights on Section 504 and the ADA Title II guidance with regards to threat of harm to self. Guidance promulgated by OCR in 2010 removed threat of harm to self as grounds for removal from campus because such a practice appeared to discriminate against persons with mental disabilities. Since that time, OCR has issued several complaint resolutions that appear to clarify the appropriate circumstances on which a university may consider threat of harm to self as part of an even-handed, individualized assessment. No guidance has yet been offered that comports with these conditions, though, so universities have lacked clear guidance on this complex question. I advocated for guidance that took into account the wide range of institutional size and type and that would allow universities to make decisions that balance the best interests of an individual student with the best interests of the university community.

**December 2015**

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.

### **July 2015**

- Helped select incoming KC Representative, At-large member, Region I and Region III representatives in alignment with PPD agenda, discussed the opportunity with candidates and promoted vacancy to PPD contacts, collaborated with Regional Director or Division leader as appropriate.
- The PPD held of the monthly calls in April, May and June. The regional representatives and Knowledge Community liaison also participated in monthly calls with their Regional Advisory Boards.
- Chair Rue along with President Kruger and other NASPA leaders attended a half day meeting at American Council on Education with Department of Education Undersecretary for Higher Education Ted Mitchell to discuss campus conduct procedures, with an emphasis on Title IX. Set stage for future meeting with DOE OCR leadership to discuss alignment with mission and goals. Washington, DC, 4/14/15

### **MEMBER REPORTS**

#### **Krista Saleet - Region II Public Policy Representative**

### **March 2016**

- Held 2 Regional Advisory Board conference calls
- Sent a policy update email to the region introducing the ECS/NASPA collaboration on state level policy, upcoming policy related webinars and report on military-connected students
- Participated in Region II Board meeting in New York City, December 6 & 7, 2015
- Topics included planning for Regional Conference in June
- Beginning a strategic planning process
- Participated in small ad hoc strategic planning committee post-board meeting
- Going forward Region II will begin to put out a quarterly newsletter beginning in March with a public policy article in each edition. I will submit the first column next week.
- Another part of the strategic plan is to ensure a public policy thread in all regional professional development offerings, which I will take the lead on coordinating/delivering

### **December 2015**

- 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **July 2015**

- Attended Region II Advisory Board Meetings and Conference in Washington DC, June 5-9
- Provided public policy update to Region II Advisory Board, including promotion of national conference session proposals and brainstorming on how to engage more constituents in policy feedback process
- Working with other Region II Division Representatives to put together webinars/conference calls or meeting opportunities for sub-regional groups on key PPD focus areas
- Professional Standards representative would like to work together to share resources with Higher Education programs in the Region on how NASPA engages in political affairs and how to teach political engagement to new professionals
- Would like to help propose/coordinate national conference sessions on what NASPA is doing to engage in the political process and how student affairs professionals can engage in the process; updates on current hot topics in higher ed; Title IX roundtable for small colleges and one for community colleges

#### **Heidi Leming - NASPA Region III PPD Representative**

#### **March 2016**

- Created a Region III Public Policy listserv
- Sent out Region III Public Policy Newsletter in September, October, November, January
- Attendance at regional board meeting Oct. 31 as part of SACSA Conference.

#### **December 2015**

- 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.

#### **Kimberly Grieve - NASPA Region IV-West Public Policy Representative**

#### **December 2015**

- 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

## July 2015

- Participate in monthly conference calls with Professional Standards division for NASPA IV-W where I provide updates verbally and by written report (started this month)

## Amy Johnson - NASPA Public Policy Representative, Region V

### March 2016

Since March 2015, Region V PPD Rep Amy Johnson has communicated with the regional community (via formal board meetings, online/social media, email, and regional conferences/meetings) regarding updates to major policy issues, including but not limited to:

