



Jeanne Miller, Chair
Report for the 2011 March Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2011

Discussion Items

No discussion items

Action Items

No action items

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.

The members of the Division have planned a full complement of programs for the Philadelphia Conference. The legislative update will include presentations by Marcia Kiessling (Region III) and Rebecca Mills (Region V) on gainful employment and student debt legislation and the impact of social media on our interactions with students. Carol Holladay of Hurt, Norton & Associates will provide an overview of current federal legislation. The Law and Policy Breakfast will include Dr. Gumecindo Salas, Vice President for Government Relations for Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) who will speak about the future of the DREAM Act and other pro-immigration legislation. Kandy Mink Salas (Region VI) will speak to the effects on campuses of state pro-immigration legislation. There will be one FERPA presentation rather than the usual two. As in the previous year, members of the Division have written columns for the *Leadership Exchange Magazine*.

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

A focus of our advocacy this past year was support of the DREAM Act; the Division signed on to letters of support and Gwen Dungy represented us on a task force.

In addition, the Division has been asked to participate in advocacy on the following:

- 1) a proposed change to SB. 3447, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010 which would make veterans education benefits the payment of last resort;
- 2) support for the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) in opposing the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Proposal 2009-100;
- 3) the negotiated rulemaking regarding the Title IV gainful employment programs to ensure that these programs adequately benefit students;
- 4) Carney Veterans Mental Health Bill which will provide training and support for IHE counselors who work with veterans;
- 5) amicus brief to support the University of California Hastings School of Law in an appeal challenging its nondiscrimination policy regarding student organizations;
- 6) a letter in support of the education provisions of H.R. 4872 ,support for Pell Grants, grants for community colleges, HBCUs, HSIs, and tribal colleges;
- 7) opposition to the establishment of a community service requirement as a condition for receiving a tax credit for tuition and related expenses;
- 8) American College Health Association's lobbying efforts to maintain student health insurance policies in a category that is separate from individual or group plans.

- C. To advance pluralism, diversity, and internationalism in NASPA and the profession
No activities to report.
- D. To provide leadership for promoting, assessing, and supporting student learning and successful educational outcomes
No activities to report.
- E. To maintain, evaluate, and develop a high quality association structure and national office to meet current needs, anticipate future trends, and promote growth.

The next chair of the Public Policy Division has been appointed: Rebecca Mills of Region V will serve as chair and as regional representative to the division.

DIVISION REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

All regions have been represented in the division for the past year and the representatives are active in presenting public policy updates at the regional meetings and in newsletters. There has been little activity among the state representatives to the regions regarding public policy.