

**Information**

TO: NACUA Board of Directors

FROM: Mary E. Kennard, Chairperson, Committee on Annual Program  
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DATE: February 23, 2007

SUBJECT: March 2007 Report of Committee on Annual Program

**Charge to the Committee**

The Committee is responsible for formulating and planning the Annual Conference program, to include selection of topics and speakers, in close coordination with the NACUA officers and staff, and in coordination with the other programmatic and informational services of the Association.

**Committee Leaders**

Mary Kennard, Chair  
Derek Langhauser, Vice Chair

**Work Plan for 2006 - 2007**

**1. Develop Proposed Topics for the 2006 Annual Conference.**

During the summer, the following Committee Working Groups were appointed: Business and Real Property; Civil Rights and Diversity; General Counsel; Labor and Employment; Litigation and Risk Management; Professional Development; Research and Intellectual Property; and Student Affairs and Athletics. These working groups prepared an excellent and comprehensive set of topic proposals for consideration by the Committee, based on the suggestions of working group and committee members and on topic proposals received from other NACUA members. The list of Committee working groups is attached to this report.

**2. Select Final Topics for Inclusion in the 2007 Annual Conference.**

The leaders of the various working groups met in Washington DC on September 29 to review all of the topic proposals prepared by the working groups. As a result of that meeting, 64 topics were selected to move forward for development in 8 subject matter tracks.

**3. Develop Selected Topics into Annual Conference Sessions.**

Each of the Committee members has been assigned one or more conference sessions for which they are personally responsible. Since September they have been developing their sessions in terms of identifying and enlisting presenters and panelists, and then working with their panelists to plan and refine the session descriptions and content. In addition, a full complement of Forums, Special Interest Groups and Computer Resource sessions has been included in the conference schedule.

**4. Encourage Diversity in Session Presenters.**

Although the conference for several years has featured a track devoted to discrimination law, civil rights and diversity issues, this year as a result of a suggestion from the Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Diversity, the committee added a working group specifically devoted to the development of these topics. In addition, committee members have been actively encouraged to consider diversity in terms of type of institution; race, gender and ethnicity; geographic locations, in-house and external counsel, and other factors reflecting the diversity of the NACUA membership as they identify and enlist presenters for their sessions.

**5. Plan Pre-Conference Workshop for Lawyers New to Higher Education.**

Second Vice President and Committee Vice Chair Derek Langhauser and Assistant Director of Legal Resources Melissa Rooker have revised and updated last year's pre-conference workshop schedule and enlisted an excellent set of presenters.

**6. Plan Pre-Conference Roundtable for Newly or Recently Appointed General Counsel.**

Six experienced NACUA General Counsel have been enlisted to serve as leaders of the Pre-Conference Roundtable for New or Recently Appointed General Counsel. Based on feedback from last year's Roundtable, we anticipate dividing registrants into two groups based on shared institutional characteristics, with each group assigned three leaders. In addition, this year we have added a Pre-Conference Roundtable for Experienced General Counsel, open to in-house institutional chief legal officers with more than 3 years experience. Again we have enlisted six veteran NACUA General Counsel to serve as leaders, and will divide the registrants into two groups based on institutional characteristics. These are limited enrollment sessions (a maximum of 20 attendees per Roundtable session) to allow for maximum interaction and participation by registrants.

**7. Plan Conference Plenary Session.**

We are very pleased that Dr. Randall L. Lowery III, the president of Lipscomb University and the founder of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University has accepted our invitation to be the opening plenary session speaker in San Diego. Dr. Lowry spoke on negotiation techniques at multiple sessions at our 2002 Annual Conference in Boston and received outstanding reviews.

## 2007 Annual Program Committee Working Groups

**Committee Chair:** Mary Kennard  
**Committee Vice-Chair:** Derek Langhauser

### **Business and Real Property Law**

*(Sessions addressing college and university business and real property transactions and policies, including contracts, real estate acquisition and development, finance, fund-raising and development, and taxation)*

Jim Carolan\*  
Chris Holmes\*  
Robert Hoon  
Wendy Robinson  
Sean Scally  
Howard Zweig

### **Civil Rights/Diversity**

*(Sessions addressing civil rights and higher education discrimination law, including constitutional, statutory and regulatory issues in the contexts of employment, students and contracting, affirmative action and reverse discrimination, and sessions on diversity in professional development and the General Counsel's office)*

Elizabeth Riley\*  
Susan Wheeler\*  
Peggy Brockington  
Jeff Lietzke  
Meg Reeves  
Shelley Carthen Watson

### **General Counsel**

*(Sessions addressing topics of unique or exclusive concern to the institutional general counsel, including governance, corporate compliance, major institutional initiatives, events or policies, government relations, emerging trends in higher education law practice, and law office management)*

Jonathan Alger\*  
Christine Hughes\*  
Sandra Cooper  
Kelly Capen Douglas  
David Ellis  
Julie Goodwin  
William Moreau

### **Labor and Employment Law**

*(Sessions addressing college and university employment, labor relations and personnel policies, including employment discrimination, employment contracts, collective bargaining, and employment disputes and policies)*

Gerard St. Ours\*  
Kathryn Overberg\*  
Simao Avila  
Mary Phelps Dugan  
John Gaal  
Renee Hackett

**2007 Annual Program Committee Working Groups (continued)**

**Litigation and Risk Management**

*(Sessions addressing college and university risk management, insurance, compliance, preventive law practice, litigation and ADR)*

Jaffe Dickerson\*  
Bruce Melton\*  
Robin Alexander  
Jeff Cooper  
Andrea Gunn  
Stephen Sencer

**Professional Development**

*(Sessions addressing professional and personal development of NACUA members, including skills development, ethics and professional responsibility, career advancement and effective law practice)*

Craig Parker\*  
Karen Treber\*  
Janine DuMontelle  
Kelly Hill  
Dickens Mathieu

**Research and Intellectual Property**

*(Sessions dealing with college and university sponsored research, clinical trials, technology transfer, patents, copyright issues, and trademarks)*

Theresa Colecchia\*  
Alex Dreier\*  
David Drooz  
Dan Park  
Justin Perillo

**Student Affairs and Athletics**

*(Sessions dealing with college and university policies and issues affecting students and intercollegiate athletics, including admissions, financial aid and scholarships, student discipline, student organizations, Title VI and Title IX, athletes, athletic departments, and NCAA rules and compliance)*

Laurence Pendleton\*  
Robin Parker\*  
Lee Davis  
Lucy Singer  
Scott Varady

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\*Denotes Working Group Co-Leader