

Meeting started at 1:13pm

Lynda Rogers, Dean of UCSC Extension gives welcome

Introductions by everyone in attendance

Guest speaker – Adam Green, Immigration Attorney (provided 2 handouts)

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Adam's background: International Student Advisor at Harvard University, attended law school at U.C. Berkeley. He is an immigration attorney who specializes in working with international students, scholars and universities.

Some considerations with a Trump presidency:

Obama's policies have been extremely liberal for undocumented immigrants. He issued an executive order for DACA which impacts 750,000 people. This policy expires on January 20, 2017. There are three groups of people impacted – people who have DACA benefits, people who need to renew DACA benefits and people who want DACA benefits. DACA benefits include a work and travel card (advanced parole).

Program will probably expire as it is an easy program for Trump to cut.

Be extremely careful with advice about travel especially with study abroad. DACA students should plan to return to the U.S. no later than January 10th. Document communications with students.

Consult with mental health professionals.

Harboring statutes – understand how to answer questions from authorities.

Sanctuary schools – symbolic statement, Claremont McKenna schools

Role of a DSO in USCIS applications:

Most DSOs will assist students with a change of status application. More complicated cases might need to be referred. B-2 to F-1 has become more complicated. If a student applies three weeks after arriving in the U.S., there is an 80% denial rate. Should consider a minimum of 60-75 days to apply for a COS.

Maintain current status until new status is approved.

H-1B and green card advising is probably outside the realm of most advisors.

TNs could also be problematic.

Terminations are reported to Washington – profiling of students.

Arrests:

DUIs or any arrest information is sent to consulates. The reason for the arrest is not shown. A court order is needed overcome the arrest flag. Marijuana is problematic.

BA Pier updates:

\$1000 in BA-PIER bank account

Michael proposed workshop after January 20th

Keep with membership fee although we haven't found a non-profit sponsor for a bank account.

Palm Springs Conference:

Field reps were at the conference. Mentioned that our field rep would be hired soon. Important to let students know that they are not allowed to use marijuana because of Federal law.

Several sessions on DUI and marijuana issues as they relate to international students. Debated new regulation of reporting DUIs to the consulate

Training plan

SEVIS portal

F-1 non-degree (research) instead of J-1 intern category

Fees for OPT and STEM OPT services

Next meeting: consider pathways programs

NAFSA Northern CA District conference is March 13th University of San Francisco

Sessions proposals due 1/8

Please add your name to the list serve

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Advocacy Day - Alicia would like feedback to take to law makers.

Grants available

Next meeting – SJSU

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