

## CASFAA Executive Council Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2020  
Meeting Via Zoom

Call to Order by Jesse Marquez at 1:10 pm

- Review of Minutes from April 202 EC Meeting Vanessa
  - *Deborah moved to approve minutes from April, second by Christina. Motion Carries*
- Outstanding To-Do Items Vanessa
  - No Outstanding To Do items

Treasurer's Report Carl  
2020 Budget

- Wendy is working with Carl and Dewayne to learn about the Treasure Reports.

Committee Reports

- State Issues Bronwyn
  - Attended Bi-weekly Financial Aid Advisory Board meeting and provided updates to the EC and State Issues Committee
  - 2020 CASFAA State Issues webinar:
  - Prepared PowerPoint in collaboration with Executive Council and 2020 CASFAA State Issues Committee
  - Confirmed CSAC participation in scheduled October 2020 annual CASFAA conference (method TBD)
- Federal Relations Debra
  - New guidance from the Department regarding CARES. DACA and International students are not eligible for the CARES funds. Debra gave an update on her research into the guidance. She will be giving writing an update for her next Chronicle article.
  - Discussion about V4 and V5 verification groups and the need to get the Education Statement of Purpose notarized. Debra will bring up the topic to the Department. Colette agrees that this will be an issue for students.
  - Discussion about getting letters of Non Tax Filing letters from the IRS.
- Training Update Thalassa
  - State legislative Webinar- and Monthly Webinars. 69 people registered since June 1<sup>st</sup>. Training committee had 38 web-based sessions being offered this month. Thalassa will be working on the Financial 101 sessions.
  - 1040 Workshops – Update Kim
  - High School Counselors Workshops Luanne/Jenny
    - CSAC will not be doing workshops in person. The committee would still like to provide the workbooks maybe a virtual online workbook instead of a printed workbook. Discussion about recording the presentations or doing live presentation.
    - Discussion about additional training to be offered.
    - Dewayne mentioned that a recording could happen with the GO To Webinar. We can do live recording and recordings for later use.
- Electronic Initiatives Daniel
  - CASFAA website
    - The new CASFAA website has been launched. No big issues found. The website feels more modern and user friendly. If someone wants to add information to the website, they should reach out to the EC.

- Discussion about all the CARES information to be added to the Website.  
Discussion about adding other organization webinars to the site.

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Conference Update and Review Survey

Tom/Lori/Lorena

- The EC reviewed the survey and discussed the results, 338 responses received not all people who did the survey answered all the questions. Discussion about doing to conference in person or a virtual conference. Discussion about creating a CASFAA conference week. This could be an opportunity for CASFAA to get important information out to our members and possibly get new members. Discussion about charging per school. Possible vendor revenue by sponsoring sessions and having their logo posted or by having them pay for the business solution session. Discussion about being able to additional presenters from the Western regions.

*Barbara moved to postpone the conference to a future date and move the current conference to a virtual conference. Christina Secods. Motion Carries*

- Discussion about possible dates for the new virtual conference. October 26- 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion about what platform we will use to provide the conference.

**To Do: Dewayne to look into GO To Meeting and what flexibility is available.**

**To Do: Dewayne to look into moving 2020 conference dates out to 2021.**

- Colette mentioned the ability for vendors to have the logos on the sessions.

Elections

Barbara

Nominations and elections are coming up. Announcement will be sent in the upcoming Chronicle. Nomination period will be to mid-July and elections in August. This gives us enough time to fill any spots that is not filled. Announcement of new officers in September.

Colette discussed the elections and the want increase the term limits on the EC. Current By-Laws will not allow us to make this change. The EC will have further discussion about term limits.

**To Do: Look at By-Laws to see if they allow us to have emergency provisions to make changing to term limits.**

Segmental Representative Updates:

- University of California Nicole
- SAT- Regents voted to eliminate the SAT test and ACT tests; suspended through 2024 and eliminated in 2025.
- Our Education Abroad Programs (EAP) for the Fall 2020 and yearlong 20-21 programs have been suspended due to covid-19 (with a few exceptions)
- UC's are bracing for an influx of EFC appeals for the upcoming year and how to fund.
- CARES act funding- 80-85% of the student grants to students have been deployed. UC provided campus guidance on how to award the funds, but provided campus flexibility based on the needs of their students.
  - Guidance included, but is not limited to:
    - Ensuring students made progress towards their degree
    - Make decisions in consultation with other leaders on campus, such as Basic Needs, Graduate Division, Associated Students,
    - Equity- encouraged campuses to provide additional support to those who may need additional assistance (student parents, foster youth, low income)
- California State University Vacant
- Independent Veronica

- There was a proposed 11% cut to the Cal Grant for incoming students at nonprofit colleges and universities, this proposal was due to the state of California's current economic state. However, the \$8million deficit relief that this would offer in comparison to the \$1,028 impact on low-income students, the benefit does not out way the cost. The AICCU gladly reported last week that the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance met on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>, to review K-12, higher education and financial aid budget proposals, Senator Roth commented that the entire approach of threatening cuts to low-income students over a narrow assessment of one transfer program is not sound policy. The committee approved the staff recommendation, which was to reject the proposed cut and instead provide funding to maintain the award at \$9,084.
- Now we must work to ensure the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance takes similar action and rejects the cut. If they do, both houses will have rejected the cut, and that will be the action in the final budget bill the Legislature sends to Governor Gavin Newsom by the June 15 deadline
- Community College Christina
  - Attended CCCSFAAA/FARR meeting May 11-12, reached out to members for conference ideas, input on conference format due to COVID, sent conference proposal to CCCSFAAA membership to invite presenters and topics, provided feedback on State Issues white paper/Cal Grant reform
  - CCCSFAAA organization did cancel their conference. Next Conference will be in San Diego on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Lots of Discussion about the Department of Ed guidance.
  - Survey was sent to the Community Colleges and the session proposals announcements.
  - Idea of having a Birds of Feather session for Community College segment.
  - State guidance is needed from the Chancellors office.
- Proprietary Wendy
  - Schools are having issues applying for CARES. Wendy is trying to get more volunteers to represent the Proprietary segment.
- Grad/Professional Jessica
  - She discussed CARES money and SEOG funding
- Associate Members Kim
- Ethnic Diversity Collette

Collette suggested getting old slideshows from previous conferences; she would be willing to provide a list of music to the conference committee. Colette would like to create a paragraph in the Chronicle about the current climate. She would also like to see CASFAA make a statement on the website. Discussion about having a guest speaker to discuss Cognitive Biases.

To Do: Anafe to create a statement for the website and send to the EC for review and approval.

Review of To Do's

Vanessa

Next Meeting: TBD

*Colette moves to Adjourn the meeting, Bronwyn seconds, Motion Carries.*

Adjourn at 4:03pm