

STATEMENT FROM THE NASPAA STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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The NASPAA Standards Committee affirms its commitment to the diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and accessibility (DEIJA) values, initiatives, and goals that are reflected across NASPAA's mission, accreditation standards, strategic plan, DEIJA Action Plan, and the public service values. This commitment is advanced by NASPAA's global membership through its initiatives and curriculum.

This commitment spans from the recruitment and retention of students and faculty by NASPAA members and accredited programs, to their delivery of public service education, and the preparation of students to serve their respective communities upon graduation, and to their contributions towards serving diverse, equitable, inclusive, just, and accessible nonprofit and public service sectors.

The Standards Committee also affirms support for NASPAA's global membership where various governing authorities (i.e., national, regional, state, provincial, local, institutional) prohibit or otherwise restrict their efforts to engage in DEIJA-related activities embedded among NASPAA's accreditation standards. By virtue of their public service orientation, NASPAA members and accredited programs should demonstrate their commitment to promote educational opportunity and diversity in colleges and universities, to the extent possible within their legal and institutional framework, to these public service values.