

BA-PIER Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2016
Skyline College
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1. Welcome
 - a. BA-PIER Chair Michael Mrache
 - b. Skyline College, International Program Manager, Wissem Bennani
2. Territory 6 San Francisco/Hayward/Novato SEVP Rep, Lamberto Glory
 - a. Territory 7 San Jose, still vacant
 - b. STEM OPT March 2016, takes effect May 2016 17 > 24 months
 - i. Webinar available on Study in the States
 - ii. Form i-983 Training Plan for STEM OPT Students on STEM OPT Hub, not sure yet with DSO, employer or student responsible for completing
 - iii. Transition Plan from 17 > 24 months
 - iv. Must be e-verify employer
 - c. June SEVIS Update move to July
 - i. I-20 improvements
 - ii. Ability to mass register continuing students in real time
 - iii. Alerts and student list improvements
 - iv. New travel, visa, and passport information page
 - v. Student emails should be a U.S. email address
 - d. I-515A Intent to Terminate
 - i. More information at ICE.gov/SEVP/Travel
 - ii. 14 days to take action
 - e. DSO additions, 10 business day turnaround at Skyline College 24 hour turn around
 - i. Should include signature of all P/DSOs, College President not needed
 - ii. If DSO at another school, no eligibility docs necessary, only signature
 - f. Coming up: Remedial Action Plans for inaccurate student records
 - g. Three Field Rep Vacancies
 - i. Arlington, VA, San Jose, CA, and Kansas City, MO
 - ii. Will be adding knowledge specialist and East Coast
 - h. School Certification Unit processing times
 - i. Hiring more adjudicators
 - ii. SRC Response Unit, do not call Help Desk
 - i. Best Practices: Student Travel
 - i. Bring all necessary travel documents and keep documents safe while traveling
 - ii. Understand port-of-entry processes, including Form I-515A
 - iii. Travel signature should be signed twice per year
 - iv. Lots of students getting sent to 2nd Inspection, unfortunately not all CBP officers are trained
 - j. Review regularly I-17
 - i. DSOs can now do updates, example program dates
 - ii. Certification Expiration Dates, every 2 years, will be sent 180 day notification

- k. SEVP Feedback: Study in the States SEVP Field Rep Survey
- l. Questions?
 - i. Preferred name, can leave blank, include nicknames
 - ii. New Dates: Program Start Date (orientation), Actual Start Date (semester start)
 - iii. New OPT Employment Reporting: Students can input employer, coming up December 2016
 - iv. IEP students who complete a program before I-20 end date, has 60 day grace period and must be transferred within grace period and start in next available session
 - v. IEP students eligible for vacation after 26 weeks
 - vi. International students on consortium study abroad not taking classes within school, do not have to transfer I-20, register student as normal, suggest update I-20 with study abroad remark
 - vii. Notification by broadcast messages and social media of policy guidance
 - viii. IEP mergers/acquisitions: Must redo certification, not automatic
 - ix. Transfer immediately, students must report directly to school who issued I-20
 - 1. Rationale, students must report to school within 30 days of start date
 - 2. Schools should not terminate student, if program start date has not been reached
- 3. Voting on whether to suspend \$5 membership fee
 - a. Currently we have \$1,200+ in account, discussion about spending down account by inviting speakers, organizing workshops, etc.
 - b. What about charging for events
 - c. If we suspend, make sure that current members are not charged again
 - d. LA PIER does not collect dues, SD PIER charges \$15 annually
 - e. Paypal charges \$30 per month
 - f. What about getting college to sponsor or what about asking a nonprofit to serve as fiscal agent, Susan Serrano of JFK University will inquire at her institution
 - g. The issue on whether or not to eliminate the \$5 fee has been tabled pending further research on a possible school sponsorship or fiscal agent.
- 4. Roundtable
 - a. Students who have a DUI, visas will be revoked and any pending USCIS applications will be denied, not sure whether students must leave the U.S. immediately or can stay for D/S
 - b. Anyone using ISSM (recently fsaATLAS), only UCSC
- 5. Announcements
 - a. Send to Tracey Ward at Mission College to include in social media and website
 - b. California Institute of Integral Studies has merged with the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and is celebrating its 50th anniversary. They have a number of new one year degree programs for students interested in completing a BA as well as graduate programs in anthropology and East and West studies. There is also an Integral and Transpersonal Psychology Certificate Program for Chinese students and professionals.

- c. Stanford University will be hiring an administrative coordinator for a staff person who will be retiring soon. They are also seeing a 1 year intern involved with programming and housing and stipend will be provided.
- 6. Next meeting Thursday, December 1 (location TBD)