- NASPA's opposition to shift short-term Pell funding surplus
- NASPA's support of the Immigration Innovation and Student Loan Interest Deduction Acts
- Partnership with ACE to launch 3-part series to discuss support resources for veterans
- Federal policy updates and analysis of current legislation, including: executive orders on immigration, post-college outcomes assessment, accountability rating system, Affordable Care Act, student conduct policies, President Obama's community college proposal, expansion of tax credits, and more
- 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
- USDoE leadership statement addressing discrimination
- Perkins Loan and Pell Grants program extensions
- Legislative Action Reports regarding sexual violence, guns on campus, and military-connected undergrads
- Status of FLSA rules and "white collar" exemptions
- Year-round public policy blog updates

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- NASPA's Response to Fair Labor Standards Act Proposed Rule Changes

### July 2015

Amy Johnson has communicated with the regional community regarding major policy issues/updates, including (but not limited to):

- Report of the Task Force on Federal Regulation of Higher Education, outlining problems with accreditation and consumer/safety/financial aid info.
- NASPA's partnership with other higher education associations to recommend changes on tax policy and institutional risk sharing, as well as a letter to share concerns with pending bills before numerous state legislatures.
- Annual HEA reporting requirements calendar.

- Education Commission of the States and USA Funds' collaboration on a state financial aid redesign project.
- Injunction on immigration and restrictions to higher ed access.
- NASPA staff hires/transitions in VP for Research and Policy and National PPD Chair.

Work continues the implementation of the "CQ Roll Call Tool," providing members an efficient way to get policy feedback to Congressional and other governmental leaders. The implementation is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

We have begun exploring a relationship with the Education Commission of the States through Brian Sponsler, who leads their higher education practice. Sharing legislative updates by region and participating in Regional Conferences are two examples of potential collaborations, and a shared Western Regional conference proposal has already been submitted. ECS would value input from NASPA members on legislative priorities.

### **Kandy Mink Salas, Ph.D. - Public Policy Representative VI**

#### **December 2015 – March 2016**

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.

### **Shawn J. De Veau - Public Policy Division Liaison to the Knowledge Communities**

#### **March 2016**

- 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 also given the KC Leadership tips as to where they and their members can access more information regarding Public Division topics (Public Policy blogs, general NASPA reports, etc.) as well as topics in general on various websites.
- I have completed, in coordination with the editing team, 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.

#### **July 2015**

- Attended the PPD meetings at the national conference.
- Gathered items of interest over a broad scope and plans to develop more of a relationship with the KC Leadership in coming months to determine what topics they believe are of importance to their constituents.

- A few items of hot topics in public policy include the beginning of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act process, the varied federal and state actions around sexual violence and “Open Carry Laws” around handguns on campuses.
- In April 2014, DeVeau participated with the KC Leadership on a telephone call about the Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) that had been passed by the state legislature as it pertained to the National Conference scheduled for March 2016 in Indianapolis.

## Professional Development & Events

### **March 2016**

#### **RPI / PPD Sponsored Sessions**

#### **2016 NASPA Annual Conference March 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> / Indianapolis**

#### ***Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>***

Public Policy Division Closed Business Meeting

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Region III Director JW Marriott Suite (TBA)

#### ***Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>***

State Legislative Developments on Campus Violence Prevention: The Architecture and Momentum of Policy Action (*Program ID 28251*)

8:30 – 9:20 AM, Room 124 – Convention Center

Presenters: Andrew Morse and Brian Sponsler

Toward Inclusion: Considering Differences between Military-Connected Undergraduates in the Context of Institutional Policy and Practice (*Program ID 28218*)

10:00 – 10:50 AM, Room 124 – Convention Center

Presenters: Andrew Morse and Dani Molina

Affirming Student Activism as an Educational, Inclusion, and Policy Imperative: Opportunities and Challenges for Leaders in Student Affairs (*Program ID 31658*)

11:00am – 12:15pm, Sagamore – Section 2, Convention Center

Coordinating Presenters: Penny Rue, Andrew Morse, Amy Johnson

Undocumented Students in the Public Policy Context (*Program ID 28154*)

1:15 – 2:05 PM, Room 124 – Convention Center

Presenter: Kandy Mink Salas

VPSA Census (*Program ID 28236*)

2:30 – 3:20 PM, Room 124 – Convention Center

Presenters: Alexis Wesaw and Amelia Parnell

Public Policy Town Hall Forum on Student Activism (*Program ID 28182*)

