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April 11-12, 2002

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**Long Range  
Plan 2002**

Present: Anne Barton, Cathy Bellomo, Mim Brown, Warren Hoffman, Judi

**Member Application**

Miladin, Michael McGraw, Kevin Ryan, Lisa Simpson, John Smith, Tony

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Thompson, Michael Williams

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MOTION: Approve the minutes of the February Executive Council meeting.

**Regional News**

Brown/ Smith - Unanimous

**Subscribe to an  
E-Mail List**

Brian Leif, President of the National Council of Higher Education Loan

Programs (NCHELP) spoke with Council regarding issues surrounding the loan

programs and the next reauthorization of the HEA. Three major concerns about

the climate in general are:

- Concern about loan consolidation and the loss of Title IV benefits

- Moving Perkins loans into the electronic arena

- The culture of accountability is a grave concern

The major factors that will influence reauthorization will be:

- War/homeland security

- Economy - federal and state
- The 2002 elections
- Where higher education will stand - the emphasis now is on K-12

Brian feels the majority of work on reauthorization will take place in 2004.

He discussed issues surround Stafford loans, ie., loan limits, years of repayment (if limits are increased), elimination of origination fees, and

loan consolidation. A suggestion has been made to make loan repayments a

cafeteria benefit by employers - so far there has not been much enthusiasm

for this suggestion. He also discussed the importance of a change in definition of total and permanent disability in light of new technology.

The common concern was expressed about the increased volume of alternative

loans being processed by schools and the inducements offered by lenders to

provide private loans to schools.

Irv Bodofsky shared a preliminary report of the NYSFAAA Conference Task Force. A copy of that report is attached for the permanent record. Each region should be providing feedback to the committee. They will be meeting

again to continue discussion on critical issues and will report back to Council.

Mike McGraw shared the results of the Lender Focus Group. It has been decided to form a Development Committee led by the Treasurer. More to come

on this topic.

Membership Report:

Warren distributed copies of the membership report. We now have 1063 members. The new NYSFAAA directory is being shipped. The old brochure will

not be mailed with renewal memberships. Warren and Kerrie will review membership cards for possible redesign prior to ordering any new supply.

Cathy suggested that the new viewbook be sent to new members of NYSFAAA.

MOTION: Stop printing a paper copy of the directory and replace it with a

PDF version available at nysfaaa.org.

Barton/Thompson - unanimous

Warren is to mail Mike McGraw an updated membership diskette so he can prepare to do revenue sharing checks.

BUDGET REPORT:

Mike McGraw distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Accept the treasurer's report.

Barton/Smith - unanimous

PRESIDENT ELECT REPORT:

Anne Barton reported on the results of the recent election. The winners are:

VP Membership - Kerrie Cooper

VP Training - Mike Pede

Treasurer - Mike McGraw

Secretary - Evelyn DeStio

A discussion was held about the feasibility of electronic elections.  
Cathy

will investigate the cost involved for EASF AA to conduct a totally  
electronic election. In the very least it is suggested that we make  
forms

available to download off the web to mail and save on mailing and  
printing

costs.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cathy distributed samples of EASF AA's privacy statement. Council agreed  
that

this would be good to place on our website.

EASF AA is adopting a new logo. The EASF AA conference is May 19-22 in  
Boston.

Cathy still needs pictures for the NYSF AAA Viewbook. Anne's letter to

College Presidents introducing herself and NYSF AAA will include a copy  
of

this viewbook.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Each region representative must bring (in writing)  
to

the June meeting the names, addresses, phone and email of all region  
officers and committee chairs.

Cathy reminded everyone that budget forms are coming to all statewide  
chairs

and must be completed and returned to Mike immediately.

The summer meeting will be held at the Sheraton in Saratoga Springs  
June

19-21st.

HESC UPDATE:

Loans Update

e-MPN Update

The HESC e-MPN went into production on April 8. As noted in EFAN  
Bulletin

#50, borrowers will be instructed to access HESC's Web site,  
[www.hesc.org](http://www.hesc.org).

