

Student Affairs 101 2011 Conference
“Exploring”, “Committed”, and “Searching” Track Sessions

Overview

In an attempt to provide a targeted experience for students at various stages of the decision making process about a career in student affairs, we propose creating three different “tracks” for students to self select into. Each of these three tracks will provide a three hour experience designed to provide students with information that is necessary to assist with the decision making process and answer the question, “where do I go from here?” All participants will leave their track with a take-a-way document they complete that will provide a framework for application of ideas and goals back on campus. Students in each track will also interact with several WCPA Past Presidents and current graduate students assigned to work with each group.

EXPLORING the possibility of a career in Student Affairs

Past Presidents: Paul Shepherd, Robin Jens, John Winkelmann

Graduate Students: TBD

9:00-9:45am Why Student Affairs? – self exploration for a career in student affairs

9:45-10:30am Current Trends and Issues in Higher Education

10:30-11:15am Graduate Student Panel

11:15-11:30am Beginning Reflection

-What do I need to do to discover if this is the profession for me?

-Hand out timeline exercise

COMMITTED to entering the student affairs profession after January 2012

Past Presidents: Jacque Bollinger, Andy Luptak, Tom Fojtik

Graduate Students: TBD

9:00-9:45am Graduate School Search Process – “2 Grad or Not 2 Grad”

9:45-10:30am Table Top Exercise – Ethical Decision Making

10:30-11:15am Experiences to Gather on Campus – Goals and Actions

11:15-11:30am Beginning Reflection

-What other experiences should I gain to prepare me for a career in Student Affairs?

-Hand out timeline exercise

SEARCHING for a career in Student Affairs in Spring or Summer 2011

Past Presidents: Sandi Scott-Duex , Larry Davis, Mary Vahala, John Palmer

Graduate Students: TBD

9:00-9:45am Navigating the Placement Exchanges

9:45-10:30am Seasoned Professionals Panel

10:30-11:15am Ethical Decision Making case study

11:15-11:30am Beginning Reflection

-What do I need to do to be more prepared for my search process?

-Hand out search timeline exercise