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President's Letter

Suzanne "Seppy" Seplow

Dear WACUHO

I hope you all experienced a smooth move in and are having an exciting, engaging and fulfilling Fall semester/quarter. The 2008-09 Executive Board commenced our term in June and has been eagerly working on our various charges and goals. The goals we have identified are: 1. to enhance technological resources, particularly our website usability and functionality; 2. to increase the energy level within our committees; 3. to be fiscally responsible and instill good stewardship throughout the organization; and 4. to uphold the highest interest of the association in all actions and decisions. As most of you have already heard, we have also charged a Task Force chaired by Past President Andy Plumley to address two areas of interest for the association. The two areas the task force will address are: 1. assessment of the WACUHO purpose/goals, and 2. fiscal viability and affordability of our annual conference and exposition. We look forward to hearing from the task force in the coming months and will certainly keep the association apprised of the outcomes.

It would be only fitting to also send out a warm WACUHO welcome to everyone; and a special welcome to all those new to the region. On behalf of the Executive board we are glad you are in the region and strongly encourage you to get involved with our regional association, WACUHO. We pride ourselves on being a very friendly, inviting, relaxing and down to earth bunch who enjoys getting to know one another in our region. So, regardless of whether or not you are a new to the region or you've been settled in for a bit, welcome and join in the excitement of WACUHO!

In addition to the Executive Board spending some of our time this Summer/Fall focused on WACUHO, many of our committees have also been actively engaged. I know the planning of our RAPs (one day drive in conferences) are well underway and that Northern, Central and Southern RAP(s) will all take place in November! In addition, WTI will be hosted in Los Angeles, and the Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee is trying to pull off a one day conference, also to be held in Los Angeles. Naturally, our 53rd Annual Conference and Exposition is well underway in its planning efforts, I look forward to seeing many of you there, naturally!!

Finally, I would like to thank all the many volunteers that dedicate their time, energy and enthusiasm to WACUHO. As we face some difficult and uncertain times in our country, it is sometimes easy to turn inward and become focused just on our own needs. We, more than most, deeply understand the value of community and the richness of our diversity. I remain humbled by the way members of our WACUHO family consistently show up for one another, for our residents and for our communities. It is an honor to serve this association as your President. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Suzanne "Seppy" Seplow

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WACUHO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

WACUHO recognizes the benefits derived from the inclusion of diversity in the Association. Significant contributions are made by members from all areas of higher education and at every level of responsibility. The quality of perspective and experience shared by our members, inclusive of ethnicity, age, gender, religious preference, sexual orientation, or differing abilities, adds a dynamic that enriches the character of the Association. WACUHO encourages all to actively participate in its programs, events and activities.

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The 53rd Annual WACUHO Conference and Exposition, “Naturally WACUHO”, will be hosted by UC Santa Barbara at the Fess Parker Double Tree Resort, April 5-8, 2009.

Come gather and connect with colleagues from housing programs across our region to share ideas and gain new insights.

Quality keynote programs and “Spotlight” sessions by industry experts will keep you engaged.

The Opening Dinner is planned at a picturesque ocean front location, the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion. Beach activities and entertainment await you at this historical site a short walk from the hotel.

The Hospitality Suite will offer special treats, refreshments and incentives to stop in regularly during the conference - a perfect place to meet others. And, naturally, there will be evenings of karaoke.

Now is the time to save the date and plan to be in Santa Barbara for “Naturally WACUHO”. Don’t be left out. This is the conference that professionals will talk about for years, and you can say that you were “Naturally” there.

Exhibits & Displays Committee

Submitted by Dana Pysz and Danny Mann, Exhibits & Displays Co-Chairs

With the annual conference and exposition still months away, exhibitor registration will begin in January. All interested exhibitors will be notified via mail and/or email as to when registration will open. Last year in Sacramento, we had approximately 50 exhibitors and this year, we have enough space to accommodate approximately 60. The exhibitor showroom will take place in the Grand Ballroom at the Fess Parker Doubletree Resort in Santa Barbara, April 5-7, 2009.

The E&D Committee recently met in early October and continues to work on preparations for the upcoming conference. We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's conference.

The Time and Place Committee Wants You!

San Francisco was smashing!

Palm Springs was sublime!

Sacramento was splendid!

And WACUHO's Annual Conference and Exposition in 2011 will be such a good time!

