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Spring ²⁰⁰⁷ NOTES

In these notes, you will find an overview of ANAC's activities over the past five months. ANAC Presidents have met twice, once in Tucson (CIC) and once in Washington, D.C. (NAICU); IREPS and ANACSA members both met in New Orleans (AAC&U), where ANAC offered two panels; CFOs met at Westminster College in Salt Lake in March; Student Affairs Officers met in April at NASPA in Orlando. There will be another ANACSA meeting at Hamline (NAFSA) on May 28. Planning the summer conference at Elon, June 13-15, has been ongoing throughout the year and involved many of you. It is on course to be a truly excellent event and one to which all members will want to send teams. On April 19, I completed my visits to all 22-member campuses, culminating with a wonderful day and a half at Pacific Lutheran University. I continue to be impressed by the quality and commitments of our institutions and the potential of our association.

New Mission and Vision Statements

Approved On April 26, 2007, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to approve new mission and vision statements, five-year goals and objectives, and a modified organizational structure (see page 4). Drafts of proposed changes were discussed throughout the winter with the Presidents Council, Institutional Representatives, and Senior Student Affairs Officers. Amended by-laws must be approved by the Executive Committee and sixty percent of the membership in order for the changes to be adopted, which should be accomplished by July 1, 2007.

ANAC Leadership: 2007-2009

The following have been chosen to Chair their respective groups, July 1, 2007-09.

Board of Directors

Chair: David Maxwell (Drake)
Vice Chair: Linda Hansen (Hamline)

Institutional Representatives

Chair: Devorah Lieberman (Wagner)
Vice Chair: Dan McAlexander (Belmont)

Chief Financial Officers

Chair: Bruce Arick (Butler)
Vice Chair: Gerald Whittington (Elon)

Senior Student Affairs Officers

Chair: Tijuana Julian (Drury)
Vice Chair: Laura Majovski (Pacific Lutheran)

ANAC 2007 Summer Conference at Elon University

The summer conference, with a focus on teaching and learning, will be held at Elon from June 13-15. Registration deadline is May 23. Peter Felten, Director of Elon's Center for Teaching and Learning, working with his many colleagues in the Provost's Office, has devoted much of the past year to planning a most exciting and rich program. Visit www.elon.edu/anac for the full summer conference schedule and to register.

ANAC is fortunate to have three excellent plenary speakers, all of whom have offered to meet with institutional teams for private consultations. Appointments with George Kuh, Randy Bass, and Barbara Jacoby are limited and will be available according to registration date. Contact Peter Felten, pfelten@elon.edu, to schedule an appointment. Rooms (new, air-conditioned and all singles) will be available Tuesday night. Pre-conference events include

an outing to the Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game Tuesday night.

Task Force on Demonstrating the Benefits of a New American College Education

One of the highest priorities for ANAC in the coming year is to collaborate on assessment. Eighteen institutions have appointed representatives to a Task Force that will help to determine the common educational outcomes for all ANAC institutions and recommend how they can be demonstrated. The group will also propose how ANAC, working with NAICU, can take national leadership in providing comparable, transparent, consumer information. All member institutions are encouraged to participate in this initiative. To begin their work, Task Force members have divided into two groups.

Consumer Information

Bruce Arick – Butler, Vice President and CFO

Dan Anderson – Elon, Asst. Vice President, University Relations

John Pyle – Hamline, Assoc. Vice President, University Planning

Jonathan Pickering – North Central, Registrar & Director of Institutional Research

Robyn Dickenson – University of Scranton, Asst. Vice President for Planning & Information Management

Greg Stinson – Valparaiso, Vice President Planning & Information Resources

Joe Romano – Wagner, Vice President, Marketing & Communications

Laura Murphy – Westminster, Executive Director, Communications

Demonstrating Benefits of a New American College Education

Mark Curchak – Arcadia, Dean Graduate Studies

Dan McAlexander – Belmont, Provost

John Burney – Drake, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Bruce Callen – Drury, Assoc. Dean of the College

David Garcia – Ithaca, Assoc. Provost

Anna Leon-Guerrero – PLU, Asst. Provost for Faculty Development and Institutional Research

Walter Mullen – Quinnipiac, Director, Assessment & Academic Research

Kathy Owen – Susquehanna, Director of Institutional Research

Deirdre Zarrillo – The Sage Colleges, Vice President, Planning and Institutional Research

Burton Kirkwood – University of Evansville, Asst. Provost

ANACSA—ANAC Study Abroad

ANAC Study Abroad, now in its third year, continues to grow. ANACSA “featured programs” are to be offered “at cost” to students at other ANAC institutions, thus providing an excellent and cost effective way to expand international opportunities for students at all ANAC campuses. This year, 2006-07, 14 students from seven ANAC institutions are studying abroad at programs offered by seven ANAC institutions.

Students from Evansville, Hamline, Ithaca, North Central, Simmons, Valparaiso, and Wagner are studying in China, Austria, Spain, Senegal, Mexico, Morocco, and Greece on programs offered by PLU, Redlands, Butler, Hamline, Valparaiso, Mercer and Drury.

At the June Council meetings, the expansion of ANACSA to include all study away programs will be discussed. Details on how to administer a domestic exchange program are being worked on so that an exchange can begin spring 2008.

Brandon Lussier, Asst. Director of Off-Campus Study at Hamline University, has been the ANACSA Coordinator for the past three years. ANAC is deeply appreciative of Brandon’s energy and skill in coordinating and advancing this initiative in its infancy, and wishes him every success as he continues his career at Hamline.

