



Hello AC Chairs!

The Advising Communities Division (ACD) has some ambitious goals for the year, including enhanced communication with all of our AC chairs. To that end, we have decided to start sending a monthly update email to make sure you know what's happening behind-the-scenes at the division level.

Division Goals

We've set some ambitious goals for our division this year and the steering committee is hard at work on them. Here is a high-level overview:

- Actively commit to NACADA's new DEI Statement and Land Acknowledgement by creating an appropriate DEI action plan for the ACD
- Create a central repository of division practices, procedures, & training
- Organize & update division communication channels
- Promote the division so NACADA members have a better understanding of the benefits of advising communities
- Forge collaborations both within and outside of NACADA to create comprehensive professional development opportunities

You'll be hearing more about these in the coming months as we strive toward constant improvement of the ACD.

Division Leadership Sustainability

- **AC Chairs** - NACADA general elections are coming up soon, which includes voting for new AC Chairs.
- **Division Representative** – Every year a new Division Rep is elected or appointed. This year we will follow the appointment process to replace Wendy when her term ends. This process will take place after NACADA general elections. Everyone who is eligible to apply will receive an email with details.
- **Cluster Representatives** – After a new Division Rep is appointed, we will appoint new Cluster Reps for the next term. Just like the Division Rep process, everyone who is eligible to apply will receive an email with details. This is a great way to continue your leadership within the division when your AC Chair term ends.

Online Event and Official Email Requests

We have heard your feedback and frustrations around the process of setting up an online event. The NACADA Executive Office is still working on a process that can be standardized across all three divisions, but we don't know when that will be finished. In the meantime, we've are creating a new process which will include an online request form specifically for AC chairs, because we know this can't wait any longer. Be on the lookout for an email next week which will outline the process and provide the link to the request form.

Potential New Advising Community

As you may already be aware, we have two potential new Advising Communities who are currently following the process for getting started: Institutions Serving Hispanic Student and International Student Academic Success. You can see their progress on our [Potential Advising Communities webpage](#).

Institutions Serving Hispanic Student is most of the way through the process and the next step is for you, as AC chairs, to vote on their proposal. You will receive an email on Monday, 1/24/2022 with details.

Upcoming Chair Training

The ACD steering committee is working on a spring training schedule. We will send more details soon, but here are the topics we'll be covering:

- Reviewing Annual Conference Proposals as an AC Chair
- Sustainable Leadership for AC Chairs – Who replace you when your term is over?

NACADA Membership

To be eligible to continue serving as an AC Chair, your NACADA membership must stay current. We're creating a process to remind you when you're getting close to renewal time. We hope this helps give you one less thing to remember.

Additionally, your AC Steering Committee folks should also be NACADA members. Chairs must be general members, but steering committee folks can hold an associate, student, or retiree membership. Those who serve on AC working groups/unofficial subcommittees are not required to be NACADA members, but it is encouraged.

Questions or Comments

If you need anything from us, don't hesitate to reach out. That's what we're here for.

Cheers!



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