



**NASPA Region I**  
**Report for the July 2017 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 23, 2017**

**NASPA Board Action Items**

None at this time

**Leadership & Member Engagement**

**The Region I Advisory Board** has met on the following dates and locations during the past year:

- September 30, 2016 – University of New England – Fall Board Meeting
- November 13, 2016 – Burlington, VT – Regional Conference Meeting
- January 19, 2017 – Virtual Board Meeting via ZOOM
- April 28, 2017 – Merrimack College – Spring Board Meeting
- June 2, 2017 Quinnipiac University – Summer Board Retreat

**Regional Director Beth Moriarty** selected the 2017-2017 Graduate Interns for the Regional Advisory Board. There were 9 applications Marco Aurelin from the University of Connecticut and Kyla Martin from Northeastern University. Other new board appointments include Andy Anderson- IT Coordinator (Stonehill College), Jacquelin Fitzpatrick – Social Media Coordinator (Wentworth Institute of Technology), Michelle Rosa Martins – NUFP Coordinator (College of the Holy Cross), and Greg Jones – Foundation Ambassador (Boston College).

Moriarty attended the RI NASPA Drive-in, the MA NASPA Spring Dinner and the third session of the Mid-Level Institute.

**STATES**

**Connecticut State Director Brian Goepfrich (Quinnipiac University)** reports that The CT members have all been communicated with welcome emails. We have also engaged members in a Google form survey asking for what members wanted from NASPA-CT. All members were also emailed regarding upcoming networking opportunities and development opportunities.

Robert Drago Liaison to New Professionals/Grad Students has created a new Graduate Student Prep Talk Program. The Prep-Talk program (coordinated by the NASPA Connecticut board) will provide an opportunity for higher education and student affairs practitioners in Connecticut to discuss navigating

an on-campus interview with individuals searching for a job. Students and staff members currently searching for a new position can sign up for a “Prep-Talk” from a volunteer with experience navigating the job search. The Prep-Talk will include personal anecdotes from the volunteer, tools to navigate multiple on campus interviews, tips to prepare for the interview day, insight into an on campus interview, and tips for following up. Volunteers with experience navigating the job search can sign up to give a Prep-Talk to one or more people currently in the job search. Volunteers will receive a list of questions to consider and topics to address. Volunteers will be matched with candidates based on areas of interest and asked to meet over the phone or in person once. Follow up discussions are encouraged. Volunteers and candidates will be asked to provide feedback in a brief assessment to improve future programs. Candidates and Volunteers can sign-up until November 15, 2017 by completing the sign-up survey.

**New Hampshire State Director Mike Taberski (New England College)** reported that as he assumed the role of the NH State Director, it was reported by the past director that progress had been made on two previously set goals regarding membership outreach and public policy advocacy. It was noted that two state leadership positions had been focused on welcoming new members and planning networking and professional development opportunities. Although the new events showed promise (being coined as “Knowledge Huddles” to share best practices around the state), neither event in the planning phase of development came to fruition. In the area of public policy, the previous director stated that a possible public policy coordinator had been identified and agreed to accept the position, yet as of the time of this report Taberski has not been able to get a response from the volunteer.

The new state director Taberski, has experienced significant challenges with engaging the state leadership team, mostly because 3 of the 4 positions are either job searching (2) or are in a new position (1). Although everyone has been in individual contact with the state director, efforts to engage a group phone conference have failed due to scheduling conflicts.

Each member of the state leadership team expressed to Taberski that engaging the membership in New Hampshire has been extremely difficult, with the assumption that the main hurdles were both geography (despite being a small state, most institutions and member home are multiple hours apart, and thus smaller networking such events did not present a large draw; and because many members are also active in other state organizations, committees, etc., and thus are not interested in further state events although they are interested in larger Region I events).

