STUDENT ISSUE

• I-765 / Issues

• Error from USCIS

• USCIS/SEVIS Issue

• Intensive and Excessive RFE’s
SEVP PORTAL

• Initiated March 23rd 2018 by SEVP
• F-1 and M-1 students to report personal and employer information directly to SEVP.
• The only exception is that STEM OPT student trainees will not be able to add or change their own employer information.

Please share the issues you have had with the SEVP PORTAL?
Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS)
Ombudsman Program

• CIS Ombudsman can do:
  • Cases 60 days past processing times
  • Improper rejections and lost of files
  • Vague or unnecessary RFE

• What things CIS Ombudsman cannot do?
  • Compel USCIS to take action on a pending application/petition

• Submit your request online at www.dhs.gov/cisombudsman
  • The Ombudsman will take action within 90-120 days of filing
    • “Report and Issue” and “Get Liaison Help”
NAFSA Leadership

• NAFSA: Association of International Education – World’s largest non-profit association dedicated to international education and exchange.

• 10,000 members STRONG!

• Hundreds of NAFSA members volunteer each year.

• Unique opportunity for personal and professional growth.

• How do I get involved?
NAFSA Leadership Opportunities

• NAFSA Leadership: Open Positions
  • Applications will open in late Summer 2018

• Trainer Corp – Volunteers to deliver and maintain the NAFSA Core Education Program (CEP) curriculum and materials.
  • Knowledge Communities – Open in January/February 2019

• Management Development Program Trainer
  • MDP is now recruiting Trainers! Application deadline – August 13, 2018
    • NAFSA’s MDP is the most trusted and comprehensive management training program for international education professionals.
    • The program equips managers with skills and knowledge to effectively lead their teams in times of ongoing change.
    • The MDP is delivered annually at the NAFSA Annual Conference, once during the summer, and potentially once at a regional conference in the fall.
Short-term Volunteering Opportunities

Year Round
• Suggest a Collegial Conversation Topic
  • Live, online chats that provide practical information and opportunities to share ideas on selected topics in EA, ISSS, IEM.

• Coming up soon:
  • Education Abroad Visas for France
    June 26, 2018
  • Discussing Issues of U.S. Diversity with International Students and Scholars
    June 27, 2018
  • Spanish Visas for Education Abroad Programs
    July 19, 2018

• Recent Live Chats:
  • Cross-Collaboration Between ISSS and Multicultural Offices - International Student and Scholar Services
  • Strategies and Tips for Diversifying Recruitment Streams - International Enrollment Management
  • Supporting Students Abroad in a World of Microaggressions - Education Abroad
Short-term Volunteering Opportunities

Annual Conference – Washington, DC – May 26-31, 2019

• Volunteer to Review Session and Workshop Proposals (@Annual) – July 1st

• Annual Conference Volunteers – Opening soon

• Propose a Session - 200 sessions – Open!

• Prepare a Poster – Visual presentations displayed on tables/boards – Open!

• Mentor – KC Buddy Program (ISSS, IEM, EA Connector Program) & Diversity Impact Program Mentor
Region III Leadership

• Leadership terms ending in December 2018 – Applications soon!
  • Education Abroad
  • International Enrollment Management
  • Diversity/Minority Serving Institution
  • Texas State Rep – South Texas
  • Conference Planner Apprentice
  • Academy Coach

• Seeking Senior International Officers for an half-day event
  • Leading internationalization—whether as a senior international officer or a seasoned professional in the field of international education—requires a number of skills; knowledge of a broad range of trends, data, and information; and networking with colleagues.
  • Contact: Laura Moix – lmoix@uark.edu
Region III Conference – Volunteers Needed

• Little Rock, Arkansas – October 28-31, 2018
  • Hotel reservations open (closes Oct. 5th) – Little Rock Marriott
  • Exhibitor registration open
  • Early-bird registration opens July 19th (closes Sept. 28th)
  • Pre-conference Workshops - Sunday, Oct. 28th

• Volunteers needed!!
  • Resume reviewers, Registration, Hospitality Table, Direct attendees, Raffle sales – over 125 volunteer slots!
  • Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) Chair – Allyson Douglass
    • ABDouglass@uams.edu
    • 501-686-5456
Benefits of NAFSA Leadership

• Network
• Serve
• Visibility
• Strengthen skills
• Early access/complimentary-discounted registration