

AWISA Winter Conference 2013

Friday, March 1

City University

The Vancouver Conference Room

Seattle, WA



Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 am

Social Time

Location: The Green Room

Light refreshments and coffee will be served-mingle with fellow AWISAns!

9:00 – 9:20 am

Greetings and Overview

Location: The Vancouver Conference Room

Presenter(s): Shirley Henderson, AWISA Chair
Melissa Mecham, Vice President for Academic and Student Services at City University

9:20 – 9:50 am **Break – Tour of City University**

10:00 – 10:50 am

Morning Sessions

Session A: Topic Roundtables

Location: The Vancouver Conference Room

Facilitator: Shirley Henderson, AWISA Chair

Summary: This is an opportunity to meet with colleagues in the field and share ideas, pose questions and work out solutions together within the topic area. Topic roundtables include:

- Student Academic Advising
- Marketing to International Students
- Minor (under 18) Students
- Activities & Orientation
- Housing & Homestay
- Credential Evaluation & Technical Issues

11:00 – 11:50 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Session B: Changes Under PPACA: What You and Your Students Need to Know About Health Care Reform

Location: Vancouver Conference Room A

Presenter(s): Jeff Crawford, Vice President of LowerMark
Monica Olson, Regional Sales Director of LowerMark

Summary: This session will cover the current state of international student insurance and the upcoming changes due to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA or Obamacare). We will explore what to expect over the next few years, best plan administration practices and dive into a Q & A session. This is an excellent chance to find out all you wanted to know about international student insurance.

Session C: Hot Topics in Immigration

Location: Vancouver Conference Room B

Presenter(s): Nicole Mazingo, ISO, Immigration Services Officer
CBP Officers Stead and Jaech

Summary: This session is directed to both new-comers and old-timers in international student advising. USCIS Officer Mazingo and CBP Officers Stead and Jaech will

provide an overview of government departments that interface with international students and will also answer some of the more complicated questions we encounter in the field.

12:00 – 1:00 pm

AWISA Lunch Sponsored by Firebird International Insurance Group

Location: Green Room

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Lunch on your own

1:10 – 2:00 pm

Session D: Oh No! An O!

Location: Vancouver Conference Room B

Presenter(s): Mabelle Allman, Assistant Director – International Student Services at the University of Washington

Richard Bruce, Assistant Director – International Programs & Exchanges at Western Washington University

Leana Torre,

Catherine Creason,

Summary: This session will be a refresher for some of the non-F, J, or M visa types. Who can study? Who can work? Whom do our ISS or ISP offices serve? We'll discuss strategies for avoiding bouncing students around to different offices, as well as what the term "international student" means in terms of campus support, tuition rates, and/or admission processes.

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2:10 – 2:45 pm

AWISA Business Meeting

Location: Vancouver Conference Room

Agenda items:

- Introduction of New Members
- Secretary Election
- AWISA Meeting Travel Grant Proposal
- NAFSA On Demand this summer?
- Your Items
- Position Announcements

2:45 – 3:30 pm

Advisor to Advisor

Location: Rainier Ballroom

Presenter(s): Mabelle Allman, Reg Ombud for Region 1

Summary: Regbud and Region I updates. This session is an opportunity to ask questions and learn from each other