

FEDERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The Federal Issues Committee became a standing committee of the Association at the direction of the 1972-73 Executive Council. The general goal of the committee is to gather information about financial aid issues at the federal level and to provide interpretation of these issues to the membership of CASFAA.

CHARGE OF THE FEDERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

1. Review relevant material on federal issues, such as NPRMs, Reauthorization, pending Congressional bills, and NASFAA comments, to determine their possible impact on the membership.
2. Advise the membership about key federal issues through updates in the CASFAA Newsletter, using electronic media, and special mailings, when necessary.
3. Develop positions on federal issues and, upon approval of the Executive Council, communicate these positions to the appropriate federal officials (such as the U.S. Department of Education and Congressional representatives).
4. The Chair of the Federal Issues Committee (the Vice President) serves as CASFAA representative at hearings, negotiated rule-making and other occasions when CASFAA's positions on federal issues need to be presented.

SELECTION, COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF THE COMMITTEE

A. Federal Issues Committee Chair: Vice President

B. Federal Issues Committee Members

Members should be selected to reflect the diversity of the CASFAA membership. The committee should be composed of members from each of the five institutional segments. In addition, it is recommended that a liaison from the Ethnic Diversity, Graduate and Professional and Loan Issues committees also serve on the Federal Issues committee. Past committees have also found representatives from MDEs, lenders and CSAC valuable as members of the committee.

C. Committee Size: Recommended: 12 members

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Federal Issues Committee may choose to meet every other month instead of quarterly, if needed. The goal of each meeting is to review, analyze and report on new and pending federal issues to the Executive Council and the membership. Goals are set based on current federal issues.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The budget is based on travel expenses, printing, postage, phone and facsimile charges.

HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

The CASFAA Federal Issues Committee was authorized in 1972.