In order to address both the leadership challenge and the question of what types of activities to engage state members, Taberski will attempt to gain a member representative from every institution in the state. While these positions will serve as a feedback and communication connection to each institution and its NASPA members, the overall commitment from the volunteers will be small/simple and thus should be attractive to potential volunteers. A state survey will also be developed to get real data on what state members are looking for, their willingness/ability to travel to events, and any other resources they would like from their state leadership team. The state director hopes to accomplish both tasks by the end of July 2017.

**Rhode Island State Director Sharon Hay (Providence College)** reported on events from 2016 and 2017.

### **Book Club Gathering**

*Wednesday, June 10, 2016, Blu on the Water, East Greenwich, RI*

- Small group of Rhode Island Student Affairs colleagues gathered at a centrally located restaurant to discuss recent reads and to provide a networking opportunity.
- This event is held annually. While small (approximately 10 people), it is worthwhile for bringing colleagues together.

### **Holiday Social**

*Monday, December 12, 2016, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI*

- Approximately 60 colleagues from across the state gathered at Salve Regina University to share time together before the holidays. It was a wonderful mix of graduate students and professional staff members.
- We collected canned goods for the Rhode Island Food Bank and were able to donate over 60 non-perishable food items.
- This event is held annually and one of the hi-lights of our year. It is highly recommended to continue.

### **Game Watch and Networking Social**

*Wednesday, February 22, 2017 University of Rhode Island, Kingstown, RI*

- Approximately 20 colleagues gathered in the presidential suite at the Ryan Center to share time together and cheer on the URI women's basketball team. It was a great mix of both graduate students and professional staff members.
- The cost was \$5.00 per person which included light refreshments. A cash bar was made available.
- The event was well received and it is recommended we hold it again in the future. By having it at URI, current graduate students and alum of the college personnel program were able to cheer on their home team.

## **INSTITUTES**

**Mid-Level Institute (MLI) Coordinator, Mandi Kuster (Southern Connecticut State University)** reported

### **Region 1 Mid-Level Institute**

March - June, 2017

- XV Class consists of 20 members
- The 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Mid-Level Institute served to provide a collegial environment while examining the mid-level experience with emphasis on challenges and rewards. The Institute offered opportunities for self-reflection, networking, career path exploration and discussing current topics.
- Four sessions held one day a month for 4 months:  
Session 1: March 3<sup>rd</sup> was held at Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, CT

Session 2: April 7<sup>th</sup> was held at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Session 3: May 5<sup>th</sup> was held at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Session 4: June 2<sup>nd</sup> was held at University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME

- Invited guest speakers presented on the following topics:  
*(Supervision, Budget and Finance, Strategic Planning/Assessment, Career Mapping and Resumes, Legal Issues, Senior Administration Leadership Panel)*
  
- Session 1:
  - Campus Welcome – Dr. Carelee Drummer, President of Quinebaug Valley Community College.
  - Institute Introduction/Competencies – Presented by David Zamojski, Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Residence Life at Boston University
    - Welcomed the class members and provided a historical perspective of the Institute highlighting the value of identifying Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Practitioners as mid-level managers.
  - Supervision – Presented by Dr. Christine Wilson, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs/Director of Student Activities, UCONN.
  
- Session 2:
  - Campus Welcome – John Saddlemire, Vice President of Student Affairs, Bryant University
  - Legal Issues in Student Affairs – Presented by Beth Devonshire, Associate Dean of Students, UMASS Boston
  - Path to Leadership/Navigating Campus Politics/Managing Change & Future Challenges, Senior Administration Leadership Panel:  
Dr. Jackie Peterson, Vice President for Student Affairs, College of the Holy Cross  
Claudia Arias-Cirinna, Director of Residence Education, UCONN  
Dr. Ronald Martel, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Johnson and Wales University
  
- Session 3:
  - Campus Welcome – Jamele Adams, Dean of Students, Brandeis University
  - Career Mapping – Presented by Dr. Lawrence P. Ward, Vice President and Dean of Students, Babson College
  - Cindy Spungin – Presented Judaism 101 our location was Brandeis University which has a large Jewish population, this is something special to this particular university.
  - Budget and Finance – Presented by Dr. Rich DeCapua, Associate Dean of Students, Boston College.
  
