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FALL ²⁰⁰⁷ NOTES

Simmons College is New ANAC Home

ANAC has a new home beginning November 1! Simmons College President Susan Scrimshaw graciously and enthusiastically has opened her institution's doors to provide a national office for the Associated New American Colleges. This is the first time ANAC has been located at an ANAC institution, a priority for the Board of Directors. Located at 300 The Fenway, Simmons is two blocks from the Museum of Fine Arts and Fenway Park, a block from the Longwood Medical Center, and across the street from the Isabel Stuart Gardner Museum. President Scrimshaw and I look forward to hosting you at Simmons when you are in Boston.

Summer Institute Sets New Record

Over 160 faculty and administrators from 19 member and two guest institutions attended the 2007 ANAC Summer Institute, hosted by Elon University, June 13-15. Elon President Leo Lambert, Provost Gerry Francis, Associate Provost Nancy Midgette, Director of the Teaching and Learning Center Peter Felten, and their incredible team, crafted an educationally, professionally, and personally rewarding experience for all who attended. Seventy individuals participated in panels and presentations.

Two pre-institute sessions were well-received and attended: 28 participated in *Reacting to the Past*, a session presented by John Burney, Associate Provost at Drake University, and there was standing room only for Smith Jackson, Vice President of Student Life at Elon, and his staff's presentation on student services at Elon. Several administrative affinity groups held meetings as did the Task Force on the Benefits of Attending a New American College, ANAC Presidents and Institutional Representatives.

To learn more about the institute, go to <http://www.newamericancolleges.org/summerinstitute> or www.elon.edu/anac.

To see pictures from the institute copy and paste this url in your browser:
<http://www.photoshow.com/watch/KG6VG3Fa>

Next year's Summer Institute will be at Belmont University in Nashville, June 18-20. Mark your calendars now!

Amendments to By-laws Approved

To be amended, ANAC's By-laws must be approved by sixty percent of the membership. In June, eighteen presidents returned ballots, all approving the proposed amendments. The key changes to the amendments are:

- ✦ Approval of a new mission statement: ***ANAC supports its member institutions in their individual and collective promotion and achievement of best practices of liberal education, including the purposeful and innovative integration of the liberal arts and sciences, professional studies, and civic engagement, in undergraduate and graduate education.***
- ✦ Creation of a **Board of Directors** comprising all Presidents and the Chairs of the Council of Institutional Representatives (IREPS), and the Chief Financial Officers and Senior Student Affairs Officers' Affinity Groups.
- ✦ Adding the Chair and Co-Chair of the Senior Student Affairs Affinity Group to the Council of Institutional Representatives.
- ✦ Creating a Membership Committee as a subcommittee of the Board of Directors, comprising two presidents and two chief academic officers.

ANAC Field Tests NAICU's U-CAN

Presidents responded with full support when David Warren, President of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), asked for a consortium to field test its new consumer information source. ANAC, recognized for its institutional and geographical diversity and its commitment to transparency, was the only consortium asked to participate. Over 600 NAICU member-institutions have signed on to U-Can, including all ANAC members, although some profiles are not yet posted. The website was made public on September 26, in time to help families to make informed college decisions. To see the profiles that are posted, go to <http://www.ucan-network.org/>

New American Colleges and Universities Again Receive National Recognition

In the 2008 edition of U.S. News and World Report's, *America's Best Colleges*, 19 members of the Associated New American Colleges were ranked among the top 25 master's level institutions in their respective regions and another was listed as a Best Liberal Arts College; of those, nine were identified as "Great Schools, Great Prices," seven were cited for "Programs to Look For" — programs that are most likely to lead to student success. Four - **Elon, Drury, Valparaiso and Wagner** - were recognized for outstanding First Year Programs. Two, **Belmont and The Sage Colleges**, were recognized for graduating students with the least amount of debt. **Valparaiso** was cited as having one of the best undergraduate engineering programs in the country.

Thirteen ANAC institutions were featured in *Kaplan/Newsweek 372 Most Interesting Schools List*, and 10 ANAC institutions were recognized in the *2008 Princeton Review's 388 Best Colleges*, which uses student surveys to rate institutions on a number of dimensions. Of the ten ANAC institutions mentioned, several were cited as the "best in a category": **Valparaiso** - "best college library" category; **Elon** - schools that "run like butter;" **Drury, Hampton and Westminster** - "Best Value;" and **Wagner and Elon** - "most beautiful campus". In *Princeton Review's 2008 Best Colleges by Region*, 18 ANAC institutions were featured.

