

BA PIER Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Thursday, December 5, 2013, 1:00-3:00pm

Mission College
Telecommunications Building, Room 130
3000 Mission College Blvd.
Santa Clara, CA 95054

ATTENDEES

Tracey Ward, Mission College	Florent Bernard
Alex Nichol, MIS Student	Michael Mrache, UCSC Ext
Susan Sermeno, JFK Uni	Diane Johansen, UCSC Ext
Gaozong Thao, Mission College	Sean Day, Las Positas College
Patty Kwok, College of San Mateo	Ruth Kirby, Language Pacifica
Mario Mihelcic, College of San Mateo	Lisa Harris, Palo Alto Uni
Garay Menicucci, Santa Clara Uni	Louis Gecenok, SJSU
Susan Peters, Santa Clara Uni	Inna Zaltsmann
Kathy Harrington, UCSC Ext	James Dinwiddie, Language Pacifica
Hannah Martin	Supinda Sirihekaphong, Cañada College

AGENDA

- I. Welcome, Tracey Ward
 - a. Welcome and Kudos from Vice President of Student Services of Mission College
- II. Introduction of new members and attendees
 - a. Feel free to send email or message on the new LinkedIn listserv
- III. Introduction of new BA-PIER officers, Tracey Ward
- IV. 2013 NAFSA Regional Conference Follow-up
 - a. DOS realization that students are staying beyond student status and reviewing intent to return home eligibility (brain drain, economic development, keeping best and brightest), but still border concerns. Perhaps looking at Canada model, but not from T4 country list; does not apply to COS. DOS doesn't expect 18 year olds to know life plan, talk about loosening up for STEM field students. There is an upsurge of Iranian students according to Open Doors report within past 2 years.
 - b. SEVP heads up that SEVP field reps will be visiting college campuses, more informal, perhaps to seek feedback. Field reps will receive intensive training. SEVIS alerts now have updated COS status updates. Data fix requests now require scanned and emailed documents, faxes are no longer accepted.
 - c. Tracey had visit from ICE, asked about program, students, how terminations and absences are handled, other procedural questions.
 - d. When do you recommend an immigration lawyer, when it is beyond F-1 or J-1 or non-institutional H1-B, give students choices not tell them what to do.
- V. Update on website and LinkedIn (new listserv), Tracey Ward and Marisa Thigpen
 - a. No longer have traditional listserv, now using LinkedIn. Marisa pre-approved all current members and Tracey sent invitations from LinkedIn. 96 members. Membership

application form is a google.doc and follows up with page about payment and LinkedIn group.

- b. Discussions in LinkedIn are archived.
 - c. New website includes interactive calendar. www.bapier.com
 - d. Documents Tab: Tracey would like to create a library.
 - e. Can we give members access to member list? Tracey will contact Marisa to give people view rights to the google.doc. Can we post on LinkedIn? Only if we signed up for premium LinkedIn that has a fee, maybe \$30 per year.
 - f. If you would like to have messages from LinkedIn to be sent to work email, it is possible to forward to work email.
 - g. If you have any suggestions, contact Tracey Ward.
- VI. Update on 2014 Northern District Conference, Kimberly Bryant
- a. Email Dec. 3 from NAFSA, next conference, April 1 at Skyline College in San Bruno, submit session proposal by Friday, January 24. Open registration starts Tues, Feb. 4. Susan is in charge of ISSS Knowledge Community. Potential sessions:
 - i. Grey areas in int'l student advising
 - ii. Careers in IE large contingent of MIS students, table at exhibitors area
 - iii. Newcomers session early in the conference
 - iv. Possibly bring back pre-conference workshop or instead of 2 days, 1 day at one place and one day at another place. MIS students would be interested.
 - b. Region12north@gmail.com to sign up for listserv.
- VII. Other announcement, discussion, questions
- a. Santa Clara Uni open position for Int'l Student Advisor
 - b. Foothill & DeAnza, 2 positions open, Director of Marketing, Recruitment
 - c. Policy on students not making normal progress
 - i. If students doesn't meet admissions requirement, doesn't matter if in SEVIS active or terminated status
 - ii. Case-by-case
- VIII. Next meetings
- a. February 20th, JFK Uni
 - b. June 19th, College of San Mateo
 - c. December, TBD