



## MACRAO Insider

**April 2019**

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### **From the President**

Greetings, MACRAO!

April has been a busy month. In early April I had the pleasure of representing our Association at the AACRAO Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. The weather was amazing, and the content was great. I always enjoy attending conferences to take a pulse on what's going on around the country. I find these meetings to be a great opportunity to learn new things, help others with my experiences, meet with colleagues from across the country, and return with new ideas to improve the work we do for the populations we serve. A number of your colleagues that attended this year's event have shared with me some thoughts we believe you all should consider when weighing a decision about attending a national event. I've done my best to summarize this information later in the newsletter.

April also witnessed some changes in the board of directors. As you'll recall from our March Newsletter, our past president, Dr. Wendolyn Davis has accepted an incredible new position as the Transfer Center Director at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As this new position was out of the state, Wendy resigned from her position as past president effective April 4. While we are sad to see her go, we are all excited for her and this new opportunity.

With Wendy's departure, Nikole Ford-Kondraciuk has graciously volunteered to return to the board as past president to serve out the remainder of Wendy's term. Nikole – Thank you so much for your continued service to the Association! As a board, we are beyond grateful for Nikole's return to the role and looking forward to her leadership in the upcoming nominations process. You'll see Nikole's call for nominations later in the newsletter. I encourage everyone to take the time and nominate individuals you would like to see lead the Association in the future.

Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone that the College Articulation and Registrar's Practices committees have been hard at work planning this year's summer summit: the Power of the Past, Force of the Future. The content and venue look great! I hope you'll consider attending. More information can be found on the event's [website](#).

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [crupp1l@cmich.edu](mailto:crupp1l@cmich.edu) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns you'd like to discuss with me.

Best,

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## Call for Nominations

Greetings MACRAO Colleagues,

Are you ready to take on a new leadership role? Are you excited about shaping the future of higher education and being on the forefront of the latest statewide and national transfer initiatives? Enhance your leadership skills and share your expertise by getting involved on the MACRAO team! It doesn't matter what area you specialize in, registration, records, admissions, recruitment, enrollment services, veterans, transfer, or other student service areas, 4-year, 2-year, public or private, we need you! Come join the MACRAO Board of Directors as a member of our next team that will begin service to our organization in November 2019 at the annual conference.

Individuals may nominate themselves or nominate others whom they believe could provide leadership for MACRAO. Please complete the [2019 MACRAO Nomination Form](#) or submit name(s), contact details and the suggested board position(s) by **Friday, May 24, 2019**.

**The MACRAO Nomination Committee is now soliciting nominations for the following positions:**

### ***President-Elect***

#### **2019-2022; 3-Year Term, Voting Member on the Board of Directors**

**General Description:** The president-elect shall be officially responsible for MACRAO committee membership. The president-elect may also be given special assignments by the president including ex officio membership on the Conference Committee. The president-elect shall be a voting member of the board of directors. The president-elect shall become president at the end of his/her term.

### ***MACRAO Nomination Committee Members***

#### **General Description:**

Individuals are needed to work as a future nomination committee charged with bringing forward a slate of nominees for the 2020-2021 Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee is in need of three members to assist the BOD past presidents with the future nomination and election process, one person from each of the following categories is needed:

- 4-Year Public University (2019-2020; 1-Year Term)
- 4-Year Private College/University (2019-2020; 1-Year Term)
- 2-Year College (2019-2020; 1-Year Term)

For more information on MACRAO Board of Directors Responsibilities, [click here](#).

This is a great opportunity to become more involved in your MACRAO organization. For questions concerning the positions, please contact Nikole Ford-Kondraciuk, MACRAO Past President and Nominations Committee Chair at 313-317-4094 or [nkford@hfcc.edu](mailto:nkford@hfcc.edu).

## **Movers and Shakers**

### **Aquinas College**

Celee Mesler retired as Registrar from Aquinas College in January 2019.

Elizabeth Flores is now the Registrar at Aquinas College.

## Saginaw Valley State University

Courtney Fyelling, Assistant Registrar at Saginaw Valley State University, has been awarded the Terry Ishihara Co-Curricular Involvement Award. This annual award is given to one faculty and one staff person to recognize their contributions to students, the University and the community through development of, as well as, participation and attendance at SVSU programs and events. Courtney earned this honor, in part, due to her involvement with the SVSU Military Services Office and the Military Credit Equivalency Grant. Congratulations to Courtney on this well-deserved recognition!

## AACRAO Annual Summary



A number of MACRAO members traveled to Los Angeles for this year's AACRAO Annual Meeting. We thought it might be helpful to spend some time outlining the reasons we believe MACRAO members should consider attending a national conference. We are hopeful this information will encourage some of you to consider traveling to New Orleans next year.