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Room 136 – Convention Center

Coordinating Presenters: Penny Rue and Debbie Heida

## ***Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>***

Public Policy 101: Intersections between Public Policy and Student Affairs Practice (*Program ID 28129*)

8:30 AM – 9:20 AM, Room 107/108 – Convention Center

Presenters: Kim Grieve and Seann Kalagher

The Affordable Care Act: Measuring and Addressing the Impact of the Employer Mandate on Student Affairs Divisions (*ID 28239*)

10:00 – 10:50 AM, Room 123 – Convention Center

Presenters: Andrew Morse and Alexis Wesaw

Federal Policy Update (*Program ID 28271*)

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:05 – 11:55 AM

Meeting Room 123 – Convention Center

Presenter: Andrew Morse

Prior Learning Assessment as a Resource to Support Adult Learning Completion (*Program ID 28171*)

2:30 – 3:20 PM, Room 123 – Convention Center

Presenters: Scott Campbell and Heidi Leming

FERPA Update (*Program ID 28208*)

3:30 – 4:20 PM, Room 123 – Convention Center

Presenter: LeRoy Rooker

## **December 2015**

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

## **July 2015**

### **NASPA National Conference**

*March 22-25, New Orleans, LA*

- **Student Affairs Meets Public Policy: Intersections in Professional Practice (Attendance =~40)**  
This session offered connections between public policy and student affairs practice for those who were considering a career shift or just wanted to know how to become more active in higher education on their campuses.
- **Public Policy Town Hall: Forum on Campus-based Sexual Assault and Title IX Compliance (Attendance =~150)**  
The session included a discussion of recently issued resources, opinions, and findings and responded to the current political and legal environment around this important issue.

- **Climate Assessments and Sexual Assault: The Technical, the Functional, and the Relevance to Student Affairs Practice (Attendance =~130)**  
Speakers engaged participants in a discussion seminar and training about the technical and functional aspects about survey development and implementation, including sound assessment measures and examples. Speakers also talked about how survey data can help leaders navigate a Department of Education Title IX Investigation and deliver promising practices in sexual misconduct adjudication.
- **FERPA Update and Overview (Attendance =~75)**  
The presentation focused on FERPA as well as recently issued resources, opinions, and findings issued by the Family Compliance Office from the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Public Policy Division Breakfast (Attendance =~75)**  
**Low-income Students, the Equity Gap in Completion, and Restoring Higher Education's Social Compact: The Vital Role of Student Affairs Professionals**  
Join your colleagues for a panel discussion among leading professionals to discuss the important issue of supporting low-income student success in higher education.
- **Federal Policy Update (Attendance =~100)**  
This policy briefing provided an overview of the recent legislative activity relevant to the work of student affairs professionals.
- A. Johnson will present a general NASPA public policy update at the Inland NW Student Affairs Colloquium at North Idaho College on July 28, 2015.
- With PPD colleagues in Region VI, A. Johnson will co-present two public policy presentations during the Western Regional Conference in Nov. 2015: a general NASPA public policy update and a presentation regarding emerging, state-based policy.
- Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Member at large) will be updating the presentation about sexual assault campus climate surveys and giving it as a webinar through Campus Labs at the end of June. Jeanna will be the lead presenter, along with Nancy Cantalupo and with input from Felicia McGinty.
- Our NASPA liaison, Andrew Morse, has developed a comprehensive Public Policy presentation that can be adapted by any member for use with Regional or topical conferences.

### Krista Saleet - Region II Public Policy Representative

#### **March 2016**

2 Proposals Submitted to Region II Conference

#### NASPA Region II

*June 5-7, 2016 ♦ John Jay College, New York City*

- 2 sessions proposed
- Public Policy 101: Policy and the Practitioner
  - Krista Saleet, Region II Public Policy Representative
- Policy Speed-Dating: Updates from Experts
  - Speakers TBD

### Heidi Leming - NASPA Region III PPD Representative



## March 2016

- Participated in PPD conference calls each month.
- Authored the Public Policy blog for December 2015, "The Promise of Free Community College Scholarship Programs"
- Presentation at SACSA and NASPA Region III Conference on NASPA Public Policy Updates, November 1-2, 2016 in Greenville, SC.

