

CCCSFAAA
Seaside, CA
June 2, 2003

Meeting called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Members Present: John Muskavitch, Mary Ellen Muehring, Joaquin Jimenez, Katherine Lister, JoAnn Bernard, Adela Jacobson, Pat Maga, Melissa Moser, Craig Yamamoto, Karen Micalizio, Sandy Clark, Candy Cannon, Brad Hardison, Judy Cohen, Andi Schreibman, Toni DuBois, Tim Bonnel, Sarah Tyson, Barbara Ralston

A motion was made by Craig to approve the 3/24/03 minutes and seconded by Andi. The motion passed.

Spring Work Shops: Joaquin passed out the surveys from the Spring Workshops. Joaquin expressed his appreciation for all of the time and effort Tim Bonnel has contributed to CCCSFAAA training activities in recent months.

Nominations are slated for July due to the transition meeting being moved to November. The President Elect will be from the south and the VP from the north. Craig, Judy, Melissa and Joaquin are on the Elections Committee. Beth expects to have the ballots available on the CCCSFAAA web page in time for this election.

By-Laws Committee: working on addressing when transition meeting will be held; clarifying what decisions can be made by Executive Cmttee -vs.- Exec Board; what is required for a quorum and when is it necessary to have one; who needs to be bonded (carrying credit cards or access to check book)-John seems to recall that when Sheri Hancock was President, it was decided that only the Treasurer is required to be bonded. The By- Laws Committee is open to suggestions/input.

Scholarships: We made a net profit of \$1342 on the gift card drawings held during the Spring Workshops. Melissa is now taking ideas for a scholarship fund raiser for the conference. Suggestion: Each region will contribute a raffle gift and tickets for those gifts will be sold during the conference. We will also have another drawing for one \$500 gift card. Tickets for the gift card raffle will be sent out to schools late Sept.

John wants regional reps to encourage their regions to participate in ticket sells. Some schools returned their tickets without any attempt to sell them.

Student Scholarships: (Brad) the application is being redone

CCCSFAAA member Conference Scholarships: application is still in development. John would like to have recipients selected by September 30 so that he can search for cheap airline tickets.

John asked for discussion of the 2003 conference registration winner's inquiry as to whether or not that scholarship could be transferred to another individual. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Andi to allow the recipient of the 2003 conference registration to transfer that to another CCC FA employee. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Melissa and seconded by Joaquin to offer a 2004 conference registration. The recipient will be selected from those 2003 conference attendees who complete the conference survey.

Budget: (Toni) She has filed the 2002 California Exempt Organization Annual Information Return (Form 199) and Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax (Form 990 EZ). She also filed the State of California Statement of Information (Domestic Nonprofit Corporation) Form SI-100 to renew CCCSFAAA's non-profit standing.

Toni handed out a separate sheet on the conference budget. She will keep us informed of this particular portion of the budget separately to make it easier to follow as expenses come in.

Toni asked if we want to move some of the Association's assets around to ensure we are getting the best interest rates possible. The discussion ensued that we want the money to also remain accessible to compensate for any unexpected expenses (CCCO currently supports our CCCSFAAA & FARR meetings) that may arise due to tight budget times.

Craig moved to accept the budget as presented by Toni and Sandy seconded it. The motion passed.

State Issues: (Craig)

Health Fees – Craig is concerned that CCCSFAAA is not on the same page as most of the other organizations addressing this issue. John

suggested they ask Pat Hurley to join the CCCSFAAA group working on this topic.

Cal Grant: The first school on the FAFSA is the only school that will get the student on their roster. New students will no longer be noted on the roster. It sounds like there is a way to sort the roster to identify these students but it may take custom programming on the school's part.

Craig is concerned that CSAC continues to make changes without consulting schools. The changes are making administration of the Cal Grant Program more difficult for schools, which ultimately affects students. Craig would like support and direction from CCCSFAAA.

Suggestions made:

- *That there be a small group of schools allowed to test the system prior to going into production.
- *Why didn't they wait until March 2 deadline to implement rather than rushing to meet September 2 deadline.
- *The need to inform the field of issues as soon as they are identified such as the GPA file cannot be larger than 30,000 students at a time.

Break at 9:45 for CASFAA joint meeting to take place from 10:00-1:00

CASFAA/CCCSFAAA Joint meeting

June 2, 2003 10:15 a.m.

