



GLOBAL BEAT

*Commission X:
International Dimensions
of Student Development*

*American College
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THE CHAIR SPEAKS...

Continued Growth and Outreach for International Connections

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It has been a year of growth and outreach for Commission X "*International Dimensions of Student Development*." I would like to thank everyone for supporting and encouraging each other as we enter a new time for the Commission.

As Chair, I worked this year to increase directorate membership and make others more aware of the role Commission X plays in ACPA. I am happy to report that Commission X meets almost all the diversity goals for ACPA. We have representation from all types of institutions, most professional areas, and several ethnic backgrounds.

Commission X is in a unique position in ACPA. Commissions are set up to represent the different professional fields in Student Affairs, and Standing Committees represent advocacy groups for individuals within student affairs. Commission X represents both an advocacy group and a professional training group. Thus, we can lead the way in demonstrating how to connect advocacy and professional development. One of the ways we are demonstrating the connections is through our co-sponsored programs this year. For the first time in several years, Commission X is sponsoring eight programs at the convention ranging in topics from advocacy for international colleagues to U.S. students reactions to international students.

Last year, one of our goals was to promote the opportunities we can provide as a Commission and encourage the develop-

ment of research about international student studying in the United States and students from the United States who are studying and traveling abroad. We thank everyone who submitted program proposal and for developing the topics to draw new members in to the international dimension.

As always, we are trying to improve our communication at the convention and afterwards. Everyone can help in this area by updating the ACPA national office if you move or change jobs. We can also use electronic listservs and other technology. This can help us promote ideas, generate new ones, and discuss current events as they unfold. A special thank you to Jin Abe for his work in updating the Commission's website.

To join the Commission X listserv, send an email message with nothing in the subject line to LISTSERV@MITVMA.MIT.EDU. On the first line of the message area type `SUBSCRIBE ACPACOMX`. Then send the email message.

As my term as Commission Chair comes to an end, I would like to thank the members of the Directorate who have stuck with their positions for an extra year and those who agreed to take on new positions. I encourage anyone interested to consider these leadership opportunities and all readers to become involved in Commission X activities.

Note from the Editor

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I often look forward to each ACPA convention. This is largely because it offers me the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues you only get to see once a year, not to mention the opportunity to share ideas and thoughts with student affairs professionals at other institutions.

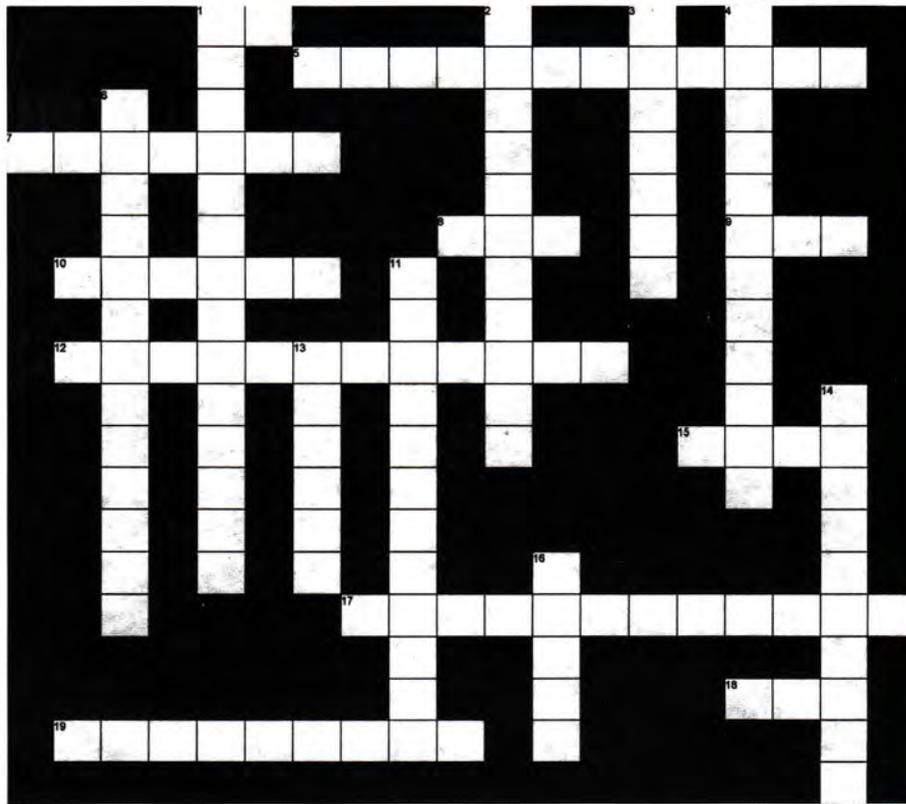
The various roles that many of us play on our campuses often require us to serve as a blend of advisor, counselor, trainer, and trusted educator. This eclectic mix can often challenge us to stretch ourselves in ways we had never imagined. As such, the rejuvenation and "high" experienced after each convention can be an integral aspect of our professional development and personal wellness alike.

