



Educational Sessions - Monday, 27 March

Educational Block 1 - Monday, 27 March from 8:15am - 9:15am

Through the Eyes of a College President

Moderator:

- Dr. Laura Bayless, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Panelists:

- Dr. Kevin Rome, Lincoln University
- Dr. Anne Blackhurst, Minnesota State University – Moorhead
- Dr. Karla Fisher, Arkansas State University-Beebe

Student affairs is increasingly impacted by ever-evolving issues including changing student demographics, compliance with regulations, and accountability for learning. Attendees will have a unique opportunity to hear from current college presidents sharing perspectives on issues facing the field, the role student affairs should play in higher education, and the shifting expectations college presidents have for college student educators on campus. This informative session will influence the practice of all professionals supporting college students. This session, moderated by Dr. Laura Bayless, will include panelists: Dr. Kevin Rome from Lincoln University, Dr. Anne Blackhurst from Minnesota State University – Moorhead, and Dr. Karla Fisher from Arkansas State University-Beebe.

Educational Block 3 - Monday, 27 March from 11:00am - 12:15pm

Ascension to the Presidency: A Mentoring Forum for Aspiring Presidents

Moderator:

- Dr. Laura Bayless, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Panelists:

- Dr. Kevin Rome, Lincoln University
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Have you ever wanted to pick the brain of a sitting president? Shifting from a panel where presidents share their perspectives in a group setting, in this session participants will have a chance to meet more intimately with a president and gain insight into what it takes to become a top official in a college setting. The mentoring forum setup will allow participants to ask specific questions about development opportunities and issues of focus. Space in this session is limited to those who are invited in advance.

Educational Block 4 - Monday, 27 March from 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Working with Boards: Effectively and Ethically Collaborating with External Partners

Presenters:

- Dr. Jayne Brownell, Miami University
- Dr. Laura Bayless, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Senior student affairs leaders often have the opportunity or obligation to work with high level boards. These external partners can have a strong influence on the direction of the institution in the areas of governance, fundraising, alumni engagement, parent involvement, and functional area priorities. Yet few avenues exist to learn how to do this work effectively and ethically. This session explores types of boards, challenges and opportunities, and strategies to achieve positive outcomes in working with these partners.

Educational Block 5 - Monday, 27 March from 2:00pm - 3:15pm

Student Affairs: Our Substantial Past, Dynamic Present and Emerging Future!

Sponsors:

- Dr. Chicora Martin, Mills College
- Dr. Tammy Walsh, Ringling College of Art and Design

Join with Senior Student Affairs Officers in a facilitated panel discussion on the evolution of our work over time as Student Affairs practitioners. Focus will be given to navigating the complexities of our future as we experience and anticipate major higher education shifts. Participants will also engage with the panel on further reflection on creatively managing our future work opportunities in order to maintain the vital role of Student Affairs.

Educational Block 6 - Monday, 27 March from 3:45pm - 4:45pm

A Day in the Life of an SSAO

Sponsor: Dr. Monica Coen Christensen, Manhattan School of Music

Senior Student Affairs Officers are often asked what their lives are like. Do they spend time with students or with spreadsheets? Do they ever go home? What do they want from their staff? What is it like to be in a highly visible role on campus? In this session you will hear from SSAOs about what their lives are like, how they balance competing priorities and what the view looks like from the position of senior management.

Educational Sessions - Tuesday, 28 March

ALL DAY SESSION

Risks, Roles and Responsibilities for Leaders in a Climate of Emerging Activism:
Culturally Competent Leadership - Full Day Workshop (8:30am - 4:30pm)

Presenters:

- Dr. Felicia J. Lee, Equity Consulting Group
- Dr. Patty Perillo, Vice President for Student Affairs, Virginia Tech
- Jonathan Poullard, Equity Consulting Group
- Dr. Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, Cal Poly

American higher education institutions are a microcosm of the world in which we live. As such, as significant unrest around issues of inclusion and diversity increase, we are experiencing the impact on our very own college and university campuses. This trend will likely continue. Increased activism, student demands for more inclusive environments, and ingrained systemic structures of oppression require the 21 st century university leader to be more culturally competent and aptly responsive to emergent campus issues in new ways. The changing global landscape requires a deeper understanding of how we develop ourselves as courageous leaders. [Since space is limited in this session, please register in advance by clicking on this link!](#)

Educational Block 8 - Tuesday, 28 March from 8:30am - 9:45am

Dealing with the Dynamics of Changing Leadership at the Highest Level

Presenter: Dr. Willie Banks, Indiana State University

Change continues to happen at an alarming speed and at times can take many by surprise. It is not uncommon to have new presidents or chancellors installed on a campus without much feedback from campus constituents. This panel will provide participants with an opportunity to hear from SSAO's and their strategies to deal with change, planned and unplanned, at the highest level of an organization.

Educational Block 13 - Tuesday, 28 March from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Shades of Gray: Nuances of Working with Departments across Campus

Sponsor: Dr. Melinda Tejada, Waubensee Community College

In an era of competing priorities and scarce resources the Student Affairs professional needs to build collaboration among colleagues to get "stuff" done. This session will focus on working collaboratively to accomplish individual and collective goals. Strategies covered will include how to develop a sense of shared enterprise and to avoid pitfalls that wreak havoc on candid dialogue and teamwork.