



## **Professional International Educator Roundtable – PIER**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Palomar College**

<http://www.palomar.edu/roadmap.html>

#### **I. Welcome**

Kasey McCarthy

#### **II. Traditional Introduction of PIER Members**

#### **III. PIER Business**

- Membership
  - Membership 2009-2010 to date: 60 members
  - Deadline to pay early-bird membership is 12/1. After 12/1 membership fee is \$20
- Treasurer Report –
  - Treasurer not in attendance. To be reported at next meeting.
- Meeting Updates
  - Hoping to have POE tour in April and/or tour of US Consulate in Tijuana
- New Professionals Workshop Reminder
  - February 19<sup>th</sup> at National University

#### **IV. NAFSA Region XII Update from Travel Grant Recipient Paula Fisler**

#### **V. NAFSA Region XII Updates from the PIER board and members**

- New Form DS-160 for visa application. Consolidates forms DS156, 157 and 158.
- SEVIS II – Phase1 rollout scheduled for Feb, 2010 (as of January 2010 however, this date has been pushed out, TBD). Continue to update I-17 as needed.

- SEVIS System Update: if DSO/PDSO does not login within 75 days they will be dropped on the I-17. Only a PDSO may add (or re-add) a DSO. SEVIS will send out a reminder email prior to the 75 days if a PDSO/DSO has not logged in a significant amount of time.
- Stakeholders Meeting: TBA, most likely in January
- J Regulations – Comment period due by 11/23
  - Updates to J regs: Background checks required
  - ARO/RO must have 3 years experience
- F Regulations – Pending updates and comment period. Possibly out for comment in December, 2009?
- NAFSA Regionals – The regional 12 website: <http://www.region12.nafsa.org/r12conferences.html> will be updated shortly with session powerpoints.

#### VI. Q & A

- Change of Status – Requests for Further Evidence: many members have noticed that they have been receiving more RFE's than usual. Request include:
  - Four months of bank statements
  - I-134 (even when sponsor is NOT a US citizen)
  - Proof of home residency)

This may be due to a new group of adjudicators – training issue at CSC.

#### VII. Closing