- Session 4:
  - Campus Welcome – Nancy Davis Griffin, Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, University of Southern Maine
  - Assessment/Strategic Planning and Managing Change Panel:  
Shannon Brown, Director of Residence Life, Southern New Hampshire University

Daniel Doerr, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs for Planning & Assessment, UCONN

Erika Lamarre, former Associate Dean at Colby College, KC Representative for Region 1 Women in Student Affairs

- Career Path/Resume – Presented by Ellen Heffernan, President, The Spelman Johnson
- The class members were also matched with a CSAO from various institutions that provided a valuable connection to senior level administrators.
- All 20-class members graduated from the Mid-Level Institute and received their certificate of completion at the closing dinner. Class members were able to connect with others from around the region and learn from each other as well as the senior level leaders who served as inspiration.

**New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI) Coordinator, Caitie Abrahamson (Quinnipiac**

**University)** reported that the New Professionals Mentoring Institute met on February 17, 2017 at the University of Connecticut. Beth Devonshire (University of Massachusetts at Boston) and Cathy Cocks (University of Connecticut) presented on legal updates and how they apply across areas of student affairs. There were unconference style sessions, which included topics like myths in student affairs, job search and wellness. The day concluded with a social at a local restaurant.

The NPMI committee had a conference call on March 23 to discuss details of the upcoming session at Hampshire College. They then had a follow up conference call on March 30 to discuss the upcoming weather concerns for the next session.

The participants then met again on April 21, 2017 at Hampshire College due to a weather cancellation on March 31. The keynote speaker, Mary Beth Cooper, President of Springfield College spoke about remaining relevant in student affairs. Anne Marie Kenney also spoke about persistence in the field. They then concluded the day with a social at a local restaurant.

The NPMI committee had a conference call on April 27 to discuss the final NPMI session and finalize the schedule of the day to send to participants.

The participants met for their final session on May 5, 2017 at Boston College. Vanessa Johnson from Northeastern University spoke about the growth of activism on college campuses and Jamele Adams from Brandeis University spoke about how to advocate for students while balancing personal activism tendencies. The day culminated the end of the institute with pins given to all participants and a social at a local restaurant.

**Peter Fowler (Wentworth Institute), Membership** reported that The Regional Membership Team – Becky Lindley (Northeastern University), Rebecca Blackett (University of Connecticut), Danny DiCamillo (Roger Williams University), Alex Boesch (University of Vermont), Sara Grady (Plymouth State University), and Cassie Balzarini (University of Maine) – continues to outreach to new members to

welcome them to NASPA Region I, encourage new members to complete their online profiles, and engage in various events and programs.

**Alison Black (Wellesley College), Mid/Senior Level (MSL) Coordinator** reported on the MSL

- The first meeting of the Mid/Senior Level Colleague Network occurred at Babson College on March 24<sup>th</sup>. A total of 39 Mid/Senior Level professionals signed up to be a part of the Colleague Network and 23 of them were able to attend the meeting. There are total of 8 small networking groups comprised of 4-5 professionals per group. The meeting included lunch and small group discussion. The NASPA Region I Advisory Board provided the funding for lunch.
- The Mid/Senior Level Steering Committee offering an educational session on career advancement for the MSL professional on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Babson College. The presenter was Ellen Heffernan from Spelman & Johnson. Dr. Lawrence Ward, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Babson College, also spoke briefly to the group. A total of 35 professionals attended this session. Babson College generously hosted a social after the session and provided a wide assortment of appetizers in their on-campus pub. Notes from the session were posted to the MSL Facebook page.
- Alison Black submitted a request to the NASPA Region I Advisory Board at the April Board meeting for her committee to have an annual budget of \$750.00 for their initiatives. This request was approved and will start with the next fiscal year.
- Rachel Lucking, Assistant Dean for Campus Engagement at Framingham State University and member of the Steering Committee, hosted a Zoom discussion on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The title of the discussion was: "Lunch Chat on The Crossroads of the Personal and Professional: Balance? Synchronicity? Managing." A total of 15 professionals signed up for the session and 7 actually participated in the discussion. Registration was offered through the national NASPA office.

