

NEA Higher Education Program

National Resources and Staff

At the national headquarters in Washington, D.C., the NEA provides assistance to various constituencies and interest groups through cross-divisional work teams. This means that one department takes the lead or overall responsibility for coordinating the activity and other departments assign one or more staff to specialize in that particular area of their overall discipline. All departmentally assigned staff can call upon others in their department as the need arises.

Office of Higher Education

The NEA Office of Higher Education is based in the Affiliate Capacity Building division ensuring the development and delivery of the NEA sponsored programs. The NEA Office of Higher Education provides organizing/development assistance to the states through the NEA regional offices, works with higher education governance, develops training packages, and does coalition work with other associations and unions.

National Conference

Each spring NEA sponsors the National Conference on Higher Education, which brings together political and educational leaders along with faculty and staff to discuss issues confronting colleges and universities.

Each year, the conference theme deals with an issue that is vital to the interests of higher education. Recent topics have included:

- The Academy in Transition: Patterns of Change in Higher Education
- The Higher Education Enterprise: Partners, Profits, and Politics
- Cultural Diversity in American Higher Education: Challenge and Promise
- The Restructuring of American Higher Education: The Role of Colleges and Universities
- Workload and Productivity: New Definitions and Increasing Demands
- Restructuring Higher Education To Meet the Challenges of a Global Economy
- The New Learning Environment: Serving Diversity Through Technology
- Changing the Academic Workplace for the 21st Century
- No So Distant: Technology and the Future of Higher Education
- New Union Issues on Campus: Access, Quality, Technology
- On the Cutting Edge of Quality: The Power of Collective Action in Higher Education