

BA-PIER Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2015, 1:00-3:00pm

Santa Clara University

475 El Camino Real

Santa Clara, CA 95053

Minutes

Members Present:

Tracey Ward, Mission College	Omer Uyuklu, California College of Communications
Sean Day, Las Positas College	Ann Mizuno, California College of Communications
Diane Johansen, UCSC Extension	Gaozong Thao, Mission College
Adrienne Bergenfeld, UC Santa Cruz	Dolly Balangitao, Chabot College
Theo-Alyce Gordon, UC Santa Cruz	Karla David, The English Center
Alicia Haley, UC Santa Cruz	Shimali Puri, The English Center
Ray Porras, UCSC Extension	Khim Lok, San Jose State University
Christie Lorusso, University of the Pacific	Marisa Thigpen, Sonoma State University
Kathy Harrington, UCSC Extension	Jouney Chong, Mission College
Michael Mrache, UCSC Extension	Kristi Radke, Ohlone College
Susan Peters, Santa Clara University	Supinda Sirikekaphong, Canada College
Garay Menicucci, Santa Clara University	Angelica Strongone, De Anza College
Sarah Bonnel, Santa Clara University	Ginny Kramasz, De Anza College
Jenny Wong, Santa Clara University	Ruth Kirby, Language Pacifica
Louis Gecenok, SJSU (retired)	Hiromi Mei Cooley, UC Hastings College of the Law
Wonda Wong, West Valley College	
Terry Eppley, West Valley College	
Sara Patterson, West Valley College	
Maria Fraser, California College of Communications	

1. Welcome

Santa Clara University, Director of Students and Scholars
BA-PIER Chair, Tracey Ward, Mission College

2. Guest Speaker

Mariya Tolentino, SEVP Field Rep, San Jose (Territory 7, South Bay to San Luis Obispo)

- a. Interviewing 3rd and 4th class soon to be deployed in 2015 (8-week training, 80% former DSOs, 20% current SEVP employees)
- b. Campus Sentinel: outreach for investigating counterterrorism
- c. If visited by ICE or FBI, usually they will show badge and present subpoena
- d. Field reps are not law enforcement officers, support academic community to ensure compliance, liaison to SEVP HQ, visit schools twice per year
- e. Help Desk and Fax Number consolidated SEVISHelpdesk@ice.dhs.gov (no longer accepts faxes)
- f. Should email Mariya about any long wait times on hold with SEVIS Help Desk
- g. Suggestion: Entry CBP experience video

- h. Students should like StudyintheStates Facebook page Twitter @StudyinStates
- i. To subscribe to SEVP quarterly newsletter SEVPCommunications@ice.dhs.gov
- j. Draft Guidance for Comment StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/sevp-guidance-for-comment received over 500 comments, many have to do with pathway programs and academic year
- k. Coming up: draft guidance focused on student employment, student absence, vacation, timely filing
- l. I-515A: Recommend students to carry proof of funding, proof of tuition payment, SEVIS fee receipt, if student has correction request include ticket number, COS pending docs
- m. Remedial Action Plan (RAP) identified discrepancy and request to correct. Example after Recertification process find minor discrepancy must respond within 10 business days
- n. Out of Cycle Review (OCR) unannounced, respond in timely manner
- o. DSO Verification will be required annually
- p. SEVIS Update in April include capacity to update employment, summer updates include Reporting capacity to spreadsheets
- q. Study in the States Presentation in April will include Recertification tips, I-17 updates/best practices, SEVIS enhancement
- r. Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/stakeholder-satisfaction-survey
- s. Hybrid courses, will be working on guidance, currently questions are resolved on case-by-case basis
- t. Schools that have branch campuses, local SEVP field rep

3. Northern District Conference Update, Sean Day

Monday, March 23, Skyline College

Online registration until March 9

\$30/35 registration fee, on site registration \$55/85

13 sessions posted on website

Gov't updates, social media, CPT, intercultural understanding, student mentor/ambassador programs

4. BA-PIER Updates

- a. 5-6 new members
- b. Current officers term ending June 2015
- c. New officers start September 2015
- d. Nominations
 - Chair: Put together agenda, guest speakers, venue liaison
 - Co-chair: Back up Chair, help with membership list
 - Treasurer: Membership fee tracking, reimbursement for food
 - Co-Secretary: Minutes
 - Should we add officer responsible for communications/publicity, Marisa Thigpen stepped up previously WOOHOO!
 - Move proposal to have Communications Chair, Second

Nominations can be emailed to Tracey Ward by April 15, voting in June

5. Announcements

Saturday, March 21, MIT Lessons from Abroad Conference, Marisa Thigpen can provide materials, brunch and lunch is included, target re-entry students

Canada College and NDNU collaborating to share an intern, please send intern description to Supinda sirihkaphongs@smccd.edu

6. Open Discussion

Student completed studies but wants to continue one more semester to work at English Center, IEPs are not allowed to hire current students.

DSOs have a responsibility to report unauthorized work and terminate SEVIS record. SCU ISA has contact of immigration lawyer familiar with F-1, will email Tracey to post on website.

Employment hot topic coming up, stay tuned...make sure you report employment for post-completion OPT, suggested to have a SEVIS alert.

Anyone been successful in lobbying for internship requirements in the curriculum? Santa Clara Uni ISS liaison with academic departments to require for every student.