That's right folks, the 2011 Annual Conference and Exposition needs a home and we're looking for an institution (or two) who would like to host. It's true that hosting the conference is a big job – but it comes with big rewards as well. It's a fantastic opportunity to build close relationships with colleagues around the region as well as spotlight the excellent work and unique programs occurring on your home campus. The Time and Place Committee will be contacting institutions with specific information about submitting a bid soon, but in the meantime, we hope that you speak with your co-workers on campus and your colleagues at other schools in your area to discuss the possibility of hosting the Annual Conference and Exposition in 2011. For more information, please contact one of the Time and Place Committee Co-Chairs. Thanks WACUHO!

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Did Someone Say Judicial Affairs Committee?

You read it right - Judicial Affairs Committee! Serving as the lead judicial officer in my department, I see every day how dynamic and ever changing judicial matters are, especially in the context of our on-campus communities. After exploring the matter with those in WACUHO and finding a need to share current theory, practice, and issues with others in the association, I have been asked to help develop a potential new committee within WACUHO revolving around Judicial Affairs. I am excited to embark on this opportunity and need your help. If you are interested in being part of the team that develops this new committee's sense of purpose and description, please contact me at cbender@csusb.edu or via phone at 909-537-4158. –Christine Jordan, Assistant Director of Judicial & Residential Education, California State University, San Bernardino.

Diversity & Affirmative Action

Submitted by Stephen J. Rice and Emily Sandoval, D&AA Co-Chairs

Rene Dubos once said, *human diversity makes tolerance more than a virtue; it makes it a requirement for survival*. As members of the Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee we are committed to creating avenues for that survival in all the work that we do. In our careers we often get the chance to dialogue and create a venue to share our experience as we explore a greater depth of inclusive excellence and social justice in our residence halls. This year the committee is devoted to continue the expectation we have as an organization to continue to challenge the way we work when it comes to interculturalism. We encourage each member of WACUHO to keep diversity and social justice as your lens in all the work that you do whether it is in staff recruitment, training, room assignments, student interaction/programming, facilities management, apartment living, etc. One of our core responsibilities is to keep you aware of some of the current diversity issues. We are dedicated to support all conferences coordinated through WACUHO to make sure programs are presented that address these topics. We also offer the following events for you to look forward to this academic year.

We are currently in the early stages of planning our Diversity Drive in Conference, the date and location will be finalized soon. We are looking for individuals like you to be participants and presenters. This will be a chance for you to share with others workshops, programs, and initiatives implemented at your institution in the areas of diversity and social justice.

In our hopes to partner with other committees within WACUHO we are creating a Diversity case study to look at an issue in the residence halls surrounding this topic. This study will be presented at a future conference in the spring, we will provide more information in the winter.

At the annual conference and exposition we will bring back our Diversity and Dessert right after the opening session. This will give us a chance to talk about current issues surrounding diversity and inclusion and how we can be advocates in the work that we do. Finally we would like to remind you of our annual Diversity and Affirmative Action Award that is presented at the annual conference and exposition. If you or your institution have done some great work around diversity and social justice we would like to recognize. The institution and individual selected will be honored at our annual conference and will receive a cash prize and commemorative plaque. As we continue to bring awareness to our organization we would like to hear from you and some of the issues you are currently facing or some of the great work you are doing in the area of diversity and social justice at your institution. Feel free to email us at daachair@wacuho.org.

Academic and Corporate Sustainable Partnerships

Now more than ever, environmental sustainability is taking center stage on college and university campuses across the country. Campuses are going "green" through enhanced recycling programs, LEED certified building projects, "green" purchasing policies, alternative transportation options and the use of renewable energy sources. In short, they are taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint.

Students, faculty and administrators are being educated to help achieve campus-wide objectives. When considering which corporate vendors to partner with, they find it valuable to understand what their corporate partners are doing to implement and sustain "green" practices. There are companies out there who are making the efforts to support sustainable practices in order to echo the efforts being made on college campuses. These corporations are transitioning to more sustainable business practices including reducing and offsetting emissions, utilizing hybrid vehicles, using eco-friendly materials and reducing their energy consumption.

There are many things to consider as a University evaluates how to become more "green". As educators, we must strive to balance the needs of the students, faculty, staff, and the University with the desire to become more sustainable and environmentally responsible. We must role model that the price of services is not the only consideration and know that who we partner with says as much about us as it does about the vendor. As we teach our students how to go out into the world with a sense of responsibility to the people around them, we must work diligently to demonstrate our commitment to be responsible for ourselves and posterity.

