NAICU Members Approve 2005-06 Board, Officers
President of Earlham College Is Named Chair

The NAICU membership ratified the election of 13 new members of its board of directors, and the appointment of new officers and executive committee members, on February 2 at the 2005 NAICU Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Officers of the Board
Douglas C. Bennett, president of Earlham College (Ind.), has been elected chair of the board of directors. Vice chair of the board in 2004-05, Bennett succeeds George J. Hagerty, president of Franklin Pierce College (N.H.), who remains on the board as past chair.

Bennett has been president and a professor of politics at Earlham since 1997. From 1994 to 1997, he was vice president and chief operations officer of the American Council on Learned Societies in New York City. From 1989 to 1993, he was the vice president and provost at Reed College. Earlier, he was a political science professor at Temple University from 1973 to 1989. He has a bachelor's degree from Haverford College, and master's and doctoral degrees from Yale University.

David E. Shi, president of Furman University (S.C.), has been named vice chair. He will become chair in 2005-06.

Patrice Werner, president of Caldwell College (N.J.), has been named treasurer.

Katherine H. Will, president of Gettysburg College (Pa.) has been named secretary.

Executive Committee
Seven board members have been named to one-year terms as members of the board's executive committee. They work with the five officers to spearhead the development and implementation of NAICU's goals and priorities.
• Daniel A. DiBiasio, President, Wilmington College (Ohio): Chair, Student Aid Committee
• Toni Larson, Executive Director, Independent Higher Education of Colorado: Chair, National Association of Independent College and University State Executives
• Thomas R. Morris, President, Emory & Henry College (Va.): Chair, Tax Policy Committee
• Debra M. Murphy, President, Nichols College (Mass.): Chair, Accountability Committee
• Jon C. Strauss, President, Harvey Mudd College (Calif.):

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Chair, Policy Analysis and Public Relations Committee

New Board Members
Eight new members were elected to three-year terms on the NAICU board, representing the association's national regions:
• Jay A. Barber, Jr., President, Warner Pacific College (Ore.): Region VIII (Alaska, Ariz., Calif., Colo., Hawaii, Idaho, Mont., N.M., Nev., Ore., Utah, Wash., Wyo.)
• James E. Bultman, President, Hope College (Mich.): Region V (Ill., Ind., Mich., Wis.)
• H. Douglas Lee, President, Southern Nazarene University (Okla.): Region VI (Ala., Ark., La., Miss., Okla., Tenn., Texas)
• James T. Harris III, President, Widener University (Pa.): Region III (Ky., Ohio, Pa., W.Va.)
• Loren P. Gresham, President, Stetson University ( Fla.): Region IV (Fla., Ga., N.C., S.C., Va.)
• H. Douglas Lee, President, Nichols College (Mass.): Region I (Conn., Maine, Mass., N.H., R.I., Vt.)
• Robert A. Oden, Jr., President, Carleton College (Minn.):

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Region VII (Iowa, Kan., Minn., Mo., Neb., N.D., S.D.)
• Thomas H. Powell, President, Mount Saint Mary’s University (Md.): Region II (Del., D.C., Md., N.J., N.Y.)

Four presidents have been named to three-year terms as at-large members of the board:
• Victor J. Boschini, Jr., Chancellor, Texas Christian University
• R. Judson Carlberg, President, Gordon College (Mass.)
• Marianne E. Inman, President, Central Methodist University (Mo.)
• Ronald K. Machtley, President, Bryant University (R.I.)

One individual joins four other ex officio members of the board, and begins a three-year term:
• Deborah L. Hyatt, Director of Government Relations, University of Chicago.

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State Department Extends Visa Mantis Clearances

On February 11, the U.S. State Department announced an extension of the Visa Mantis clearance process for students and scholars/scientists. Student clearance has been extended from one to four years, and scholar/scientist clearance has been extended from one to two years.

The Visa Mantis clearance process is used by the State and Homeland Security Departments to screen against the illegal transfer of technology. Visa applications for persons to study or work in certain sensitive scientific and technical fields are subject to this interagency clearance.

The clearance extension means that if an original visa has expired, and a new application is filed to return to the previous study or work program in the U.S., a new Visa Mantis clearance will not be required for students and some exchange visitors. These extensions are the result of recommendations made by the higher education and science communities to the State Department. They will significantly ease restrictions and inconveniences for thousands of individuals who want to continue their studies in the U.S.

The official State Department release can be found at http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps.

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House Reaffirms Support for Solomon Amendment

By a vote of 327 to 84, the House of Representatives approved on February 2 a resolution (H.Con.Res. 36) expressing continued support for the Solomon Amendment. The Solomon Amendment provides that federal funding to an institution of higher education may be withdrawn if the institution has a policy or practice that prohibits military recruiting on campus, prohibits access to student directory information for the same purpose, or maintains an anti-ROTC policy. The resolution was developed in response to the November 2004 finding by a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit that the Solomon Amendment is unconstitutional. The Third Circuit covers New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the Virgin Islands. However, law schools at universities in other states have indicated they will bar military recruiters. (See WIR, December 7, 2004.)

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