



FACULTY ADVISORS' ROUNDTABLE
2008 CEC Convention & Expo
Boston, Massachusetts
"More Questions and Answers"

During the Faculty Advisors' Roundtable at the CEC 2008 Convention & Expo in Boston, MA, some questions and challenges were unable to be addressed due to time constraints. As promised, here's the follow-up to these questions and a few others we are frequently asked.

Do all student members in our CEC campus chapter need to pay dues?

Yes. You must be a member of the Council for Exceptional Children in order to be a member of the chapter.

Does part of the CEC dues come back to local chapters?

The membership refunds are sent directly to the CEC state/provincial units. If the state/provincial unit provides chapter refunds, it is up to that unit to develop its own policy as to how refunds are calculated and to specify the criteria to be met to receive a refund. Please contact your state/provincial president or treasurer if you have any questions.

How much is refunded to the CEC state/provincial units for Student members?

There are no refunds on any category that does not pay the full cost of membership services. Therefore, there is no refund for the Student, Retired and Associate membership categories. These membership categories are supported by dues from the Premier, Professional, and Joint membership categories.

What is CEC's definition of a Student member?

"A student member shall be a person enrolled in The Council who is a full-time student during the academic year as defined by an accredited college or university or a person enrolled in The Council who is a part-time student who is not engaged in full-time employment as a certified professional in the field of education."

Has CEC considered changing the Student definition so that anyone who identifies themselves as a Student can join/renew as a Student?

During its meeting at the CEC 2008 Convention & Expo, the CEC Standing Committee on Students considered the possibility of making recommendation to the CEC Board of Directors to re-examine the definition of a student member. The Student Committee decided that more information is needed about the make up of CEC's student membership (undergraduate, graduate, number of hours per semester, certification requirements in the states and provinces, etc.) in order to discuss this issue. The Student Committee is working with CEC staff to determine how this information can be collected.

How about redefining the CEC Student membership benefits?

CEC Student members receive the same benefits, privileges and services as Professional members but at a lower dues rate. Rather than eliminate any of the benefits to Students, CEC has chosen to enhance the benefits available to Student members. CEC's Student 2 Professional Transition Program is designed to support Students and new Professionals through a variety of benefits including the "Back to School"

Student membership campaign discount, special CEC and division dues for 1st and 2nd year new Professionals, the membership dues payment plan, the CEC/CEC Pioneers Division Mentoring Pilot, CEC's Blog for New Teachers, the Online Job Board, and other services.

Can CEC include liability insurance in Student dues?

There are several reasons why CEC's Student dues do not include liability insurance. The primary reason is cost, which would increase Student dues. We have found that many students are covered by a policy through another group or their university or school district. It is more economical for the Student members who require this insurance to purchase it themselves rather than require all Student members to bear the cost. The cost of this insurance from CEC's insurer, Forrest T. Jones & Co., is \$15.00.

In some states and provinces, masters level students are taking only distance learning programs. How do we get them involved, especially if they aren't student members due to working full time?

The "commuter" schools have expressed the same challenge. If your university is having success with involving students who don't live on campus, please let us know so that we can share this with the Faculty Advisors. Please send your ideas to us at the CEC Student e-mailbox, students@cec.sped.org.

CEC's Student 2 Professional Transition promotion is offered only in the spring. What about December graduates and/or making it available year-round?

This offer is promoted to all Student members each spring. Students who will graduate that year are eligible to take advantage of the offer. Their new Professional membership will begin when their current Student membership expires, so they will not lose any of their current membership term.

Can CEC's Student 2 Professional transition offer be made retroactive to graduates from last year?

We're sorry, but the offer is not retroactive. We are planning a mailing to the students who did not renew to invite them to re-join CEC as Professional members, but the dues offer will not be the same.

Is CEC's Student 2 Professional transition offer on the renewal form?

It will be added to the renewal form for members who took advantage of it as a 1st year Professional to encourage them to renew as a 2nd year Professional.

The special CEC and division dues offered through CEC's Student 2 Professional Transition Program is great. How about a special reduced registration fee for the CEC Convention (and state/provincial conferences) for these 1st and 2nd year Professionals?

Thank you for this suggestion. CEC staff will assess the potential benefits as well as the potential financial impact. If such a special fee is viable, it will be forward to CEC's Finance and Audit Committee for its review prior to presenting it to the CEC Board of Directors for its consideration for approval.

How about offering new CEC student members a discount on their first year of membership?

CEC's "Back to School" Student membership campaign (August 1-October 31) gives a \$10.00 discount on CEC Student membership for new and renewing Student members.

How do we get our chapter's membership list from CEC?

Contact CEC Membership Services at mbrship@cec.sped.org or call Dao Tran at 800/224-6830, ext. 432. Provide your chapter number and name; the name, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address of the person to receive the file; and the date needed (please allow 3-5 working days). The membership list will be sent as a file in Excel format.

How do we get membership recruitment materials from CEC? How do we get a copy of the To The Point handbook and other officer resource materials?

The CEC membership application and other materials are on the CEC Web site so you can access them as needed. Go to www.cec.sped.org, click on Students, then click on Student Chapter Resources. Or, use the Materials Order form from the Resources page and mail or fax your completed form to us. You can also e-mail your request to CEC Membership Services at mbrship@cec.sped.org.

What is the CEC Student Chapter Faculty Advisors' E-mail List?

This list is used by CEC to distribute announcements for the Back to School Student membership campaign, the Student 2 Professional Transition program, CEC Student leadership opportunities, scholarships and awards for CEC Student members, the CEC Student newsletter, and other information of interest to student chapters and student members.

I am the Faculty Advisor to a CEC Student chapter. How do I get added to the Faculty Advisors E-mail List?

Send your name, e-mail address, university name, and chapter number to the CEC Student mailbox at students@cec.sped.org. If you do not have a chapter number because you are in the process of organizing a chapter, you can still be on the list. You must be a CEC Premier or Professional member in order to serve as a Faculty Advisor, and your membership must be current in order to receive the e-mails.

How can we bridge the gap between state/provincial CEC units and international CEC?

CEC maintains regular communications with and provides a wide range of resource materials and technical assistance to its state/provincial units. Each state/provincial unit has two Representatives to the CEC Representative Assembly which provides the opportunity to give input to the Council. Each year, CEC sponsors several leadership training events focusing on topics and issues at the state/provincial level for:

- Presidents, presidents elect, and vice presidents at the CEC Annual Convention & Expo
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- Presidents, presidents elect, vice presidents, and other emerging leaders at the Summer Leadership Institute
- CAN Coordinators at the Children and Youth Action Network (CAN) Annual Meeting

We encourage the state/provincial units to share the information and materials from these meetings with their leaders, chapters, and members as appropriate.

If you have any other questions or need assistance, please contact us!

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