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***Annual Report 2022-2023***

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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**Committee Members & Leadership**

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**Committee Activities to Date**

* Six general meetings and more than 40 sub-team meetings were held. The sub-teams include the Social Media Team, the Research Team, the Resources Team and the Mini-Conference Team.
* Two leaders of the committee (Kelly Woods and Ivette Mekdessi) presented at the 2023 NCDA conference about our conference committee.
* Several members of the Committee presented at the 2023 NCDA conference regarding career development and International Students.
* The **Mini-Conference Team** hosted the fourth annual [ISSC Mini-Conference](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddYj22HJQ0zgUSYBjidOTFE0FZ43Rblal-aBSc39b8SYy1ZQ/viewform?usp=sharing) on August 4, 2023. 63 members registered to attend this conference with 5 presentations and a membership chat. 8 were granted continuing education hours. The theme of the conference was “The Future of Work: Navigating Global Opportunities and Mobility for International Students”. The mini-conference team met seven times to plan the event.
* The **Social Media Team** focused on serving career development professionals with avenues to exchange ideas, resources, best practices, programs, recommendations, and innovations for working with international students and employers. The team has grown the [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCasVvaXTapAh9qXIvMYf2Mg) to now have 75 subscribers and 12 videos. The [ISSC LinkedIn Group](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4509171/)’s strategic engagement enabled the group’s growth to 1020 members. Thanks to the budget provided by NCDA, our team was able to hire a freelance video editor to support our Youtube video publication. The Social Media Team chairs collaborated to host a webinar on June 9, 2023 about *International Student Career Development in Focus: Learn from Past NCDA ISSC Co-Chairs*.
* The **Research and Writing Team** presented virtually at the 2022 NCDA conference on *Cultivating Career Adaptability and Resilience: Cross-Cultural and Global Justice Perspectives*; edited the manuscript for the research project on multicultural, social justice, and advocacy competencies; collaborated with The Resources Team to update *NCDA ISSC Resource Guide* research section; finalized the YouTube video project based on past research results and implications; and conducted a new qualitative research project on international students’ career development and needs, IRB pending submission.
* The **Resources Team** clarified when and how to refer to the career guide when members cite resources from the guide; developed new strategies and timeline for the upcoming 2023-2024 resource guide update in order to make more effective and efficient without using too much burdens on team leads and members; and compiled relevant career articles and resources that can be added to the 2023-2024 resource guide.