## **DIVISIONS**

**Faculty Council Representative Susan Marine (Merrimack College)** reports that after consultation with the new chair of the Faculty Council (Tim Ecklund, Stony Brook University), Marine will assume a new role as coordinator of pedagogical development. Her focus will now be on developing developmental teaching experiences and resources for the council, including:

- Additional resources related to effective teaching on the Faculty Council website
- Creation of a half- or full-day pre-conference at the 2018 National Conference in Philly on 'effective pedagogies in student affairs' (or a related topic)
- Engage members in making meaning of a recent study conducted by Dr. Shaun Harper showing that students and alumni in social justice-focused higher education graduate programs are not clearly able to engage with and advocate for social change on the around social justice concepts will be developed this coming year in response.

**Small Colleges and Universities (SCU) Division Representative Maureen Wark (Montserrat College of Art)** continues to have concerns about the accuracy of SCU contact lists and reports. She is working with

RI membership coordinator to resolve the matter. Wark communicated via e-mail to Region I members the agenda for small colleges and universities division activities at the Annual NASPA Conference in March. Received a few 'thank you' messages from members. Wark continues to participate in SCU conference calls. Has offered assistance to work with a possible national mentoring initiative.

**Foundation Ambassador Elissa Carroll (Quinnipiac University)** reported that The NASPA Region I Foundation Ambassador Team has increased. Greg Jones has joined the RAB as the co-foundation ambassador with Elissa Carroll. Jones and Carroll have worked with Regional Director Moriarty to talk with the State Directors to try and introduce State Foundation Ambassadors. The goal of this is to provide opportunities for members to be involved as well as trying to bring more education to the membership about the foundation and the opportunities that exist. Region I was the first Region to meet both the dollar and donor goal for the annual NASPA Gives Campaign.

### **Nominations and Elections**

**Melinda Stoops (Framingham State University), Nominations and Elections** reported that elections were held for the Region I Director-Elect and three State Director positions, with the following results:

- Region I Director-Elect: Jennifer DeBurro (University of New England),
- Maine State Director: Lauri Sidelko (University of Maine),
- New Hampshire State Director: Michael Taberski (New England College),
- Rhode Island State Director: Sharon Hay (Providence College).

All four individuals began their elected terms in March 2017.

**Member-at-Large/Communications Director Kelly Brochu (Regis College)** reported on the social media presence in Region I

- Tumblr Newsletter
  - Is now connected to Twitter to connect Twitter followers to Tumblr presence. Analytics to gauge results of this were requested.
- Social Media Engagement
  - Please see attached reports for social media engagement through Twitter and Instagram accounts
  - Collaboration with the following NASPA Region I constituents regarding the requests of social media posts:
    - Sharon Hay (State Director of RI)
      - Promoted the Rhode Island Annual Drive Inn
    - David Stender (AOC KS Rep)
      - Promoted the NASPA Webinar focused on Substance Recovery Housing Communities
    - Beth Moriarty (Region I Director)
      - Promoted the Information Technology Coordinator vacancy
    - Nathan Victoria
      - Launched two-day campaign to highlight National Volunteer Month