After June 30, 2007, questions about ANACSA should be addressed to the Executive Director.

New Affinity Groups Formed

Several new affinity groups have been formed and plan to meet this summer.

- ✚ Development Officers – August 17-18 at University of Evansville
- ✚ Diversity Officers – June 13 at Elon
- ✚ Enrollment Management – June 14 at Elon
- ✚ Institutional Researchers – June 14 at Elon

Communications Directors, Deans of Business Schools, Deans of Arts and Sciences, and Directors of Civic Engagement/Service Learning are exploring the creation of affinity groups. Regional meetings have been suggested to enable staffs to share best practices.

ANAC Transitions

ANAC is an organization built on relationships. It is bittersweet to see colleagues who have been involved in nourishing ANAC move on to new positions outside of ANAC. We wish all of them the very best in their new ventures and extend our appreciation for their commitment and service.

- ✚ President Jonathan Sellers is leaving Drury University May 31, 2007. Todd Parnell, Drury alumnus, adjunct professor, and Springfield businessman, will serve as Interim President.
- ✚ Dr. Peter Bardaglio, Ithaca College Provost, announced his resignation on January 3. Former Ithaca College provost Jim Malek, who served from 1998 to 2001, has returned to Ithaca as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- ✚ Dr. Thomas G. Estes Jr. will retire as Mercer University's Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration on Sept. 30, 2007. Carson-Newman College President James S. Netherton has been appointed to the position.
- ✚ Mercer Provost Horace Fleming is stepping down from the Provost's position to return to the classroom.
- ✚ Dr. Susan Traverso has accepted the position of Provost at Elizabethtown College. Susan has been involved with ANAC at both North Central and most recently at Redlands, and is a Simmons alumna.
- ✚ Dr. William Clyde, Associate Provost at Quinnipiac, has been selected Provost at Queens University, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- ✚ Mercer University, a charter member of ANAC, has announced that it is ending its association with ANAC.

Panels at National Conferences

As often as possible, ANAC should have panels at national meetings. This is an excellent way to draw attention to the innovative initiatives occurring on our campuses, increase visibility, and encourage professional development for faculty and administrators. Please forward ideas or topics for conferences and sessions to lrobinson@anac.org

New at www.anac.org

The website continues to evolve into a substantive, current, and interesting place for members and the public at large to learn about new American colleges. Your comments and campus information are not only welcome, they are essential.

A new feature of the website is a listing of positions open at member institutions. Please send listings to Mark Mitchell, c/o mark@revenantdesign.com. We need to receive your position announcements so that we actively can promote employment opportunities at New American Colleges.

Meetings for Spring 2008

IREPS - AAC&U: Washington, D.C. Friday, January 25, 2008 - 4 - 7

Board of Directors - NAICU: Washington, D.C., Monday, February 4, 2008 - 8-1

Provosts and CFOs will hold a joint meeting at Wagner College in March 2008.

SSAO - NASPA: Boston, MA. March 8-12 Meeting TBA

May the end of the semester bring richly deserved rest and relaxation, and good weather for commencement.

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Mission Statement

ANAC supports its member institutions in their individual and collective promotion and achievement of best practices of liberal education, including the purposeful and innovative integration of the liberal arts and sciences, professional studies, and civic engagement, in undergraduate and graduate education.

Vision Statement

New American colleges and universities will be recognized, individually and collectively, as leading national models of liberal education, particularly their purposeful and innovative integration of liberal arts and sciences, professional studies, and civic engagement, in undergraduate and graduate education.

In order to accomplish its mission, ANAC has established the following goals:

Five-year Goals

- ❖ To enhance recognition of ANAC members as national models of integrative educational institutions
- ❖ To identify and promote best practices and find solutions to issues of common interest at member institutions
- ❖ To maximize educational opportunities for students, faculty and administrators through the efficient use of collaboration, such as affinity group meetings, research, off-campus study, and professional development
- ❖ To attract sources of support

Objectives

- ❖ ANAC will be the association of choice for leading comprehensive institutions committed to the integrative model
- ❖ New American colleges and universities will provide evidence to demonstrate the value of the integrative model on student learning and success
- ❖ Professional affinity groups and work groups will support faculty and administrators and advance professionalism within institutions

- ❖ ANAC institutions will provide and utilize cost effective off-campus programs of study, both international and domestic, and explore other collaborations
- ❖ External funds will be found to support mission and goals

To most effectively implement the five-year plan, the Executive Committee approved a modified organizational structure.

Following traditional college and university governance models, ANAC will have a **Board of Directors**, comprising the presidents of each member institution and the Chairs of the Institutional Representatives, Chief Financial Officers, and Senior Student Affairs Officers Councils. The Board will approve and implement policy and programs related to the mission, governance, fiscal health, membership, reputation and planning of the Associated New American Colleges, set the annual budget, and select and evaluate the Executive Director. It will meet twice annually: at the beginning of the NAICU Annual Meeting and on the second day of the Summer Conference.

The **Institutional Representatives Council** has been expanded to include the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senior Student Affairs Officers Council. IREPS will approve and implement policy related to the promotion of best practices in liberal education, including the purposeful and innovative integration of the liberal arts and sciences, professional studies, and civic engagement, both curricular and co-curricular, and plan and oversee related initiatives, e.g., best practice dissemination, professional development programs, off-campus study initiatives, and proposals for new collaborations. Institutional Representatives will meet twice annually: during the AAC&U Annual Meeting and on the morning preceding the start of the Summer Conference.

(THE ABOVE STATEMENTS WERE APPROVED BY THE ANAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 26, 2007)