New Format!

The professional development newsletter has changed to become easier to review and incorporate into your work. Focused on the concept of L.E.A.R.N.I.N.G, this newsletter provides ideas grounded in the ACPA/NASPA Professional Competencies. We encourage four hours a month of professional development. What can you do that is offered in this newsletter in four hours a month?

Listen
Want to know good examples of demonstrating professional development and workplace engagement? Listen to recordings of your colleagues sharing their commitment to their work and development. (Est. time is five minutes each)

Engage
Social Media is a vehicle for curating knowledge. Do you know how to engage in social media in meaningful ways? Check out this article on using Twitter at Conferences (Est. time is 15 minutes). Spend some additional time studying strategies for social media in student affairs (all over the Internet!)

Attend (contact Dan Bureau at dabureau@memphis.edu for registration).
Webinar on using Survey Data January 21st 12-12:45 Fountain View Room
Strengths Quest Training – January 31st 9-11 Poplar Room
Developing Your Individualized Professional Development Plan – January 31st 1-3 Poplar Room

Read
You can access past, current and future issues of New Directions for Student Services by going here. Contact Dan (dabureau@memphis.edu) for the password (U of M staff only)
 Chapters are relatively short and can reviewed in about a half hour each.

Navigate
The web has many resources for student affairs staff who seek to learn new things. Start checking out blogs, including Increasing Competence and Confidence: A Blog Dedicated to Student Affairs Professional Development

Initiate
Make plans to attend MIMSAC (Memphis in May Student Affairs Conference)! This one day conference on May 16th at the University of Memphis is a great opportunity for you to practice those presentation skills. Submit a proposal today at the MIMSAC website. (Est. Time 1 hour for workshop development).

Nurture Relationships
Student Affairs is a diverse field with so many different skillsets required. Take someone whom you’ve not interacted much with to coffee to learn about how they conduct student affairs work. Build a relationship while increasing your professional competence and confidence (Est. Time 1 hour).

Generate
A tutorial on how to use the individualized professional development plan and the template are now available for your review. The template encourages the use of the ACPA and NASPA Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs. We recommend reviewing this document as you begin developing your plan! Our goal is 25 staff will have a plan by June 2014. Let Dan Bureau know how he can help you develop your plan today! (Est. Time is 1 hour).