Local Arrangements Committee

What are the best things to see, do, and eat while visiting St. Louis? You tell us! Members of the Local Arrangements Committee will help in-person conference attendees plan a fun yet affordable trip to the “Gateway to the West” and provide a warm welcome to the conference. This committee is open to everyone, whether you live in the St. Louis area, are a frequent visitor, or want to learn more about the city. Possible tasks include:

- Assist in our efforts to recognize and honor the indigenous peoples of the conference area
- Create a list of restaurant recommendations for attendees
- Create a fact sheet and recommend fun stuff to do while visiting St. Louis
- Identify area institutions and engage them in the in-person and virtual conference experiences

Networking and Engagement Committee

Opportunities to interact with peers are a crucial part of the NISTS conference. The Networking and Engagement Committee will explore creative ways to engage participants during both the in-person and virtual conference experiences. These opportunities might take place during the regular conference schedule or outside of it. Some ideas include: guided topical discussions, opportunities for small group conversations, or affinity gatherings (by functional area or institution type). Possible tasks include:

- Get creative! Recommend engaging and fun activities to connect conference attendees
- Plan ways to leverage the conference app and social media to promote networking and engagement
- Share conference tips with attendees through emails, blog posts, and/or videos
- Coordinate group dinners or social hours, including making the reservations, assigning “hosts”, etc.

Curriculum Planning Committee

Join this committee to help shape the overall conference learning experience. Members will collaborate with NISTS staff to ensure the program curriculum is balanced, engaging, and relevant to attendees. They will also provide input on the topics and formats for this year’s featured presentations, including plenaries, panels, and other special sessions. Due to the nature of this work, members of the Curriculum Planning Committee must have at least three years of cumulative experience attending, presenting, or reviewing proposals for a large conference. Possible tasks include:

- Participate in the proposal review, selection, and scheduling process
- Identify program gaps and recommend session topics and speakers as needed
- Design engaging featured sessions that complement the conference theme
- Develop a conference workbook to help attendees maximize their conference takeaways
National Transfer Student Week Committee

This committee isn’t technically conference-related, but we want to broaden our reach and need creative minds to help us do it! National Transfer Student Week (NTSW) is our favorite week of the year because it celebrates transfer students and the professionals like you who support them on their journeys. This committee will actualize the NTSW theme by brainstorming, developing, and deploying the specific tools that institutions need to host a successful week. Involvement will begin in August and continue through NTSW (October 18-22, 2021). Possible tasks include:

- Shape the annual theme’s visual design
- Brainstorm related marketing kit components and event ideas
- Offer input on NTSW webpage redesign efforts
- Host a how-to, lessons learned, and/or brainstorming web session for new participants