At the close of my period of tenure as the newsletter editor for Commission X, I will say that it has been a remarkable experience working with everyone who has contributed to Global Beat in some fashion. Along with our website, listserv, and other formal and informal networks, Global Beat serves to unite all of us in our respective student affairs roles to promote and embrace global awareness and appreciation on our colleges and universities.

Let's carry on our good work, and here's to an enjoyable and meaningful ACPA convention in DC! See you there!

INTERCULTURAL CROSSINGS

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Across

1. a visa type for international students (phrase)
5. self-oriented, as in one's own culture
7. not Janet, but Milton
8. the new phrase for "Foreign Student Advisor" (abbrev.)
9. the legal "heavyweights" for international students (abbrev.)
10. in Switzerland, one of the four national languages
12. new place, new people, new words, ...wow! (2 words)

15. "____phobia"; fear of foreigners; fear of differences
17. positive or negative, assuming it's true across the board
18. name in a Johnny Cash song, and a famous diversity scholar
19. "counseling the culturally ____"

Down

1. moderately archaic phrase for international students (2 words)
2. the commission that put out this cool puzzle (2 words)
3. a clustering of folk from a similar cultural background, typically in housing
4. The "intercultural ____" is sensitive, skillful, and ethnorelativistic
6. one of the title words of this puzzle
11. giving up one's own identity to join the new group
13. power + prejudice = ____
14. opposite of high context communication (2 words)
16. as in Janet, who created an influential identity model

Commission X acts as a source of information for professionals interested in international education.

The Commission strives to encourage the expansion of international studies programs for students, student affairs professionals, administrators and faculty; to promote the international exchange of people in student affairs work; to encourage the development of research about international students studying in the United States and students from the United States who are studying and traveling abroad; and also to work with other organizations promoting such endeavors.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT

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It is my great honor to welcome members of Commission X and all ACPA members to join me in moving forward together in the intercultural era of co-existence and cooperation. The changing paradigm of communication has squarely situated us in the middle of the global village. It is the vision of Commission X to help facilitate intercultural competence amongst all facets of higher education in particular, and our larger communities in general.

While the world talks about how we need to improve human relations across cultures, local and international, we at Commission X must focus on taking the leadership in exploring the realm of intercultural competence, a global perspective in higher education, and a shared commitment to improving the climate and culture of our institutions. We must mindfully and intentionally accept the challenge of acting as change agents. This means facilitating intercultural dialogues about organizational and institutional climates. All aspects of higher education must become international and interculturally competent to succeed in our intercultural society.

Join Commission X to be part of this exciting revolution of intercultural understanding and competence.

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OPEN DIRECTORATE POSITIONS FOR 2000-2001

Program Review and Development Chair (1-year term)

Coordinates the functions of the program review team according to ACPA's program scheduling. Facilitates the development of new program ideas.

Newsletter Editor (2-year term)

Publishes 2-3 issues of the *Global Beat* a year. Sends articles to ACPA's *Developments* newsletter when necessary.

Carnival Coordinator (1-year term)

Responsible for managing Commission X's table during the ACPA Carnival and securing volunteers for related activities. The coordinator stores carnival materials (i.e. banner, flags, stickers, etc.) and obtains goods for distribution during the carnival.

Membership Core Council Liaison (3-year term)

Serves as the liaison with the Membership Core Council. Promotes recruitment activities at the Carnival and during the convention. Maintains database and works with headquarters on membership issues. May attend Summer Leadership meetings at Core Council's request.

Commission Awards Chair (1-year term)

Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the profession from the perspective of international education. Some of the awards below may be coordinated in collaboration with other commissions. Coordinators promote awards through ACPA's *Developments*, Commission X's *Global Beat*, and through contacts with other commissions. Coordinators manage information about nominees, connect with directorate members for nominee selection, establish linkages with other professional organizations (i.e. NAFSA, NASPA, etc) and publicize award results.

Projects (1-year term)

Commission X's special projects offer additional opportunities for leadership involvement which include:

- International Linkages
- Commission X website
- International Resource Room

Commission X Sponsored Programs

Study Abroad Students and Diversity in Higher Education

Monday, April 3
12:45pm - 2:00pm
Marriott, Wilson A

Study abroad is becoming an increasing phenomenon of the American educational experience. In the 1997/1998 academic year, about 99,448 American students took advantage of study abroad programs. American students take their culture with them and bring back what they have learned from other cultures. These students play a leading role in the globalization of higher education. It is important for higher education professionals to take advantage of these experiences to enrich the overall diversity initiatives in their schools.

Serving International Students: Partnership that Work

Monday, April 3
2:15pm - 5:00pm
Marriott, Kennedy

The needs of the approximately 500,000 international students in U.S. colleges and



Answers to Intercultural Crossings

universities have received increasing interest in the last twenty years. Because of the many factors that lead to under-utilization of such campus services as Counseling Services by these students, literature has stressed the need for targeted outreach. The presenters describe a multifaceted program at a mid-sized university organized around themes of culture stress and PTSD, as well as specific means of outreach to the defined population. This programming addresses the international students mental health needs at primary and secondary prevention levels as well as intervention in crisis situations.

Early Perceptions of International Students of Color: Anticipating New Citizenship

Tuesday, April 4
9:45am - 11:00am
Marriott, Kennedy

While African-Americans can often anticipate their cultural adjustment to campus "citizenship" including vestiges of racism, students raised in black-majority countries may be unprepared for the various aspects of life in the U.S. The results of this qualitative interview study of perceptions of Barbadians planning to study in the U.S. offer insight to counselors who can promote global citizenship by facilitating their cultural adjustment to U.S. campus life; relating to materialism, social norms, and academic expectations as well as racism

Reaching Today's Student: An Educational Spin on MTV's "Road Rules"

Tuesday, April 4
11:15am - 12:30pm
Marriott, Hoover

As educators, how do we enhance student learning, modify the way we "teach" students, and collaborate with faculty? This

Commission X Convention Events

Directorate Planning Meeting
(open to parties interested in the
leadership of Commission X)

Sunday, April 2
9:30am – 2:00pm
Marriott, Lanai 148
Lunch will be provided

Convention Carnival
Monday, April 3
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Commission X After-hours
Monday, April 3
10:30pm - ?
Marriott, Lobby

Business Meeting
Tuesday, April 4
4:00pm – 6:00pm
Marriott, Balcony A

International No-Host Dinner
Tuesday, April 4
6:00pm
Marriott, Congressional

presentation will explain how Baldwin-Wal-
lace College created Exploration Series, an
innovative program focusing on experiential
learning beyond the college campus. We will
address the collaborative process of develop-
ing this program from a brainstorming ses-
sion to a reality. This presentation will
discuss the theory, rationale, challenges, and
outcomes following the first year of imple-
mentation.

Understanding Cultural Influence in Career Development of International Chinese Students

Tuesday, April 4
12:45pm – 2:00pm
Marriott, Truman

This program is designed to bring aware-
ness to the historical perspectives, cultural
values, counseling expectations, and career
issues that International Chinese students
bring to counseling. Career interventions
and counseling practices proven effective in
working with this population will be pre-
sented. Culturally bound assumptions and
ethics of counselor competency will be
addressed. Student survey and interview
data bring the International Chinese stu-
dent's perspective of career counseling and
development to this session. Interactive dis-
cussion and sharing is encouraged through-
out this session.

Intercultural Communication Styles: A Critical Variable toward Leadership and Citizenship

Tuesday, April 4
12:45pm – 2:00pm
Marriott, Hoover

On the increasingly diverse college campus,
it is imperative for college professionals to
model active intercultural/multicultural
competencies. One such competency is the
ability to recognize, value, and work with a
wide range of intercultural communication

styles. Using video, case studies and experi-
ential activities, this program introduces
intercultural communication styles, conveys
key markers of the styles, and how to enter
interactions when styles differ. This program
is for all professionals, and in particular,
therapists, outreach presenters, diversity
trainers and campus leaders.

Study Abroad Health/Safety – A Student Affairs/International Education Partnership

Tuesday, April 4
2:15pm – 5:00pm
Marriott, Nathan Hale

This session will present a context in which
to discuss safety, health, and risk manage-
ment in study abroad programs. The session
will involve participant analysis of actual
study abroad crisis situations. Presenters
will describe legal and liability topics, pre-
departure programming and program man-
agement, utilizing the student services
model, and campus emergency planning
processes, all based on the concept of team
management.

U.S. Students' Experiences in a Cross-Cul- tural Peer Group Program

Wednesday, April 5
9:30am – 11:00am
Marriott, Harding

How can student affairs professionals help
students develop global citizenship? Presen-
ters will share their model of an U.S.-Inter-
national peer program between residence
hall students and incoming international
students. The program development and
research findings on the effects of the pro-
gram on the peer program participants, pri-
marily the U.S. students, will be discussed.
The session provides useful information for
implementing and evaluating peer programs
in college.



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