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Discussion Items

1. Per a conference call between the NASPA President, the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Director of the Research Division and the regional membership of the Research Division, it was recommended that a discussion should take place with the regional directors at the summer board meeting about placing a link to the NASPA Research and Scholarship agenda on regional web pages.

Action Items

None at this time

NASPA GOALS & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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

Inquiry – Supporting research and scholarship to add to the knowledge base of the profession and ensure that data informs practice.

To improve communication between the Faculty Fellows and the Research Division, the chair of the Faculty Fellows has appointed Dr. Larry Roper to serve as the liaison between the two groups. Dr. Roper will serve on the Research Division, participating in all conference calls and communication among members and the Chair.

The Director of the Research Division served as a member on a webinar panel on how to apply for research grants in Region VI. In addition to discussion of regional funds available, the Director also promoted the NASPA Foundation grants.

The Research Division is creating a “tool box” for promoting research opportunities and funding that can be utilized by all NASPA members. This link will contain documents from different regions regarding grant applications for regional research, descriptions of regional mentor responsibilities, and other documents and program descriptions that will enable others to easily replicate these efforts.

DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Region I

In collaboration with the Region I Faculty Liaison, Annemarie Vaccaro, the Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC, Judy Robinson, and Past Regional VP, Nancy Crimmin, the Research Division is preparing a proposal for Advisory Board approval which will establish Region I funding for small research grants that encourage shared research between faculty and practitioners. Impact upon student affairs practice will be emphasized in grant proposal criteria. Annual goals include: a) Request for Region I approval for both funding and a research grant process by October 1, 2012, b) Submission of a “cutting edge” research panel program, including both NASPA Foundation and Region I grant information, for the November 2012 Region I conference, c) If approved, Region I grant review process and decision-making implementation in early spring 2013 and d) Research grant presentations will be required as programs for the November 2013 Region I conference.

Region IV-E

Region IV-E will once again offer a research and assessment grant. This year the grant will be for \$1,000. The Region IV-E representative has submitted an educational session for the region on the research and scholarship agenda to help get the word out about this document and to encourage more submissions in the future for these grants.

In addition, mailings will be sent to the member graduate schools within the region so that faculty can be encouraged to apply for research funding, not just Student Affairs program administrators.

Region V

Region V has worked with the NASPA Office to create an online research grant proposal form for their regional grant applications as well as an electronic rubric that is used by the research grant committee members to evaluate the proposals.

Region VI

Region VI held a webinar on June 13 entitled “Understanding the Region VI Research Application Process” with 24 participants registering. The Research Division Director, the Region VI Research Division representative, and two members of their Research Grant Committee were panelists and discussed the process for applying for both regional and national funding.

The Region VI Call for Research Grant Proposals went out the month of June with a deadline of September 7, 2012.