**National Career Development Association (NCDA)**

**International Student Services Committee (ISSC)**

**Mid-Year Report 2022-2023**

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**Committee Activities to Date:**

* Held three General Meetings (October 14, December 8, and February 10), addressing the needs, thoughts and feelings of diverse members. Hosted multiple sub-team meetings over the last five months to support working groups.
* The **Research and Writing Team** has focused on three projects: 1) the manuscript for the research project on multicultural, social justice, and advocacy competencies is finished; 2) the project “The influencing factors on career adaptability of international students” IRB is approved by Valdosta State University IRB review board. The data collection will start soon; 3) planning for presenting at NCDA’s conference (“Meeting the Career Development Needs of International Studies in the United States”). 4) Invited Billie Streufert, M.S., CCC, CCSCC, the associate editor (post-secondary) of NCDA Career Convergence to speak at the February Meeting in terms of requirements and needs.
* The **Social Media Team** The Social Media Team is increasing the number of content pieces addressing diverse populations in our communication channels, while also expanding our social media presence by successfully creating and publishing 12 videos on our NCDA ISSC YouTube Channel, generating over 600 views. The highlight videos of NCDA ISSC Mini-conference, NCDA ISSC Member Spotlight, and the history of NCDA-ISSC committee further amplified the work of our committee among career development professionals. Additionally, we strategically increased engagement in our LinkedIn Group (established in 2012) which has surpassed 900 members in this online community.
* The **Resources Team** has focused preparation for the upcoming resource guide update during 2023-2024. The team has discussed languages the ISSC members can offer to NCDA members about the Resource Guide's use (e.g., how to properly cite our resource guide, when NCDA members can share part of our resource guide with others who are not part of NCDA). Also, the team developed a new plan to update the resource guide during 2023-2024 to enable all team members to connect monthly in order to update the guide gradually. The team has come up with the following timeline
  + Resource for Student Advising & Counseling (**Fall**)
  + Resource for Employer & Alumni Relations (**Winter**)
  + U.S. Employer’s Guide to Hiring International Students (**Spring**)

The remaining year, the team will plan to collect resources and articles we can include in the 2024 resource guide.

* The **Mini-Conference Team** is working to organize and host the 2023 ISSC Mini-Conference virtually on August 4, 2023 to address the career development of international students and to offer CE credits opportunities.

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

* Host 2023 ISSC Mini-Conference virtually.
* Continue to grow the ISSC Youtube Channel with ISSC content geared towards career practitioners working with international students.
* Offer a presentation at the NCDA National Conference based on the work of the committee members to recruit diverse members to join the group.
* Publish a Career Convergence article to introduce ISSC and its projects/accomplishments.
* Implement succession plans for outgoing co-chair and sub-group leads and co-leads.

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