

San Diego CASFAA/CCCSFAAA Joint Meeting
June 6, 2002

Linda Bisesi, CASFAA President called the joint meeting of CASFAA and CCCSFAAA to order at 9:20 AM. Craig Yamamoto, CCCSFAAA Vice-President was co-facilitator of the meeting. The major purpose of the meeting was to learn more about the two organizations and to discuss ways in which CASFAA and CCCSFAAA might work more collaboratively to provide increased mutual support.

CASFAA and CCCSFAAA introductions were made. Linda reviewed the agenda for the day.

Linda gave an overview of CASFAA. She indicated that there are 5 segments to CASFAA: CSU, UC, Community Colleges, Proprietary and Independent Colleges. A total of 6 Executive Council meetings are held throughout California and Association Liaisons attend each meeting.

Craig asked that Toni Dubois give some background on the history of CCCSFAAA. Toni indicated that CCCSFAAA began with a core group of 20 Community College representatives. The goal at that time was the recognition of Financial aid as a profession. CCCSFAAA goal is service as a vehicle of access. A spring conference and a December conference are held each year. The office of Treasurer is a 2-year appointment.

Tim Bonnel discussed the role of the Community College at the Chancellor's office. He stated that Directors meet from different regions on a consultative basis. There is also student representation. The group is comprised of 20 members.

Federal Update. Marianna Deeken

Gregory Woods, Chief Operating Officer will leave his position soon. Re-organization is a possibility. Marianna indicated that there are some problems with the Training web site. The registration process has been a major problem.

Pell and Direct Loan reconciliation is coming up for Fall (2 day training). 1 day for Pell reconciliation and 1 day for loan reconciliation. A Perkins Loan due diligence piece as well as new assignment procedures will be presented.

Non-traditional programs will be addressed next spring. Delivery System training will occur late Fall/early Winter. There is a lot of demand for the Delivery System training.

Common Origination Disbursement (COD) is up and running. Pell records will be accepted on June 21, 2002. New regulation packets are now in production. No substantial changes to FAFSA form.

Re-authorization: Pell Tuition Sensitivity. CCCSFAAA would like CASFAA to join them in support of their position on the Pell tuition sensitivity issue. Craig Yamamoto will contact Jack Millis by the end of June 2002 to work with him regarding the Pell issue.

CSAC/EDFUND Update – Sarah Tyson

A very comprehensive and thorough discussion was conducted by Sarah Tyson. Please refer to hand out.

CSAC recently sent out a series of memos regarding the Cal Grant program and other administrative issues. At this time, schools may start making school changes on Cal Grants for the 2002-03 award year. Payments cannot be posted at this time. Schools may start making payments in August.

Recently there was publicity about hackers penetrating State databases. There were no compromises to any of CSAC's databases (Web Grants, its Grant Delivery System, or its internal local area network.) The database that was attacked by hackers contained payroll information for State employees.

Budget Update: The Governor proposed a \$4 million reduction in the Cal Grant C program. The state Senate proposed full restoration of Cal Grant C and the Assembly did as well. Awards will be made once funding is approved.

The Governor also proposed elimination of funding for 2002-2003 in the State Work-Study Program. Both the State Senate and Assembly propose restoration of this funding as well.

There have been proposed cuts in the Cal Grant T program ranging from a reduction of \$3 million to a reduction of \$5.1 million.

There are no proposed cuts in the award amount or number of other Cal Grants.

Conference 2006, 2010 Discussion – Hyatt Presentation

The Management of the Hyatt gave a presentation of the current expansion of the hotel. When the second tower is completed in the summer of 2003, the Manchester Grand Hyatt on San Diego Bay will offer a two-tower, bay-view facility with 1,625 guest rooms and more than 120,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. This is an increase of 875 guest rooms.

Hotel management expressed appreciation of CASFAA's business in the past and welcomed the opportunity for future association. The staff presented CASFAA and CCCSFAAA with an appreciation gift and a beautiful cake at the end of their presentation.

Site Selection. David Levy provided the group with informative handouts that included *CASFAA Conference Sleeping Room Rate Differentials, Tentative Financial Aid Conference Schedule, 2006/2010 Room rate Comparison (Manchester Grand Hyatt), and Notes on CASFAA Site Selection.*

A very thought provoking and passionate discussion transpired regarding high room rates for the year 2010 CASFAA/CCCSFAAA Conference. General consensus was to negotiate for the lowest room rates possible. There was discussion at one point that CCCSFAAA do research, on their own, for site selection for conference. No definitive statement was issued in this regard.

David told the group of an opportunity that the Anaheim Marriott has presented which will allow us to move the 2004 Conference earlier in December. David indicated that this seemed like an opportunity to negotiate for an earlier 2008 conference date at the same 2004 room rate. He asked whether or not CASFAA and CCCSFAAA wanted him to pursue this idea.

CASFAA Motion. Ann Whitmer moved that CASFAA accept the Anaheim Marriott's offer to move the 2004 conference date earlier in December and that David Levy and Scott Lindley approach the Anaheim Marriott hotel staff to inquire about moving the 2008 conference to the same earlier December date while maintaining the same room rate as 2004. Jim Brown seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

CCCSFAAA Motion. John Muskavitch moved that CASFAA accept the Anaheim Marriott's offer to move the 2004 conference date earlier in December and that David Levy and Scott Lindley approach the Anaheim Marriott hotel staff to inquire about moving the 2008 conference to the same earlier December date while maintaining the same room rate as 2004. Motion seconded by Claudia Martin. **Motion passed**

Ena Hull proposed that he take a look at the hotel rates for the last 10 years and present a summary with dates, different cities, etc with projections of what the rates might be for the year 2006. David will do this research during the next few weeks and provide the results to CASFAA and CCCSFAAA.

CASFAA & CCCSFAAA Memorandum of Understanding

Susan Jones is the segmental representative from Community Colleges to CASFAA Executive Council. By virtue of this position she serves on the CCCSFAAA Board. Generally --The understanding is that CASFAA and CCCSFAAA equally share the cost of her attendance to the CCCSFAAA Board This will be the policy between the two associations. Ena Hull drafted the policy. (See MOU statement) The following statement should be added to this policy:

“It is understood that this agreement will be binding on the associations until such time as it is rescinded or modified by mutual agreement of both associations.”

CASFAA’s vote. Motion. Ena Hull moved that in the years in which the Community Colleges representative to CASFAA E.C. is not an elected member to the CCCSFAAA Board, CASFAA and CCCSFAAA jointly share the expense of this person for attendance at the CCCSFAAA Board meetings.

Ann Whitmer seconded the motion. **Motion Passed**

CCCSFAAA’s vote. (Same Motion) John Muskavitch moved. Sherri Hancock seconded motion. **Motion Passed**

Training. Susan Jones began the discussion about the types of training that CCCSFAAA provides. Are CASFAA and CCCSFAAA duplicating effort in the training each provides? If so, perhaps the two associations could work collaboratively to create a more efficient training curriculum. CCCSFAAA provides annual training for new financial aid directors. The suggestion is that the two associations look into providing joint training for new directors in the future. Other ideas for training include: front line staff, customer service, 1040 review etc. It was suggested that we consider the possibility of a 2-day retreat for new directors. More concrete information on training will be available at next Transition meeting.

Craig Yamamoto suggested that there be a session at the next CASFAA conference on transfer student concerns.

Linda Bisesi thanked the group for their participation and input of ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Minutes submitted by,
Carolyn Kenner, CASFAA Secretary