
Agenda

9:00-9:30am
30 min

Social Time

Location: Mobius Hall (CC3)

Light refreshments will be served. Mingle with fellow AWISAns!

9:30-9:45am

Welcome, Overview and Announcements

Location: Mobius Hall (CC3)

Remarks: Dr. Eric Murray; President of Cascadia College

9:45-9:55am

Break—travel to sessions

9:55-10:50am
55 min

Concurrent Session A

Study WA Information Meeting

Presenter(s): Dana Brolley, Seattle University

Location: CC3-121

Description: Did you know that all AWISA members are part of Study Washington? Come for updates on the Study Washington booth at the 2018 NAFSA conference (with US Commercial Service) and see how you can get involved. Also come to talk about the future of Study Washington and the ways in which we can leverage this consortium to increase the number of international students coming to study in the state of Washington.

Taming the Transfer Tigers: Navigating the University Transfer Process

Location: CC3-103

Presenters: Annemarie Martin, UW Tacoma; Beth Robinson, Whatcom Community College; Jackie Li, Green River College

Description: This session will discuss and navigate transfer related challenges and explore best strategies from the point of view of both the transfer-out and transfer-in institution. We hope to identify common challenges faced by staff and students, share best practices and brainstorm about new strategies.

10:50-11:00am

Break—travel to sessions

11:00-11:55am
55 min

Concurrent Session B

Using Social Media to Engage International Students

Presenter(s): Liyao Zhao, Seattle University

Location: CC3-103

Description: This session will examine the best strategies of using social media to connect and interact with prospective international students. As an example, the official page on WeChat developed by Indiana University Bloomington will be shared with the audience.

Updates from SEVP

Location: CC3-121

Presenters: Stephanie Garrard, SEVP Field Rep and Jonathan Dietzen, SEVP Field Rep

Description: Washington State Field Reps will cover updates from SEVP.

11:55-12:55pm

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Location: Mobius Hall (CC3)

12:55-1:15pm

20 min.

AWISA Business Meeting

Chair: Julia Block, Seattle Pacific University **Secretary:** Jenna Cotey, South Puget Sound Community College **Treasurer:** Farid Baghirov, Cordant Health Solutions **Social Media**

Coord.: Sancha Elevado, South Seattle College; **Study WA rep:** Kyle Brown, City U

Location: Mobius Hall (CC3)

1:15-1:45pm

30 min.

Advisor-to-Advisor

Presenter: Catherine Creason, NAFSA Region 1 Regulatory Ombud: Student Issues

Location: Mobius Hall (CC3)

1:45-1:50pm

Break

1:50-2:45pm

55 min.

Session C

Topic Roundtables

Location: Mobius Hall (CC3)

Room Facilitator: Julia Block, AWISA; Jenna Cotey, AWISA

Description: 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. Topics include:

- Activities and orientation
- Academic advising
- Marketing to international students
- Resources for students with concerns
- Responding to discrimination and racism
- Answering immigration based questions

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