All respondents reinforced the importance of exposing oneself to a national conference. Keith Malkowski (Central Michigan University) stated that "Attending AACRAO, or another relevant national conference, allows you to engage with your peers on topics via a wider lens of perspective. Learning of events while they are just emerging permits you to help your home institution and our affiliated state

organizations and peers learn of new trends in higher education and develop awareness and strategies.” Additionally, John Meldrum (Oakland University) identifies that “Attending a national conference is important in order to keep up on national trends, pending legislation, learning best practices, and networking with colleagues from across the nation.” For me, both of these items highlight some of the main reasons I like to attend national conferences. Many of the urgent items we end up facing in our day to day work have likely surfaced elsewhere already. Taking the time to meet with colleagues from around the country and talk about what is going on in their world might give you the heads-up you need to get in front of a potential issue on your campus.

John also had a lot to say about the event’s content, “AACRAO had tremendous keynotes, general sessions, and breakout sessions at this year’s conference. There were several times where I had two or three sessions I wanted to attend in each time slot. I learned a lot and brought back a number of ideas that I can implement at my institution.” While it can be difficult to choose between two great sessions, Chris Shell (Eastern Michigan University) reminds us that “Even if you can’t attend the conference, download PowerPoints from the conference on sessions that were of interest and contact the presenters. I’ve never had a presenter be unwilling to discuss a session I couldn’t attend!”

In addition to all of the great content provided as sessions, there’s a great deal that can be learned over a casual conversation in the hallway. Brad Maki (University of Michigan) reinforced this when he commented that “I find that I learn the most from casual conversations between sessions about best practices and innovative ways to solve problems. Bouncing ideas off trusted folks who understand the world of the registrar and admissions can be therapeutic.” I could not agree more. Sometimes you meet someone that can help you see the light. Other times, the tables are turned and you can be the one to help a colleague along with a difficult project. Sherry Hendrix (Spring Arbor) reinforced this by stating that “I feel encouraged that I am not alone in the complexities of what my office encounters. I bring back new and inspiring ideas for efficiency and effectiveness for me and my staff.” This is further supported by Keith’s comment that attending a national conference provides “Affirmation of the work you are doing—sometimes having a different barometer is crucial to allow for proper reflection as a professional.”

In the end, as Keith reminds us, we are all educators in the business of learning. Each of us spends a great deal of effort supporting the learning of others, but it’s important that we not neglect the development of ourselves and our teams. Sure, national conferences are expensive when you consider travel, and it takes you away from your desk. I believe, though, that if you make the commitment, and make the connections, you’ll soon realize your return on investment.

## Legislative Updates

A few State House and Senate bills that have been referred to their respective Committee on Appropriations

- HB [4456](#) of 2019 Michigan Reconnect Grant Act
- o A bill to establish a financial aid program for certain residents of this state seeking associate degrees or industry-recognized certificates or credentials from certain educational and jobs training programs; to

provide for the administration of the financial aid program; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments.

- HB [4464](#) of 2019 Michigan Opportunity Initiative (Phase II includes \$2500 University grant for families earning less than \$80,000 per year)

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- SB [0267](#) of 2019 Michigan Opportunity Initiative

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- SB [0268](#) of 2019 Michigan Reconnect Grant Act

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## Register Now!

### MACRAO Summer Summit

#### *Power of the Past, Force of the Future*

**June 13-14 in Midland**

The Summer Summit returns to the beautiful H Hotel in Midland! The event is co-sponsored by the MACRAO College Articulation Committee and the Registrar's Practices Committee with a focus on the Power of the Past, Force of the Future. Sessions will focus on how our past (old MTN and MACRAO Sunset) is making way for a bright future (New MTN & MTA solo). There will be an update from the State Transfer Steering Committee, details on the MTN replacement, Military Credit Session, FERPA 101, Financial Aid Session, Early/Middle College and the variety of programs that comes with a look at the relationship between Registrars and Admissions, a Registrar's Roundtable, a Transfer Roundtable, and the always anticipated, Legislative Updates! Join us for engaging presentations and networking that will enhance your work and keep you connected with your colleagues in MACRAO.

[Register today!](#)

Early Bird Rate (by June 1): \$130

Regular Registration Rate (by June 14): \$145

Hotel Room rate: \$135/night plus 11% tax

## 2019 MACRAO Annual Conference: Call For Presenters



This year's MACRAO Annual Conference is November 20-22, 2019 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. The annual conference is an excellent opportunity to learn about important topics impacting our profession and network with our colleagues from around the state.

Do you have the ability to present on a topic listed below, or know someone you would love to hear speak on it? Is there a topic that is not on the list below that you'd love to present on? We want to hear from you! Please go to the MACRAO website, [login](#), select "Session Proposals", and enter your proposal information. We ask that proposals be submitted by **May 1st**.

- Transfer Advising – Best Practices
- Dual Enrollment/EMC Best Practices
- Registrar 101
- Admissions 101
- Best Practices for HS Visits/Travel Practices
- Bridging the Relationship between Academia and Student Services
- Roundtables
- Best Practices for Social Media Recruiting
- FERPA Training
- IHEP/Degrees When Due
- Accommodations and Accessibility
- NSC/NSLDS Reporting
- Leadership/Management

If there is a topic you don't see on the list but want to hear at the conference, please email Stephanie Wheeler at [swheeler@walshcollege.edu](mailto:swheeler@walshcollege.edu).

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