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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Committee on Association Governance, Annette Haldeman, Chair

**DATE:** 15 January 2016

**RE:** Charge for Students and New Professionals Advisory Council

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors approve the following as the charge for the Students and New Professionals Advisory Council.

Seven association members, one of whom is an SLA Student Member, and at least one, but not more than two, of whom has experience serving as an advisor to a recognized SLA Student Group and at least two, of whom are in the first five years of their professional career appointed for overlapping terms. The Student Member is appointed for a one-year term, with the remaining Association members serving overlapping terms of two years each.

The advisory council shall:

1. advise the Chief Executive Officer on programs and other aspects pertaining to student members and graduates within the first five years of their career.
2. develop learning and networking opportunities to attract and retain new information professionals.
3. interface with SLA units and other SLA advisory councils and committees to consolidate information, mentoring opportunities, and educational opportunities for new information professionals. (Professional Development, Student Academic Affairs, Public Relations, etc.).
4. identify emerging leaders in the profession.
5. oversee the funding for the Early Career Awards which are monetary awards presented by chapters and divisions to provide financial support for conference attendance to those outside of North America.
6. plan activities for the annual meeting;
7. strengthen and expand student groups by working closely with faculty advisors and with faculty of appropriate graduate programs;
8. work with the association staff to increase the number of student members who become full members of the association and the students who attend the annual meeting; cooperate with faculty in appropriate graduate programs related to information professional activities; communicate directly with student members to inform them of events, scholarships, awards, and activities related to their interests.
9. develop content in social media forums to support and offer services to new information professionals.

### Student Group Reports

In order to remain in good standing, SLA requires student groups to submit a report twice per year. The chief officer of each student group must report to the Student and Academic Affairs Advisory Council (SAAAC) by April 30 and November 30 of each year. Student Group Advisor must be an SLA member. Student Groups who fail to comply with the reporting requirements will be declared inactive. Please complete the Student Report form. For additional information please contact Paula Diaz.

**RETURN ON INVESTMENT:** More efficient coordination of initiatives of our newest members.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** On 15 October 2015, the Board approved the merger of the Student and Academic Affairs Advisory Council and the First Five Years Advisory Council to constitute a new group known as the Students and New Professionals Advisory Council. A new charge needed to be developed.

The charges of the two former advisory councils follows. The proposed new charge was sent to the 2015 advisory council chairs and the 2016 chair after being reviewed by the staff members of each of the councils.

#### First Five Years Advisory Council

Six association members appointed for overlapping terms of two years each. The majority of members of the council should represent members who are in the first five years of their professional career as well as from diverse geographic backgrounds, with at least one member representing those beyond the first five years.

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Develop learning and networking opportunities to attract and retain new information professionals.

Interface with SLA units and other SLA advisory councils and committees to consolidate information, mentoring opportunities, and educational opportunities for new information professionals.(Professional Development, Student Academic Affairs, Public Relations, etc.).

Identify emerging leaders in the profession.

Oversee the funding for the Early Career Awards which are monetary awards presented by chapters and divisions to provide financial support for conference attendance to those outside of North America.

Develop content in social media forums (Facebook, Second Life) to support and offer services to new information professionals.

#### Student and Academic Affairs Advisory Council

Seven members, one of whom is an SLA Student Member, and at least one, but not more than three, of whom has experience serving as an advisor to a recognized SLA Student Group. The Student Member is appointed for a one-year term, with the remaining Association members serving overlapping terms of three years each.

The advisory council shall:

advise the Chief Executive Officer on programs and other aspects pertaining to student members and solicit information about student activities from chapters and divisions;

plan activities for the annual meeting;

advise the staff on student activities, needs, and aspirations;

strengthen and expand student groups by working closely with faculty advisors and with faculty of appropriate graduate programs;

work with the association staff to increase the number of student members who become full members of the association and the students who attend the annual meeting;

cooperate with faculty in appropriate graduate programs related to information professional activities; and

communicate directly with student members to inform them of events, scholarships, awards, and activities related to their interests.

Definition revised June 2006 — Board Document A06-36.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** None

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