CISS Agenda   Meeting Notes

September 25, 2020 | 11:15am

Chair: Kathryn Gaylord-Miles, Kennesaw State University
Vice Chair: Jason Wynn, Georgia College and State University
Member at Large: Dr. Ray Smith, Dalton State College
Member at Large: Janet Crane, Columbus State University
In Attendance:
Sheila Schulte, UNG; Susie Ramage, GCSU; Tammy Rosner, USG; Beverly Tarver, Augusta University; Sarah C. Nobles, Georgia Southern University; Veronique Barnes, Georgia State University (Perimeter College); Brett Reichert, University of West Georgia; Ryan Packard, Clayton State University; Tanner Perfect, Georgia Southern University; Danielle Bacud, Valdosta State University; Farrah Bernardino, Georgia State University; Ivan Nikolov, Valdosta State University; Bryony Higgins, Georgia Tech; Kathleen Kirk, Georgia Tech; Shirmenia Nunes, Kennesaw State University; Robin Catmur-Smith, UGA; Joline Keevy, Savannah State; Tanya Brakhage, Georgia Southern University; Jody Pritt, Georgia State University; Cheryl Park, Georgia Gwinnett College; Pamela Harrold, Georgia Southwestern State University; Paul Sargent, University of West Georgia

Call to Order & Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Kathryn Gaylord-Miles

Minutes from last CISS meeting approved without objections.

USG OIE Update – Tammy Rosner, Director

- Admissions Reminder from the USG: For Spring, Summer and Fall of 2021 the SAT/ACT requirement will be waived. However, students still need to show proof of English language proficiency. Duolingo will be accepted for those terms; the acceptance will be discontinued for Spring 2022 admission going forward.

- Graduate assistantship reminder: work is based on location and not on who pays it.

- Jason Wynn and Tammy Rosner spoke about a lack of responses regarding the mandatory health insurance and waivers from the USG and the insurance company. Tammy explained that if we go more than 3 days without a response, she can move it along for us.

Discussion

1. Health insurance & SHIP changes (survey interest)

   Tammy Rosner mentioned that the contract is in place for 5 years, and that an update FAQ is forthcoming.

2. COVID-19: SEVP updates & compliance (survey interest)

   Danielle Bacud raise the question of how we are handling SEVP compliance with classes moving online after the drop/add period. Kathryn mentioned that it should go by how the registrar coded it. The group discussed scenarios on their campuses—and Tammy Rosner explained that all 26 USG institution are officially hybrid, and that all provosts are aware that they are hybrid (regardless of what type of PR campaign the schools have run)—"How [the PDSO] reports it to SEVP is up to the school."

3. COVID-19: Recruitment, retention & enrollment impact (survey interest)

Jason Wynn mentioned doing two virtual recruitment events with EducationUSA. Paul Sargent mentioned some virtual events and others mentioned relying more heavily on agents. Tammy Rosner asked how many in the group work on admissions initiatives; perhaps 4 -5 answered in the affirmative.

4. COVID-19: Programming & student needs (survey interest)

Jason Wynn mentioned that students are doing virtual events with the International Club on GCSU's campus. Shirmenia mentioned doing Zoom and Microsoft Teams events at least every other week—along with some socially distanced outdoor events. Instagram is a great way to promote the events. Kathleen Kirk from GA Tech mentioned a social media presence that would connect students with events on campus. Jody Pritt at Georgia State mentioned using large spaces for Pumpkin carving—use ballrooms, etc. to safely connect students.

5. Low/no-cost professional development ideas (survey interest)

NAFSA conferences/training online. On-demand training via NAFSA. LinkedIn Learning (used to be Lynda) is one way to get low-cost training.

Robin Catmur also mentioned that they are using this time to learn more about stakeholders on campus—and to better understand the institution.

Announcements

Adjourned just after noon.