- Barbara Fienman (Historian)
      - Shared volunteer opportunity for Historypalooza
  - Collaboration with NASPA Region I Awards Coordinator to post on the following items:
    - The launch of the awards process
    - Gentle reminders of award nominations
    - Award nomination deadlines (Regional, Excellence, and National) ○ Live tweeting
  - Regional Advisory Board meetings and other events were live-tweeted upon request by NASPA Region I committee and RAB members
- Graphic Artist Engagement
  - Designed a monthly Wellness KC “Shared Stories” tumblr newsletter that highlights three stories a month identifying trends that professionals are seeing within the field of Health and Wellness
  - Designed a spotlight series graphic for Student Affairs Fundraising and External Relations KC
  - Created a flyer for the Latinx/a/o KC for the “Latinx, Latin@, Latina/o: The Push Toward Inclusivity Webinar”

Developing a logo for NASPA Region I Ubuntu Institute: Student Affairs Professionals of Color Leadership Development

Brochu also reported that 64 emails were sent out from the Region I email account over the past quarter to the membership of 1500+

### NASPA R1 Twitter

Tweets – 3,153 Followers 1,872

	March 2016	March 2017	Impact
<b>Tweets</b>	11	25	<b>+127%</b>
<b>Tweet Impressions</b>	6,586	15,200	<b>+131%</b>

<b>Profile Visits</b>	1,230	1,162	<b>-55%</b>
<b>Mentions</b>	87	47	<b>-45%</b>
<b>New Followers</b>	N/A	8	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>April 2016</b>	<b>April 2017</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>Tweets</b>	28	8	<b>-71%</b>
<b>Tweet Impressions</b>	10,400	9,348	<b>-10%</b>
<b>Profile Visits</b>	1,088	545	<b>-50%</b>
<b>Mentions</b>	70	55	<b>-21%</b>
<b>New Followers</b>	N/A	10	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>May 2016</b>	<b>May 2017</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>Tweets</b>	27	10	<b>-63%</b>
<b>Tweet Impressions</b>	14.3K	15.9K	<b>+11%</b>
		628	

<b>Profile Visits</b>	399		<b>+57%</b>
<b>Mentions</b>	31	27	<b>-15%</b>
<b>New Followers</b>	N/A	1,866	<b>N/A</b>

*Year 2 – Year 1/Year 1 = Impact*

**Knowledge Communities**

**KC Co-Coordinators: KC Co-Coordinators, Jen Stanley (Roger Williams University) and Connie Cabello (Stonehill College)** recently on-boarded Jamel Catoe (Univ. of Connecticut) as the Region I Fraternity-Sorority KC Rep, Rachael Lederman DiPietro (Naugatuck Valley Community College) as the Region I Undocumented Immigrants & Allies KC Rep, and Caitlin Pereira (Southern Connecticut State University) as the Civic Learning & Democratic Engagement KC Rep.

Throughout the months of April & May, the Co-Coordinators facilitated a mid-term “Recommitment Process” with all KC Representatives and as a result several new vacancies materialized. The Co-Coordinators are currently working to recruit Representatives for the following 5 vacancies: Asian Pacific Islanders, Adult Learners and Students with Children, Student-Athlete, Student Leadership Programs, and Enrollment Management. The KC Co-Coordinators participate in monthly calls for both the national KC Chairs, as well as a separate call for KC Coordinators.

**AOD KC: KC Rep Stender (Framingham State University)** coordinated Region I AOD KC leadership calls occurred on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning/monthly.

**FSKC: KC Rep Catoe (University of Connecticut)** has reviewed the KC membership list to see which individuals currently work in the fraternity/sorority functional area on campuses. This information will be helpful to do targeted outreach encouraging membership in NASPA and/or the KC.

**LKC: KC Rep Tavares** reported that he hosted a monthly conference call on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and on June 1<sup>st</sup> and sent out email blasts on the second Thursday of every month.