- Intirion Corporation, the makers of MicroFridge® Energy Star appliances

WACUHO is looking to design a new logo!

If you have ideas or concepts, email Jacques Zalma at tech@wacuho.org

Submissions are due by December 1, 2008



Careers in Student Affairs Day



The University of California Irvine was the proud host of this year's Western Regional "Careers in Student Affairs Day" annual conference on Friday, October 10, 2008. The one-day conference yielded approximately 500 participants; undergraduates interested in the field of Student Affairs, graduate students in Student Affairs preparation programs and both new and experienced student affairs professionals seeking professional development opportunity.

Dr. Manuel Gomez gave a UC Irvine Welcome to the entire audience followed this year's keynote speaker Michael Segawa, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, University of Puget Sound and 2008-09 NASPA President.

This year's planning committee included Co-Chairs, Fred Lipscomb University of California, Irvine and Marie Minnick, University of San Diego. Committee members included: Drew Chesen, University of California, Irvine, Dyrell Foster, Mt. San Antonio College, Marla Franco, Cal Poly Pomona, Jill Halvaks, University of California, Irvine, Mark Lawrence, Chapman University, Sharyn Slavin Miller Ph.D, California Lutheran University, Marie Minnick, University of San Diego - Co-Chair, Kate Mueller., Ed.D, Orange Coast College, Anna Ortiz, California State University, Long Beach, Tara Riker, Chapman University, Ronni Sanlo, University of California, Los Angeles, Carol Schmitz, Ph.D. University of Southern California, Jason Schreiber, University of San Diego, Carolyn Stirling, University of Southern California, Rameen Taleh Ed.D, University of California, Irvine, and Tim Trevan, California State University, Northridge,

Registered schools for the conference included: Art Center College of Design, Azusa Pacific University, Butte College, Cal Poly Pomona, California Lutheran University, Cerritos Community College, Chapman, University, Citrus College, College of the Canyons, Concordia University Irvine, CSU Channel Islands, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, CSU Long Beach/Marymount, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Northridge, CSU San Bernadino, CSU San Marcos, Florida International University, Fresno State University, Fullerton College, Long Beach City College, Loyola Marymount, Mt. San Antonio College, Northern Arizona University, Occidental College, Orange Coast College, Pepperdine University, Rio Hondo College, Santa Ana College, Santiago Canyon College, Scripps College, SDSU, Sonoma State University, Southwestern Law School, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, University of Arizona, University of Laverne, University of Redlands, University of the Pacific, University of Utah, University of Southern California, University of San Diego, Whittier College and Woodbury University

Over 24 presentations were offered ranging in a variety of educational topics. The following schools participated in this year's graduate fair: Azusa Pacific University, California Lutheran University, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, Eastern Illinois University, Florida International University, Indiana State University, Iowa State University, Miami University, Michigan State University, Ohio University, San Diego State University, Seattle University, Texas State University - San Marcos, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Denver, University of Arizona, University of Connecticut, University of Maryland - College Park, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, University of San Diego, University of St. Thomas, University of Southern California, and Western Kentucky University

This year's conference was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success. Participants commented on how smoothly the conference ran and how well organized it was. Next year's conference will be held at the University of San Diego.

The Northern California

Careers in Student Affairs Conference (CISAC)

UC SANTA CRUZ



Navigating Through Student Affairs

Friday, November 14, 2008

9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Stevenson Event Center, UCSC

Discover:

- Student Affairs 101
- How to get into graduate school
- Successful interviewing skills
- Transferable leadership skills
- A plethora of pathways into the profession
- Social Justice and Student Advocacy

For more information, including registration,
please visit www2.ucsc.edu/cisac

On-time Registration 10/20–11/09 \$15

Late Registration after 11/09 \$20

Cost includes conference sessions, breakfast,
lunch and resource fair

**The conference is open to
all interested in learning more
about careers in student affairs.**

CUHS Marketing and Communications 10/08



Western Training Institute 2009 (WTI) is taking shape and may look very familiar to those of you that can say things like “I remember when...”

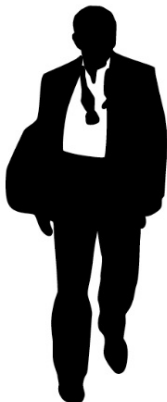
WTI 2009 will be hosted in a small retreat like setting just off of the UCLA campus at a Westwood mansion. A former sorority house, it is now used as a conference and retreat space. The mansion will sleep 45 guests, has large rooms for teaching, a kitchen and a pool table for some friendly rivalry. It is also centrally located in the beautiful Westwood Village, which provides a multitude of dining and entertainment options for participants within easy walking distance (bus travel is also easily accessible).