ANAC Development Officers Meet

Jack Barner, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at the University of Evansville, hosted the first meeting of ANAC Advancement Officers on August 16-18 on the Evansville campus. The meeting began with a luncheon session with Evansville President Stephen Jennings on the topic, "What I Want from My Vice President of Institutional Advancement," followed by two days of enthusiastic and intense conversation about common issues, problems and solutions. Those who attended plan to have conference calls throughout the year and to meet again next summer. If you were not able to attend but want to be involved in this group, contact jb295@evansville.edu

Sample of ANAC On-Going Activities

- ✚ Affinity Group List Serves and Meetings
- ✚ ANACSA: ANAC Study Away
- ✚ Assessment Task Force
- ✚ Domestic Exchange Program
- ✚ Net Tuition Revenue Study
- ✚ New ANACSA publications
- ✚ Presidents' Spouse Network
- ✚ Review of Name of Organization
- ✚ Student Affairs Assessment
- ✚ Summer Institute Planning
- ✚ Survey of Study Abroad Programs

ANAC Panels at National Meetings

Teaching and administrative faculty at 11 member institutions will represent ANAC at the following American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) upcoming meetings <http://www.aacu.org>:

AAC&U's Network for Academic Renewal Conference, *Civic Learning at the Intersections*, October 18-20, in Denver.

Pathways to Knowledge Integration: How Campus Cultures Shape Efforts to Deepen Student Learning

Tom Arcaro, Professor of Sociology and Director of Project Pericles, **Elon University**

Gary Daynes, Director of the Center for Civic Engagement and Associate Professor of History, **Westminster College**.

Norah Shultz, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Faculty Development, **Arcadia University**

AAC&U's Annual Meeting, January 22-26, in Washington, D.C.

The Next Steps for Integrative Inquiry: What Will It Take to Refine and Deepen its Impact?

Bruce Callen, Professor of Physics and Associate Dean, **Drury University**

Marcia McDonald, Associate Provost, **Belmont University**

Francine G. Navakas, Bramsen Professor in the Humanities and Associate Academic Dean, Dir. Integrative Programs, **North Central College**

Janet Warman, Professor of English and Education and Director of General Studies, **Elon University**

Integration of Engineering and Science with the Liberal Arts: Learning from Each Other

Don Roberts, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, **University of Evansville**

Diana Stuart Sinton, Director of Spatial Curriculum and Research, **University of Redlands**

Jeff Will, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, **Valparaiso University**

Integrating Liberal Education in Business Curriculum

Bob Clark, Dean, **University of Evansville**

Dick Fetter, Dean, School of Business and Interim Provost, **Butler University**

Alicia Jackson, Dean, School of Business, **Susquehanna University**

Stuart Noble-Goodman, Dean, School of Business, **University of Redlands**

Pat Raines, Dean, School of Business, **Belmont University**

New Study Away Programs Available

ANAC Study Away (ANACSA) Steering Committee approved three new "featured" programs offered by North Central College and Drake University. In the spirit of ANACSA, these quality programs are offered at costs that should make them very attractive to ANAC institutions. Interested faculty are encouraged to contact the institution hosting the program to learn more about these opportunities.

[ANACSA, continued](#)

China and Japan:

http://www.noctrl.edu/China_and_Japan

Students have an opportunity to study in both China and Japan in one semester. The first eight weeks are in Beijing, PRC, followed by seven weeks in Kameoka, just outside Kyoto, Japan. **Application deadline:** January 31, 2008 for fall semester

Costa Rica:

http://www.noctrl.edu/Costa_Rica

Students study on a converted coffee plantation outside Alajuela, Costa Rica, ten miles from San Jose while living with a host family. Students experience Costa Rican culture first-hand, engage in intensive study of Spanish, and participate in a service learning project or internship. **Application Deadline:** January 31, 2008 for fall semester

Teach in China:

www.drake.edu/international/ccep/teach

Recent graduates spend a semester or year teaching English in a Chinese college, middle school or secondary school. A two-week orientation program is required at Drake University before departing for China. Participants will receive a salary, free apartment, and variable airfare allowance. **Cost:** \$1150 for the two-week orientation. **Application deadline:** March 1, 2008

Other featured programs and more information about ANAC Study Away can be found on the ANAC website:

<http://www.newamericancolleges.org/anacsa>

A recent survey indicated that 15 ANAC members are promoting ANACSA to their students, with two additional members providing information on the programs but allowing no institutional aid to accompany students. Marketing the programs has been revised to better target individual institutions and the programs they promote.

