**NCDA Mid-Year Report**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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**Committee Purpose**:

The NCDA International Student Services Committee aims to increase the understanding of career development experiences and the needs of international students. The committee provides resources and best practice examples to the NCDA members and career development professionals who work with international students in the U.S. Involving a diverse team of dedicated career services practitioners who work with international students on a daily basis, this group advocates for the enhancement of culturally competent career development services, programs and resources that help international students create meaningful career paths in the U.S. and beyond.

**Committee Activities to Date:**

* Initiated communication and drafted NCDA joint statement in conjunction with the Global Connections and Diversity and Inclusion Committees regarding the support of immigrants and international students and services provided. The message has been sent out through the NCDA HQ with approval from the NCDA Board.
* Held monthly meetings to discuss goals of the committee, updates of sub-group activities, current trends and challenges, etc.
* As a committee, developed and submitted two presentation proposals for the 2017 NCDA Global Conference in Orlando. One has been accepted.
* Developed strategies to engage members through our LinkedIn group (NCDA: Working with International Students). Currently there are 228 members in the group, and the number continues to grow.
* Developed goals and plans for each sub-group (Research & Writing and Resources).
  + Research & Writing: Focus on the cultural and psychological aspect of working with international students and explore how to integrate a strength/competency-based strategy into the career development process.
  + Started researching on the topic which will eventually result in an article as well as the part of conference presentation in Orlando.
  + Resources: Update the resource guides currently included in the Members Only section of the NCDA website. Work to develop contents for a potential webinar.

**Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30, 2017:**

* Update the Resource Guide and submit it to the NCDA HQ to be posted on the NCDA website - in progress
* Develop and submit at least one conference presentation proposal as a committee - completed
* Develop a manuscript to be submitted for publication - in progress
* Create a conference presentation - in progress
* Strategize ways to more actively engage members part of the LinkedIn Group and implement the strategy - in progress
* Hold monthly meetings to offer opportunities for committee members to more regularly interact with each other - ongoing

**Budget Requests:**

None at this time