

## CASFAA Federal Issues Committee

January 22, 2015  
1:00pm – 2:00pm

### Conference Call

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Pat Hurley, Michelle Rodriguez, Peggy Lowey Wellish, Sunshine Garcia, Scott Cline, Anafe Robinson, Tom Le

#### 2. NASFAA Leadership Conference in March 1 - 3, 2015

- CASFAA/CCCSFAAA/WASFAA partnered visits in the past. WASFAA set up meetings with legislative staff. Vicky is willing to coordinate with staffers meeting.
  - i. Need headcount and names
  - ii. There are 4 people from CASFAA – ask them if they are interested in sitting in with meetings coordinated with WASFAA or if they will set up their own meetings.
    - Sunshine Garcia
    - Dwayne Barnes
    - Robin Darcangelo
    - Annie Osborn
- Pat is drafting WASFAA issues paper and will share with CASFAA.
- Joint CASFAA/CCCSFAAA issues paper?
- There are two tracks – CASFAA is covering both tracks are covered

#### 3. FAST Act --

[http://www.nasfaa.org/Main/orig/2013/rtf/Bipartisan\\_FAST\\_Act\\_Officially\\_Introduced.aspx](http://www.nasfaa.org/Main/orig/2013/rtf/Bipartisan_FAST_Act_Officially_Introduced.aspx)

- Introduced by Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) along with Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)
- Financial Aid Simplification and Transparency Act – dramatically simplify the federal financial aid system while improving transparency and access
- Look at what NASFAA is doing regarding this issue
- Figure what we want to keep and take a position why we want to keep something

#### 4. H.R. 83 – Omnibus Bill (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act) – combines 11 appropriations bill into one, along with a CR for the DHS.

[http://www.nasfaa.org/Main/orig/2014/open/Spending\\_Bill\\_Funds\\_Max\\_Pell\\_Provides\\_Moderate\\_Increase\\_to\\_Some\\_Programs.aspx](http://www.nasfaa.org/Main/orig/2014/open/Spending_Bill_Funds_Max_Pell_Provides_Moderate_Increase_to_Some_Programs.aspx)

- Pell Grant amount
  - i. 2015-2016 = \$5,850 (\$4,860 discretionary + \$970 mandatory add-on)
- FSEOG and GEAR-UP were level funded
- Modest increases to FWS and TRIO programs

- Partial ATB Reinstatement
    - i. Career track – need additional information
    - ii. Not receive full Pell
    - iii. 4-yr/non-profit – not much of an issue
    - iv. CC/prop – issue
    - v. Look for DCL – retro-active July 1, 2014
    - vi. College’s FAMS – will not be able to accommodate 2 Pell tables
  - Foster Youth self-identification
5. Gainful Employment – lawsuit in place after final rules were published
6. College Ratings
- Alexander does not like it – he understands the impact
7. Other topics?
- Reauthorization – how quickly will changes move. Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind is 12 years behind so this is the first thing they will tackle.
  - NegReg for Loans – Scott nominated to be in the negotiations
8. Next meeting
- Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 2pm – conference call
  - Next meeting – Feb 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm