BA-PIER Meeting
Thursday, June 19, 2014, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Room 468, Building 10 (College Center)
College of San Mateo
1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.
San Mateo, CA 94402

PARTICIPANTS

Lauren Avina, Holy Names University	Karla David, The English Center
Joseph Ng, De Anza College	Becky Mirza, UC Merced
Cindy Balero, Las Positas College	Russell Guajardo, Intern UCSF
Maggie Skaff, College of San Mateo (retired)	Holly Nigorizawa, UCSF
Mei Cooley, UC Hastings College of Law	Louis Gecenok, SJSU
Dolly Balangitao, Chabot College	Inna Zaltsmann, Retired
Molly Meksavan	Koura Fabiny, Santa Clara University
Kathy Harrington, UC Santa Cruz Extension	Garay Menicucci, Santa Clara University
Michael Mrache, UC Santa Cruz Extension	Susan Peters, Santa Clara University
Liz Tyrrell, Evergreen Valley College	Kristi Radke, Ohlone College

MINUTES

I. Welcome
    a. Maggie Skaff, College of San Mateo (retired)
    b. Tracey Ward, BA-Pier Chair

II. SEVP Rep not present, CSM is not in his region, was not approved to present.

III. 2014 NAFSA Conference Updates
    a. Next round of recertification
        i. Separate process for accredited and non-accredited schools
    b. SEVIS Conversion Project
        i. WASC
        ii. CA Community College & CSU-Exempt
        iii. What about medical/health accreditation, like Nursing?
        iv. Tuesday, June 17, 2014, SEVP Announcement, schools have improperly inputted data, provided clarification
    c. Holly: J visa, definitions are clarified and will incorporate into SEVIS, will reorganize J categories
    d. CBP: I-94 has travel history, do not have to enter dates, there were some problems/mistakes that they cannot remove but it should not effect students
    e. Deferred Inspection: no consistency among POE but SFO is very helpful over the phone, some places you need to show up to confirm identity. The only time incorrect info is correct is for DMV or SSA applications.
    f. Names protocol, no hyphens, no FNU, First name can be blank, new Webinar June 27.
    g. Tracey will post everything in Document Library in BA-PIER website.
    h. Covered CA, not sure if F-1 students are required to have insurance. Seems like if they have been here more than 5 years, then they may be penalized for being underinsured.
    i. SEVP Spotlight in Spring: there will be policy changes in coming months for conditional/bridge programs.
    j. Handouts and slides for presentations are available on NAFSA website.

k. Students on OPT have been sent to secondary inspection, even with letters of employment. Easier to travel to SFO than LAX.
l. Iranians, seems like most of them apply for visa in Dubai. Seeing that they are doing COS from tourist to student.
m. Visa issuance delays, Canada is no longer accepting or delaying because of prioritization of 3rd country national visa applications. Mexico is no longer accepting 3rd country applicants.
n. USCIS back to regular processing time of 3 months. Some J-1 COS has come back with RFE to prove J-1 maintenance of status by requesting pay checks. ELIS and paper, no difference in processing time.

IV. Discussion of changes to By-Laws (Article III. Membership, Section 2.) Membership dues to be paid one-time or annually? Vote to be held at December meeting.
   a. Inna: started collecting when she was Chair, didn't know what to do with money. Used for food but there was still money left over. Must make motion, 30 day discussion period, vote in next meeting.
   b. Tracey: disseminate info to members (survey), discuss pros and cons, decide in December, 2/3 of membership must vote
   c. Mei: maybe contact San Diego, how they handle
   d. Pros and cons:
      - What do we do with the money
      - Accounting , banking, 501(c)(3), need physical address to have tax ID#, etc.
      - Keeping track of membership list, enforcement?
      + Speaker honorarium, scholarships

V. Announcements
   a. Santa Clara University: International Student & Scholar Advisor, email to Tracey
   b. SJSU: 3 ISA positions, SEVIS Coordinator and possibly more positions
   c. UCSF: Int'l Student Asst Advisor, more administrative and fsaATLAS

VI. Open Discussion (student & advising issues, other Q&A)
   a. USCIS Open House: worth one trip just to see
   b. Does anyone know a PeopleSoft school who uses fsaATLAS? Try SFSU. How many students needed for batch processing? Good question, some schools are part of a system, so they use it whether they have a large number of students or not such as CSU and UC.