**MMKC: KC Rep Grant (College of the Holy Cross)** assembled working group from KC membership to begin planning drive-in event for the fall of 2017. There is an on-going communication e-mail thread with interested members regarding planning. Conference call hosted on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Next call scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NPGS KC: KC Rep Wallace (University of Connecticut)** reported on the following members of her regional advisory team:

Jennifer Napiorski – *University of Connecticut* – Residence Hall Director  
Christopher Higgins – *New England Institute of Technology* – Residence Hall Director  
Katie Kidwell – *Massachusetts College of Art & Design* – Resident Director  
Cassie Balzarini – *University of Maine* – Assistant Community Coordinator  
Sonya Alexander – *Fairfield University* – Area Coordinator  
Alison Watts – *Boston University* – Assistant Director of Law School Admissions  
Kelly Levine – *Southern Maine Community College* – Resident Director/Student Activities Coordinator

**SAFER KC: KC Rep Forry (Newbury College)** reported that the first SAFER “spotlight” went out to the region in March.

- Forry had a phone call with the NASPA National Chair.
- Forry hosted a Region I Safer KC call on Tuesday, May 16th. The SAFER KC sub-committee has 4 members. Two from MA. One from ME. One from Switzerland.

**SAPAA KC: KC Rep McDonough (Northern Essex Community College)** continues to work with the NASPA Assessment and Persistence Planning Committee to plan for the June 2017 Conference. McDonough participated as a representative from the Region 1 and National SAPAA KC. In the month of March and June, McDonough participated in several planning calls with the Committee, participated in program reviews and evaluations, and assisting in selecting programs, speakers and events for the NASPA A+P Conference.

**SCIHE KC: KC Rep Ardoin (Boston University)** reports the following:

#### **General**

- Ardoin shares articles and other resources about social class via social media and tags @NASPAscihe and @NASPA\_R1; many times, the Region and KC retweet these items.
- Ardoin has participated in national KC conference calls and other communication

#### **National Conference—San Antonio, March 2017**

- Ardoin coordinated a meeting of the new SCIHE Professionals from the Poor and Working Class group at NASPA national conference in San Antonio, along with group co-coordinator Heather Brake. Over 20 people attended and Region I had several members present.

#### **Professionals from the Poor & Working Class Group**

- Ardoin created content for a new tab on the NASPA SCIHE KC website for the new Professionals from the Poor and Working Class group. NASPA is working on making this content live.
- Ardoin reached out to Region I about opportunities for involvement with the new Professionals from the Poor and Working Class group within the SCIHE KC.
- Ardoin is serving as the liaison for 3 of the work teams within the new Professionals from the Poor and Working Class group, including the research, job search, and work environment teams. Sonja is hosting conference calls with these 3 teams in late May and early June to brainstorm ideas and kick off projects.

**SRIHE KC: Rep Fisher (Suffolk University)** reports participating in monthly calls leadership calls on Mondays at 12 pm EST

**Sustainability KC: KC Rep McGrath (Wheelock College)** reports:

- McGrath wrote blog entry in March, entitled “Women In Sustainability”, for National Sustainability Knowledge Community (SKC) website.
- In March, McGrath held meeting with Jessica Morgan (Boston College graduate student) & Sean Maguire (currently unaffiliated professional new to Region I) who will now both serve in at-large roles for the Region I SKC. They discussed potential webinar content, recruitment initiatives, and program proposal ideas for 2017 Regional Conference.
- In early May, McGrath posted an article about “green” Commencement practices on Region I Tumblr page.