The last few years WTI was hosted in locations like Reno and Las Vegas (Viva!). Although there was fun to be had at every corner it became increasingly clear that the location detracted from the mission of reflection and the opportunity to get to know your colleagues. This year’s committee also made a commitment to keep WTI affordable during these turbulent economic times, as many professional development funds are being cut. Los Angeles has plenty to offer too; adventures to Hollywood and the beautiful Santa Monica pier.

To lead the WTI programming, the committee has invited 3 esteemed colleagues and mentors; Dr. Jane Rosser of Bowling Green State University, Dr. Richard Clark of University of Nevada Los Vegas and Dr. Chuck Rhodes of Sonoma State University. The three Resident Scholars will provide attendees with interactive lessons focused on this year’s theme: Reconnect, Redefine, Reinvest. The goals of WTI 2009 are to help participants Reconnect with their passions, Redefine their work, and Reinvest in their communities.

WTI 2009 registration opens on November 1st, 2008 and closes January 9, 2009. Space is limited to 45 participants this year, so don’t delay! WTI 2009 will begin Sunday February 1st and close Wednesday February 4, 2009. For further information please visit: www.wacuho.org If you have any questions regarding the institute, please contact co-chairs Margaret Rothe (mags@sfsu.edu) and Elissa Lappenga (elappenga@orl.ucla.edu). We look forward to learning with you!

SRAP 008



A License To Thrill

SRAP 008: A license to Thrill

We’re RAP. Southern RAP.

All secret agents are invited to a confidential training op on Saturday, November 22 at Scripps College in Claremont, CA. This day-long drive-in conference will pack in leadership development opportunities, programming ideas, and a chance for paraprofessional staff members and student leaders to share personal experiences, new ideas and successes. In order for this event to be truly successful, we will need great support and strong attendance. Please motivate all of your student and new professional spies to attend the conference, create their “secret agent dossier video,” and present an active or passive program to share their own knowledge with the rest of the southern region. For more information, check out our website: <http://housing.csusb.edu/SRAP>.

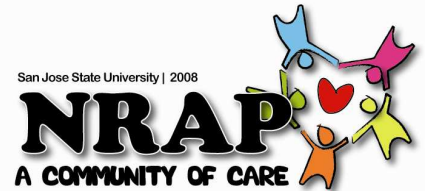
Agent Leslie Datchuk, University of Redlands

Agent Liz Miller, California State University, San Bernardino

And the rest of the SRAP Committee Agency

Greetings on behalf of the 2008 Northern RAP Committee!

Northern RAP will take place on November 15th, 2008 at San Jose State University. Our theme, "A Community of C.A.R.E" stands for: C – Community, A – Active Leadership R – Responsibility, and E – Education. Our theme will help participants create exciting ways to get students involved on a level that impacts community and inspires activities of service.



Our conference will utilize programs, speakers, activities, conference community service and sustainability efforts to show participants the scope of their reach in the community. Students will be reminded that together our commitment to service and ability to impact the local and global community is great.

Our conference community service efforts will benefit the Sacred Heart Community Center where over 1500 customers utilize programs daily that move from treating the symptoms of poverty to treating the causes. Such programs include: basic needs, housing, case-management for domestic violence, incarceration, abuse within the home, employment assistance, and education. For more information on Sacred Heart please visit their website at: www.sacredheartcommunityservice.or

Show your commitment to a Community of C.A.R.E.- save the date and encourage students to submit program proposals! Registration forms, keynote submissions forms, program proposals, community service information and spirit information can be found on our website: <http://www.wacuho.org/northernrap/NRAP2008/>

If you have any questions regarding this year's conference, please feel free to email me directly at swibe@ucsc.edu

Think C.A.R.E.!

Northern RAP 2008 Conference Co-Chairs,

Sarah Wibe-Norris and Kenrick Ali

Greetings on behalf of the Central RAP Committee!

For those who are unfamiliar with Central RAP, it is a one day drive-in conference that is geared toward paraprofessional and new professional staff from college and university residential life departments in the "Central" region (Fresno State to Whittier College) of WACUHO.

