

GP Rep. Report

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2012 GP Committee Members:

Jennifer Hardy, Rebecca Eskins, Ashley Morris, Peggy Loewy Well, Shandel Roberts, Julia Kalyayeva, Dolores Basilio, Myrta Nguyen, Vanessa Gibson, Dewayne Barnes, Luanne Canestro, Uvaldo Calderon, Jamie Shrode, Kim Thomas, Cheryl Barnes, Germaine Graham, Michael Keesey. Approx. 17 volunteers (9 new) obtained the latest volunteer report from Kim Thomas

Budget: Submitted a GP budget for review

2012 Topics/Issues:

- A personal e-mail invitation has been sent to all the 2012 GP committee members
- 2012-2013 Graduate and Professional Loan Limits Reference Available (see attached)
- Graduate Students are no longer eligible for Subsidized loans
- Governor's proposed elimination of the loan assumptions for nurses and teachers programs (approx. \$6.1 million). Not only will there be the elimination of any new loan assumption agreements, but the elimination also takes away the loan assumption payments of students and teachers who have already signed an agreement with the Commission, and who may have even provided their first year of teaching/nursing service, but who won't be eligible for their first payment until after June 30, 2012. Currently, trying to get students who benefit from this program to give testimonies. (More details to come)

2012 GP Committee Goals:

- Increase Awareness on Graduate/Professional Issues
- Advocate for Issues that impact the Graduate/Professional Segment
- Provide a Webinar training event for CASFAA members and non-CASFAA members (Include Graduate/Professional topics and Resources)
- Provide resources for Graduate/Professional Financial Aid Administrators and add/update information on CASFAA's website.
- Host the GP forum at the 2012 CASFAA Conference
- Provide GP Sessions/track at the 2012 CASFAA Conference

Proposed GP Conference Calls:

2/17/12 10am-11am, 3/16/12 10am-11am, 4/20/12 10am-11am, 5/18/12 10am-11am, 6/15/12 10am-11am, 7/20/12 10am-11am, 8/17/12 10am-11am, 9/21/12 10am-11am, 10/19/12 10am-11am, 11/16/12 10am-11am (Calls are every third Friday of the month. Conference call details to be confirmed)

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