

## **NCDA Mid-Year Report**

### **International Student Services Committee March 14, 2108**

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### **Committee Activities to Date**

- The Resource subgroup has started work on updating the NCDA Resources for Partnering with International Students. They have divided the guide into three sections: students, employers & practitioners. They are gathering updated information such as best practices, resources, websites, and immigration policies etc. to include in the guide. The aim of this update is to make the resources more accessible to students, practitioners, and employers.
- The Research and Writing subgroup has started work toward a new pilot study which they will share during their session at the annual conference in Phoenix. They have conducted a literature review and started to compile survey questions, which they'll distribute to committee members for response. The study looks at how career practitioners define and perceive their cultural competency in their work with international students at university career centers and how career practitioners' perception of their cultural competency compare to their actual practice as evaluated according to the Multicultural Social Justice Counseling Competencies.
- The committee continues to host and moderate an active LinkedIn group, NCDA: Working with International Students, with 325 members. Conversations occur on a weekly basis with group members sharing valuable resources, events and news.
- The committee chairs brainstormed schools to nominate for the NCDA Outstanding Service to International Students award, conducting a brief review of best practices among colleges and universities. Ultimately, one co-chair nominated and the other co-chair wrote a letter of support for Northeastern University Career Development Office's International Student Team.
- The co-chairs provided consultation for Duke University's review of best practices for working with international students.
- Committee members have presented on behalf of the committee at national conferences.

### **Projected Plan through September**

- The Resource subgroup will continue to work on the update to the Guide and plans to complete and share it with NCDA members before the Annual Conference in June 2018.
- The Research and Writing subgroup will continue to work toward a pilot study, collecting and analyzing responses from their survey of career practitioners. The group will collaborate on design and delivery of the conference presentation.
- The committee will start earlier in discussing candidates and generating momentum around the 2019 Outstanding Service to International Students award. Co-chairs will seek assistance of members to reach out to schools to assess programs.
- The committee chairs would like to propose adding an "individual" category to the existing Outstanding Service to International Students award, as brainstorming for 2018 nominees generated several individuals who were qualified. They will work on a proposal to share with their board liaison and consult with him on steps toward this process.