## December 2015

- 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.

## SACSA & NASPA Region III Conference "Make it Happen, Make it Matter"

- November 1-2, 2016 in Greenville, SC.
- 7 at the session
- NASPA Public Policy Updates was one session
- 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

## NASPA National Conference

- March 12-16, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN
- TBD
- Prior Learning Assessment as a Resource to Support Adult Learners
- This session is sponsored by the Public Policy Division and will provide an overview of the work that the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) is doing with prior learning assessment (PLA) and how state systems are working to implement PLA initiatives. Invited speaker is Scott Campbell, Vice President for Higher Education at the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning.

**Matt Aschenbrener - NASPA Region IV-East Public Policy Representative**

**March 2016**

GOAL	ACTIVITY	PROGRESS
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 focused on public policy. More should be done in this area in the future on specific topics.
Present program at regional IV-East conference on Public Policy Update.	Presented the Public Policy update on 11/9.	Had between 40-50 in attendance. Received good feedback on the presentation and shared it with the Division during monthly calls.
Submit materials for the IV-East "newsletter" (e-mails) on topics of public policy 2-3 times per year to encourage review of the NASPA PPD website.	Need to work with PPD on what content should be shared with the regions on a monthly/quarterly basis as much of our information is ad hoc.	

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Present program at regional IV-East conference on Public Policy Update.	Completed the program proposal and was 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.	

**Amy Johnson - NASPA Public Policy Representative, Region V**

**March 2016**

**NASPA Western Regional Conference Public Policy Update**

*November 9, 2015 @ Oakland Marriott, Oakland, CA*

- Co-presented with Region VI PPD rep Kandy Mink Salas
- Approx. 30 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 Regions V and VI, including state legislative actions
  - Q&A
- 1 session, NASPA Public Policy Update
- Session went well; excellent dialogue among participants and several members stayed afterward to express potential interest in future public policy roles

### **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
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### **Kandy Mink Salas, Ph.D. - Public Policy Representative VI**

#### **December 2015 – March 2016**

- Regionally, Kandy co-presented (with Amy R. Johnson, the Region V Rep) the annual Public Policy Update session at the Western Regional Conference in Oakland, CA in November 2015. Approximately 80 people were in attendance.
- Kandy also presented 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 was a keynote speaker at the NASPA Multicultural Institute to address Undocumented Students and Identity Development.

### **Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Ph.D. - Public Policy Representative**

#### **March 2016**

Gave a public policy presentation at the NASPA AVP institute as well as wrote a blog post for the NASPA Assessment, Evaluation and Research knowledge community about sexual assault campus climate surveys and the implications for public policy.

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

### December 2015

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

### July 2015

- The Summer 2015 issue of the Region VI e-newsletter will include an article on the role of Hispanic Serving Institutions (a federal designation) in serving the Latino student population and an article with an update on recent developments with the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policies as implemented by the White House, but now held up by judicial action at the federal court level.
- Set monthly schedule for PPD Blog Posts for 2015-2016.

### Matt Aschenbrener - NASPA Region IV-East Public Policy Representative

#### March 2016

GOAL	ACTIVITY	PROGRESS
Contribute to the Public Policy Division at the national level.	Write a PPD newsletter feature.	I have completed a draft for the PPD blog titled "Federal Financial Aid Policy: Then, Now and in the Future" which should be posted shortly.
	Attend the NASPA national conference and participate in the PPD activities (breakfast, presentations).	I won't be able to attend the national conference this year.
Contribute to Public Policy at the regional level.	Shared information during monthly calls related to updates with regard to public policy.  Provided updates on Public Policy at the regional board meetings at the national and regional conferences.	I have participated in each of the monthly PPD and regional calls.

**December 2015**

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.

**Amy Johnson - NASPA Public Policy Representative, Region V**

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**March 2016**

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**December 2015**

- 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.

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