This year's theme is "A Leader's Life for Me (Argh!)," and it is taking place on Saturday, November 15th at Marymount College in Palos Verdes. As with every Central RAP, our goal is to motivate, appreciate, and better train our student staff. This year the committee is focusing on building stronger student leaders and helping them maintain balance through all their roles as students and leaders.

This year's Central RAP web page can be found at www.myspace.com/centralrap2007 <<http://www.myspace.com/centralrap2007>> . (Even though the link says 2007 it is filled with updated information). Registration forms, program proposal forms, and spirit competition information can also be found in the "Blog" section of our web page. We will also post updates on our web page, so please check back often and encourage your staff to "friend" us on our Myspace.

If you have any questions regarding this year's conference, please feel free to email us at centralrapcommittee@gmail.com or respond to us directly at scase@marymountpv.edu or chris.williams@csun.edu

We can't wait to spend a great day with you!!!

Sara Case & Chris Williams

Central RAP 2008 Committee Co-Chairs



Who's New in WACUHO

Cal Poly Pomona

Andy Schuster is the new Residence Life Coordinator for Montecito Hall. Andy spent two years as a Resident Advisor in Honors Housing at UC Irvine while earning his BA in Psychology & Social Behavior. He comes more recently from Chapman University, where he earned his Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership during his four years as a Resident Director.

Nichola Lawrence is the new Residence Life Coordinator for Cedritos Hall. She majored in Political Science as an undergraduate and will soon be completing her master's in Public Administration here at Cal Poly Pomona. Nichola has held various positions on campus such as Residential Advisor and Assistant Hall Coordinator and is excited to begin her first year as a professional staff member.

Rafael Matos is the new Residence Life Coordinator for Encinitas Hall. Most recently, he served as an Area Coordinator at Whittier College. His student affairs work history also includes Greek Life and student organization advising. Rafael earned his Bachelors and Masters from the University of Southern California.

Piya Bose is the new Area Coordinator. Piya received her bachelor's from Vassar College in Science, Technology, & Society. After graduation she went on to spend 4 years as a Residence Life Coordinator at Humboldt State University. While at Humboldt, Piya earned a master's in Education.

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Apartment & Residential Life and Education welcomed 7 new staff members this summer!

Ryan Anderson, Coordinator of Student Development, joins the Cal Poly team after receiving his Masters in Education from Indiana University where he worked as a Graduate Supervisor in housing.

Kyle Keahey, Coordinator of Student Development, joins Cal Poly after spending 2 years at Texas A&M University working within athletic department operations and first-year experience programming. Kyle received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas and his graduate degree in Kinesiology from Texas A&M University.

Katie Knoll, Coordinator of Student Development, joins Cal Poly after receiving her Masters degree from Ohio University.

Stephanie Lai, Coordinator of Student Development, joins Cal Poly after receiving her Masters degree from Suffolk University.

Alvin Nguyen, Coordinator of Student Development, is a new addition to the Residential Life and Education team at Cal Poly. Alvin most recently received his Masters in Higher Education from San José State University where he also worked as an Assistant Residential Life Coordinator.

Kara Curcio, Learning Community Coordinator, joins the Cal Poly team in July of 2008. Prior to her arrival, Kara worked at both Brandeis University and The University of Arizona in the Residence Life Department. She earned her Masters degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the Student Affairs and Higher Education program.

Emily Sandoval, Learning Community Coordinator, joins the Cal Poly team after spending four years as a Resident Director at UC Riverside. Prior to that, Emily received her Masters degree from the University of Southern California in the Postsecondary Administration and Student Affairs program.

University of California, Riverside

UCR welcomed four new Resident Directors and a Judicial Coordinator to our staff this year

Erica Alcantara returns to her alma mater after completing her masters at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Erica is a native of San Diego. She is the RD in Aberdeen-Inverness.

Elizabeth "Liz" Hagen is the RD of Glen Mor and Stonehaven. She's originally from Michigan and Maryland and received her bachelors and masters from Ohio University.

Steve Lerer, the other Aberdeen Inverness RD, is a New Jersey native and comes to us after completing his masters from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Steve did his undergraduate studies at Rutgers.

Lee Plenn joined UCR after working at and receiving a masters from Penn State. Lee also comes to us from New Jersey and attended Rider University for his bachelors.

Kevin Wu is our new Judicial Coordinator. Kevin was an RA at UC Santa Barbara and completed his masters at Cal Poly Pomona. Kevin is originally from the Pasadena area.