**WISA KC: KC Rep Lamarre** reports the following members of her regional advisory team:

Dr. Susan Marine- Merrimack College

Jannicane Shane- Berklee College of Music

Kristen Pierce-Stonehill College

Melody Smith –Bentley University

Felina Kelly- Bentley University

## Professional Development & Events

### **STATES**

Hay reported on **Rhode Island** Professional Development and Events

#### **Annual Drive In Workshop**

One Size Does Not Fit All: Creating a More Inclusive Campus for Our Students

*Thursday, April 13, 2017, Providence College, Providence, RI*

- Approximately 65 colleagues gathered at Providence College for the annual drive in workshop sponsored by the Rhode Island Board. Attendees were a mix of graduate students and professionals from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.
- Four sessions were presented during the day as follow:
  - Commuter Students: The Misunderstood Majority
    - Dr. Marissa Weiss, Janette Perez, Audra Valdez – Rhode Island College
  - Supporting Student Parents through Family Friendly Campuses
    - Dr. Autumn Green, Endicott College
  - Transgender and Non-Conforming Students
    - Korina Ramsland Short, Johnson & Wales University
    - Dr. Erin Earle, University of Rhode Island
  - Undocumented Students: Creating Support and Opportunity in a Time of Uncertainty
    - Dr. Kevin Escudero, Brown University
    - Marta Martinez, Coalition of Advocates for Student Opportunities
- The cost of the event was \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. Lunch was included.

- Feedback from the day was very positive. We look forward to hosting our next drive in next year.

### **Race Relations, Activism, and Compassion on Campus**

*Thursday, April 21, 2016 Roger Williams University – Baypoint Conference Center, Portsmouth, RI*

- 82 attendees including 7 presenters/panelists
- Half Day Drive In Workshop co-sponsored by Rhode Island State Board along with the following Knowledge Communities: Asian-Pacific Islanders, Multiracial, Latino/Latina
- The program consisted of an opening keynote speaker followed by choice of two breakout sessions, and roundtable discussions during lunch.
- Constanza Cabello, Director, Intercultural Affairs, Stonehill College
- The drive in was well received by participants and drew an audience with various levels of experience from graduate student to senior level administrators. The program was very timely. It is recommended that the drive in occur earlier in the semester next year. If co-sponsorship is to occur in the future, it is recommended that co-sponsors be identified earlier in the planning process.

### **KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES**

**AER KC: WoodBrooks (Assumption College)** co-sponsored the first New England Higher Education Assessment Conference at New England College on May 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success and a second annual conference is already in the works.

**AOD KC: KC Rep Stender** (Framingham State University) organized a NASPA-sponsored webinar presented by staff/faculty from UCONN regarding housing options for students in substance abuse recovery. 32 people attended. Region I AOD KC hosted a brown bag drive-in conference on June 8 at Merrimack College on the topic of 'Opioids On Our Campus.' 55+ attendees.

**FSKC: KC Rep Catoe (University of Connecticut)** reached out to the Regional Director for the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors to inquire about opportunities to collaborate with the summer 2017 Regional Drive-In Conferences. However, both conferences for the AFA Region 1 (which includes New England) will be taking place outside of our NASPA region.

### **LKC: New England Latinx Student Leadership Conference**

*April 7, 2017 – April 8, 2017 /Bridgewater State University*

- 200 registrants and attendees
- Topic included Latinx leadership development, empowering student leaders to seek public office and making informed political decisions.
- 10 sessions
- The keynote speaker was senator Sonia Chang-Diaz

- Students were not on top of deadlines, and they were not communicating with conference liaison effectively. Gained most of registrants late in registration cycle. Conference became well attended, and students were engaged and left enthusiastic.
- Region I LKC Representative and Connie Cabello served on closing leadership panel. Panel was designed to give students advice on leadership development, overcoming barriers and strategies for community and student organization.

**Cultivating Confidence for Leadership Development in Latinx Student**

*April, 8 2017 ♦ Bridgewater State University*

- 30-40 students
- Workshop designed to introduce theoretical constructs on barriers and skills students can use to improve confidence in reaching college and employment success
- Presented by Donnie Taveras and Connie Cabello
- Received lots of positive feedback from students

**MMKC: KC Rep Grant (College of the Holy Cross)** collaborated with KC representative from WISA KC to begin planning drive-in event for the fall of 2017. On-going communication e-mail thread with interested members regarding planning. Conference call hosted on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Next call scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SCIHE KC: KC Rep Ardoin (Boston University)** reports the following:

**National Conference—San Antonio, March 2017**

- Ardoin coordinated a pre-conference session, along with four colleagues, entitled *Being Both: Integrating Poor & Working Class Roots with a Middle Class Higher Ed Identity*. The session had approximately 20 participants and was well received.
- Ardoin served as a SA Speaks presenter on the topic of social class, entitled *Stop Telling Me to “Have Class,” “Be Classy,” or “Act Professional.” Let’s Talk about how the Higher Education Environment Discredits and Degrades Poor & Working Class Folks*. This session was recorded by NASPA and should be on YouTube this summer.
- Ardoin coordinated a concurrent session, along with Becky Martinez, focusing on job fit and social class, entitled *No, I Can’t Meet You for an \$8 Coffee: How Class Shows Up in Workspaces*. This session was a SCIHE KC-sponsored session.

**SRIHE KC: Rep Fisher (Suffolk University)** reports the following sponsored session at the National Conference:

ProgID-37744-Whose Justice?: The Paradox of Religious Pluralism within Social Justice Education
ProgID-38250-Muslim Students Navigating University Life
ProgID-37629-Critical Conversations: Addressing Challenges in Interfaith Assessment

The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC and the Undocumented Immigrants and Allies KC sponsored a visit to the CIELO Community Garden at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church. Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Pre-Conference Workshop Engaging Interfaith: Creating Meaningful Religious, Secular, and Spiritual Diversity Resources Throughout Campus Sunday March 12 1-4pm

**Sustainability KC: KC Rep McGrath (Wheelock College)** reports:

- While attending National Conference in San Antonio, McGrath assisted the National SKC Co-Chairs with the organization of and agenda for the Open SKC Meeting at the National Conference.
- Along with other representatives of the national KC, McGrath staffed the SKC table and helped recruit new members at the Grad Involvement Fair during the National Conference.

**Wellness & Health Promotion KC: KC Rep Bassett (Franklin Pierce University)**, working with Graphic Artist, Kat Dougherty (Franklin Pierce University) and Newsletter Editor, Danielle Johnson (Bridgewater State University), coordinated monthly spotlight stories which highlighted 3-4 member's stories of wellness and health promotion. March, April and May stories focused on trends within the field and June, July and August are based on "summer advice". The spotlight stories were featured on tumblr as well as through KC communications.

**WISA KC: KC Rep Lamarre** reports that the WISA advisory group participated in a conference call with the Men and Masculinities Advisory group on April 20<sup>th</sup> to begin planning a drive-in conference for fall 2017. Themes being explored: supporting to student activism on gender and identity, Title IX practices, investigations and bias. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 6 at 3pm.

**Divisions**

**Faculty Council Representative Susan Marine (Merrimack College)** reports that she is currently in the initial stages of planning the fall 2017 Faculty Summit at the Region I conference in Springfield, and will engage with the membership in late June to seek input on preferred topics for the summit as well as committee volunteers for the summit.

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

**States**

Currently Connecticut Community College budgets have been cut severely. The Connecticut board has been attempting way on how we can support colleagues in the community colleges.

### **Knowledge Communities**

**SCIHE KC: KC Rep Ardoin (Boston University)** reports the following:

- Ardoin is currently working on two books and three book chapters focused on social class topics.
- Ardoin will be working with the SCIHE Professionals from the Poor and Working Class community research work team this summer to brainstorm and begin research projects on social class and higher education, primarily focused on experiences of administrators and faculty.

### **Divisions**

Marine (Faculty Council Rep) is working with Carducci (Professional Standards Rep) and Rissmeyer (Research Coordinator) to create a survey of regional faculty (as well as the membership at large) to identify those who have published in the past two years. This information will be collated and posted on the FB page, the Tumblr, etc. The survey was launched on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Follow-up emails will be sent throughout the summer.