Domestic Exchange: A committee, chaired by **Charles Taylor**, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College at Drury University, is developing a proposal for a domestic exchange program among interested ANAC members. The proposal will be discussed in January at the IREP Meeting and in February at the Board of Directors meetings.

ANAC Transitions

Welcome to **Kathleen Rountree**, new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Ithaca College. Kathleen comes to Ithaca from the University of North Carolina Greensboro, where she was Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Congratulations to **Steve Morgan**, former Vice President for Finance and Administration at Westminster and host of the 2007 CFO Benchmarking Meeting, to his appointment in July as

VP for Advancement; Congratulations to **Curtis Ryan**, former Associate VP for Finance and Administration and co-host of the ANAC meeting, for his appointment as the VP for Finance and Administration. Steve has been at Westminster for 26 years, Curtis for 15.

Two vital catalysts for change have announced their retirements. With combined service of 31 years in the presidencies of two ANAC institutions, **Alan Harre** (Valparaiso University- 20 years) and **Peggy Williams**, (Ithaca College – 11 years) will retire at the end of the academic year. Both are deeply respected and beloved on their campuses, among their colleagues at ANAC, and throughout the many higher education associations and organizations in which they have served.

New at www.anac.org

The ANAC website continues to evolve into a substantive and current place for members and the public at large to learn about New American Colleges.

Commentary Section Added! Please send articles, opinion pieces, and speeches that reflect the distinctive mission of new American colleges, or on current issues in higher education, for posting in our commentary section.

HR Directors!! A new feature of the website is a listing of employment opportunities for which you seek to reach a national audience. The format for the add should be as follows:

Assistant Dean for Student & Multicultural Affairs - School of Law — [More Info](#)

<http://www.hamline.edu/hamline_info/employment>

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The "More Info" link can be to a general employment page or to the specific listing for the job, whichever you prefer. Including a 'removal date' with your posting would be helpful. If not, Mark Mitchell will send periodic emails asking if the jobs have been filled. Please send listings to Mark Mitchell, c/o mark@revenantdesign.com.

When is the next meeting? The calendar of upcoming events is a helpful place to look for information about ANAC meetings. Please notify lrobinson@newamericancolleges.org of affinity group meetings.

How do I get in touch with _____ ??? Requests for directory updates for 2007-08 were sent out in September and a new directory will be available by the end of the month. The downloadable 2006-07 directory is available on-line. Email lists for Chief Academic and Student Life Officers are available on their respective affinity group web pages.

News Directors! It takes a village. The web site needs current information about your institution's and faculty achievements to put on the website. Pictures, too! Please put lrobinson@newamericancolleges.org on your mailing list.

A list of upcoming ANAC events is attached.

ANAC UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter/Spring/Summer 2008

Friday, January 4, 2008 2:30 – 4:30
ANAC Presidents meet at CIC President's Institute
Marco Island Marriott,
Marco Island, Florida
(Informal Planning Meeting for Presidents attending Institute)

Friday, January 25, 2008
ANAC Meetings at AAC&U Annual Meeting,
Grand Hyatt Hotel 1000 H Street,
NW Washington, DC 20001 202-582-1234

- **7:30-9:00 – Summer Institute Planning Committee Breakfast**
- **3:00-7:00 – Council of Institutional Representatives Meeting (IREPS),**
followed by dinner

Monday, February 4, 2008 - 8:00-1:00
ANAC Board of Directors Meeting at NAICU, Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.,

Saturday, March 8, 2008 **Student Affairs Officers at Simmons College, Boston, MA**
(Time TBD)

Wednesday – Sunday, March 26-30, 2008
Provosts and Chief Financial Officers at Wagner College, Staten Island, NY
(begins with dinner Wednesday, March 26)

Monday, May 26, 2008 1:00 – 5:00
ANACSA at NASFA, Washington, D.C.
(Place TBD)

Wednesday – Friday, June 18-20, 2008
ANAC Summer Conference at Belmont University

- **Wednesday, June 18, IREPS Meeting**
- **Thursday, June 19, Board of Directors/Presidents Meeting**
- **Other affinity groups TBA**

Saturday, July 12, 2008
Chief Financial Officers at NACUBO, Chicago, IL (Time and Place TBD)