Diana Fuentes-Michel – CSAC Exec Director

- *Legislature is requiring EdFund to cover some of CSAC operating expenses through loan operating excess.
- *Cal Grant decentralization bill is dead. She is before us today to ask how the Cal Grant Program can be improved.
- *Ed Fund has set aside \$25,000,000 for outreach on the Cal Grant Program.
- *EdFund may consider Perkins collections and alternative loans to generate revenue.
- *CSAC needs to protect against Cal Grant cuts and show that they are serious about improving the Cal Grant Program.
- *Wants to maintain access that Cal Grant provides for students.
- *One option on the table is to downsize EdFund; sell the business (Jonathon Brown, President of EdFund Board).
- * Another option on the table is to grow EdFund into a revenue generating organization (such as loan servicing, disbursement, etc.)

- *would like a focused list of deepest concerns; choose one to two things to accomplish very well in a very short period of time. She will work with our representatives to establish a group for consultation.
- *Cal Grant policy states that UC and CSU tuition will be covered by Cal Grant A and B. There has been no budget increase in the program to compensate for impending increases in UC & CSU tuition.
- *She prefers we call her rather than email her with input and when issues arise.
- *She appreciates an open approach even when disagreeing.
- *CCCSFAAA and CASFAA selected Craig Yamamoto to be the point of contact for CSAC-related issues. Diana and Craig will set up a meeting in the future.

NOTE: Diana is giving us information she says should not be taken lightly nor "gossiped" about.

CASFAA/CCCSFAAA Conference MOU that is in the works will be effective for the 2004 Conference. The existing MOU will be in effect for 2003. The committee working on the MOU is Ena Hull, John Muskavitch, Toni DuBois and David Levy.

2005 & 2007 Conferences

Sacramento, San Francisco & San Jose are the sites being researched by IMN.

CASFAA/CCCSFAAA Joint meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

CSAC UPDATE

- *State Work-study: Governor's proposal is to eliminate the funding but the authorizing language will remain in law.
- *Cal Grant T: proposal to cut it by nearly 50%
- *Proposal to eliminate new Graduate APLE
- *Proposal to combine CSAC and CPEC
- *NsoFaS Study: national faculty & student survey which does include some questions about financial aid; CA is one of the states being surveyed (there are approximately 52 community colleges on the list); it will begin next year; some schools will only be selected for one of the components; they have attached a cash incentive to get faculty (\$30) and students (\$10) to respond;
- *awards status extract: school can upload file of SSNs and find out which of those SSNs have an award; Tim cautions that we should only submit SSNs for students which we have a FAFSA due to FERPA. It is

thought that schools will want to identify students who are not on their roster because their school was not the first one listed on the FAFSA but the student ended up on their campus. There is concern that students who end up at a school other than the first one on their FAFSA and who have a Cal Grant award, will not claim the Cal Grant award because they do not realize it is a separate process from Pell. There was much discussion about the colleges not having the resources to track these students. Craig asked Sarah for the file layout information. She assured us it will get to us by the end of this week if possible. If not, it will go out ASAP.

*privacy bills: there are a few that are moving through quickly; one prevents you from imbedding the SSN on any ID card, etc.

*September 2 materials: Sarah said the GPA Verification Forms were at the printers a couple of weeks ago, they are expected in 2-3 weeks, apparently the scantron form takes time. The forms will NOT be mailed to schools automatically – they must be ordered.

*AB153: undocumented aliens' eligibility for Cal Grant – tabled for tomorrow under the CCCCCO agenda

Federal Issues Update

Sandy Clark and representatives from CASFAA will be meeting with two Congressional Aides next week to discuss issues important to all segments and specifically to CCC. (see attachment)

Fund Development

A committee is still needed. It was deferred to Craig to be established under his reign.

Advertising/Newsletter

The only people asked to put ads in the newsletter are those that printed the letter and those that have a representative on the newsletter committee. John is still working on getting the committee in place and will work with them to establish guidelines for advertising.

Reprinting of Directory

It is John's suggestion that we do not reprint the 2003 Directory since it will be redone in November for 2004. Toni had researched the cost of printing. The estimate given by Tim Ross was \$2800 and then there would be the logistics of mailing them. It was decided we will wait.

Volunteer Form

Mary Ellen suggested that we update the Volunteer Form to include information on each of the committees listed on the form; description of committee, experience required, and estimated time commitment

Newcomers Reception at Conference

Mary Ellen asked if anyone is planning activities or information for this group. CASFAA has an activity that encourages them to interact with other members. There was a suggestion to identify first-time attendees on their name badge. Toni suggested that we (CCCSFAAA Board) "adopt" a newcomer. Toni will take this to the Conference Committee.

IRS Training

Registration is looking good. Community college registrations account for just over 50% of those currently registered.

New Directors Training

CCCCO will be sponsoring a New Directors Training. It will most likely be held in September and be located in the north.

BOG Brochure

Toni has written a draft. Once there is a draft with design, Tim will get it out to us for review. He hopes to have that out within the next 2-3 weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00