

MEMORANDUM

TO: NALP Executive Board
FROM: Natalie Bautista and Caroline Ruhle, NALP International & Advanced Degree
Section Chairs
DATE: October 19, 2023
RE: NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Board Report

Please find below a report of the International & Advanced Degree Section's activities since the last Board Report in June.

Section Call

The International & Advanced Degree Advising & Recruiting Section held its second Section call on October 5. During the call, our VC of Legislative Monitoring shared that student visa processing was quite smooth this year and is back to pre-covid processing times. There have not been any notable F-1/J-1 updates recently.

Our Well-Being Champion, Amanda Thyden, shared updates, requests, and helpful reminders with our Section. Amanda communicated that the purpose of the Well-Being Champions is not only to help us in supporting our students, but also our own well-being and self-care. To that end, Amanda will be incorporating one well-being activity during each Section call. This past Section call we were guided through a 5-minute meditation. We were also reminded that the Well-Being Interest Group holds Well-Being Circles with the next one being held on Oct 25th. Amanda also asked some crowdsourcing questions and shared that the interest group is looking for school side members to work with them on creating best practices resources. Finally, Amanda reminded the Section that October 10th was Mental Health Day so section members can remind their students to care for themselves.

Co-Chair, Caroline Ruhle provided members with an update on the Section survey to poll members on useful resources to share with the Section. Caroline is refining the survey and will reach out to our VC of Knowledge Management for feedback before sending it out to our Section this quarter.

We ended the call with a discussion on generative AI. Section members discussed talking to students about using AI in the job search, using AI in our respective positions, and whether employers are using any tools to detect use of generative AI in applications.

The majority of section members shared that their respective schools do not yet have an official policy but are in discussions. Use of generative AI seems to be more prevalent among non-native English speakers. To that end, various section members shared that during student workshops they have touched on using generative AI ethically in the job search. No section member on the call communicated that their respective offices are using generative AI in their positions. Few employer-side section members were on the call. However, one did share that this is something they are not implementing right now but is sure that it will be forthcoming. We ended the call by discussing submitting an RFP on this topic for AEC 2025. Section members will continue to update one other on this topic through our NALPconnect discussion board and in upcoming section meetings.

Work Group Update

The Section did not suggest any new work groups for the new academic year. Since the AEC, all Vice Chair positions have been filled but for the Communications, Social Media & Marketing work group. We will continue to recruit to fill this open position during Section meetings and via NALPconnect.

Current vice chairs:

- AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning: Jabrina Robinson, Duke Law
- Bar Exam Issues: Amy Kimmel, UC Hastings; Claire Lee, Boston University School of Law
- Legislative Monitoring: Ruth Ann Castillo, Georgetown Law
- Member Relations, Tammy Dawson, University of California, Berkeley School of Law
- Knowledge Management: Sarah Gruzaz, USC Law
- Well-Being Champion: Amanda Thyden, USC Gould School of Law
- Communications, Social Media & Marketing

Annual Education Conference Update

For the recent RFP cycle our Section submitted four RFPs and the following was approved for next year's Annual Conference:

- The Nuances of Counseling and Hiring International Legal Talent

Co-Chair, Caroline Ruhle (Penn Carey Law), Vice Chair, Claire Lee (Boston University School of Law) and Section member Ana Maria Knapp (Hogan Lovells) will be presenting along with Bennett R. Savitz (Savitz Law Office).

Membership Update

The following new members have recently joined our Section:

- Lisa Bauer, University of Buffalo School of Law
- Jennifer Holtz, Second Wind Career Strategies
- Katherine Codeanne, University of Connecticut School of Law
- Davis Woodruff, Yale Law School
- Jean Rowe Luciani, University of Georgia School of Law
- Elizabeth Chen, University of Michigan Law School

Each new member is sent an e-mail to welcome them to the Section, which includes information about getting involved by submitting Bulletin articles, conferences RFPs or being part of work groups. Members also receive NALP's LLM advisor manual.

Next Steps

We will utilize the responses to the Section survey to organize our speaker series and develop the requested resources to share with members. Additionally, in one of the upcoming section meetings, we will devote part of the time to discuss best practices in counseling LLM students. Our quarterly meetings for the remainder of 2023-2024 are as follows:

- January 11, 2024, at 12:00 pm (CST)
- March 14, 2024, at 12:00 pm (CST)
- AEC, April 16-19, 2024 (Date TBD)