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### ***Update for International Student and Scholar Advisors***

As reported in NAFSA.news on September 23, NAFSA's Board of Directors approved the formation of two new committees to replace the Policy and Practice Committee (P&P), including the new Education Abroad Regulatory Practice Committee (EA-RP) and the International Student and Scholar Regulatory Practice Committee (ISS-RP). The EA-RP will focus on government-related issues for education abroad students and programs, including financial aid, U.S. travel regulations and documents, and foreign visas. The ISS-RP will focus on immigration-related issues that impact students and scholars.



#### **HOT TOPICS**

- **EAD Delays**- EADs are taking longer than 90 days guaranteed by regulation. After NAFSA liaison, [USCIS Provided Guidance on EAD Delays More Than 90 Days](#) ((see [www.nafsa.org/eaddelays](http://www.nafsa.org/eaddelays))
- **SEVIS Fee/Recertification Rule**- The final rule raising SEVIS fees & defining school recertification goes into effect 10/27/08. See [www.nafsa.org/sevisfeerule](http://www.nafsa.org/sevisfeerule).
- **SEVIS II**- the SEVIS II Task force met twice with SEVP and Booz Allen Hamilton. See [www.nafsa.org/sevisII](http://www.nafsa.org/sevisII) for updates.
- **CLAIMS/SEVIS interface issues**- NAFSA is liaising with SEVP & USCIS re: database issues that are placing additional burdens on DSOs.
- **Visa Security Advisory Opinion Delays**- Report to [www.nafsa.org/issuenet](http://www.nafsa.org/issuenet) for liaison with the State Dept.

#### **Open Positions on KCISSS and ISS-RP Teams!**

The KCISSS national team has two open positions: The International Scholar Advising Network Leader and the Programming and Community Outreach Chair/Campus and Community Programming Network Leader.

The ISS-RP is seeking four new members: a member focusing on SEVIS technical issues; a member focusing on travel requirements; and two members focusing on international scholar issues.

Read job descriptions and apply now: [www.nafsa.org/openpositions](http://www.nafsa.org/openpositions)

#### **GET LIAISON HELP or REPORT AN ISSUE ON ISSUENET**



Use **Get Liaison Help** on IssueNet to request case-specific assistance from Reg. Ombuds when you have been unable to resolve issues through the regular channels.

Use **Report an Issue** to report obstacles or policy issues that are barriers to international students and scholars. The ISS-RP Committee uses your input to prioritize NAFSA's policy and practice advocacy agenda and identify training and resource needs.

Get in touch with your KCISSS regional liaison for guidance on regulatory issues and best practices in advising. Find out who your KCISSS regional liaison is: [www.nafsa.org/kciss](http://www.nafsa.org/kciss)

For up-to-date information on all ISS-RP Committee work, see the ISS-RP Monthly Update: [www.nafsa.org/p&pupdate](http://www.nafsa.org/p&pupdate)