They will then select Get a Loan on the right hand side of the Web page  
and

follow the instructions to click on Complete a Promissory Note.

When students complete the electronic Master Promissory Note (e-MPN) on  
HESC

's Web site using the data provided by the school, they will be able to  
view

a drop-down box of the specific school's preferred lenders. To ensure  
that

lenders are listed in the order that the school prefers, HESC will use  
the

following guidelines:

Schools can contact the Solutions Team or E-mail them at

[pbreselor@hesc.com](mailto:pbreselor@hesc.com) with the

order in which they want their preferred lenders to appear. This order  
may

be updated at any time.

· If a school has a wrap on file with a preferred lender list and  
chooses

to not contact HESC,

preferred lenders will be shown in the order in which they appear on the

wrap.

. If a school does not have a preferred lender list, all lenders will be

listed alphabetically.

Note: When a school certification is submitted for a first time borrower,

the school may designate a lender. This information will be prefilled on

the e-MPN. As with the manual process, students have the right to override

the prefilled lender.

Schools that still need to notify HESC regarding the order of their preferred lenders are encouraged to do so immediately.

Grants and Scholarships

TAP Modernization Meeting

The TAP Modernization Meeting was held on March 20 in Albany. Highlights of

the meeting included:

. APTS Modernization - All APTS reports are expected to be available on the

Web by fall 2002. Several suggestions were made regarding the submission of

the student records and feedback was provided on the proposed screens.

. Bulk Certifications - HESC also plans to have this online feature

available for schools in fall 2002. All students pending on rosters will be

available for certification on the Web.

. Enhanced Correspondence Tracking System - HESC unveiled a prototype of the

Web screen which would allow colleges to track the status of change forms.

Schools may currently contact the Call Center to obtain a progress report of

difficult cases where documentation was submitted.

## World Trade Center Memorial Scholarship Update

The bill to create the WTC Memorial Scholarship was not included in the deficiency budget; however, it is expected to be addressed as a separate

bill. The bill would provide scholarships to spouses, financial dependents,

and children of victims of the September 11 attack who died or were severely

and permanently disabled. In addition, people who were severely and permanently disabled in the impact area would be eligible. The proposal allows awards for up to 4 years of full-time undergraduate study. Once the

bill is passed HESC will publish the full details.

### 2002-2003 TAP Start-Up

HESC began mailing 2002-03 ETAs on March 26, 2002. As of April 8, approximately 140,000 ETAs have been printed. Nearly 63,000 returning students have applied for TAP by submitting only the FAFSA. Award eligibility for these returning students has been determined using FAFSA

data and historical data on file at HESC.

The 2002-03 state budget has not yet been enacted, therefore, actual TAP and

scholarship award amounts cannot be calculated. Students who meet current

eligibility criteria will have awards of 1111.11 or 2222.22 as listed on Web

inquiry pages -- these are not actual awards.

HESC will provide the initial 2002 Student Status Listing in May. If the

New York State budget is not enacted at that time, actual TAP and

Scholarship awards will not be calculated. As such, 111.11 or 222.22 will

be listed as awards on the Status Listing.

To avoid confusion and the inadvertent posting of preliminary TAP and scholarship awards (1111.11 or 2222.22), the header record of the Student

Status Listing will include the word "PRELIM" in position 47-52. The field

will not contain any data once actual awards are calculated and included on

the Status Listing, and will continue to be designated as "filler" on the

record layouts.

Coming Soon: TAP on the Web - HESC is finalizing plans to provide students

with an online TAP application by late summer. This project, called "TAP on

the Web", is the first of its kind in the country, and is being developed in

partnership with USED and NCS. Students who file the FAFSA online -

indicating that they are a New York State resident and listing a school in

the State - will have the option to complete the online ETA. The online ETA

will be prefilled using FAFSA data.

As you develop instructional material for 2003-2004, please encourage

incoming students to sign up for their PINs and to file both the FAFSA and

ETA online. Given the projected delivery date, late applicants for the fall

2002 term may be able to use the TAP on the Web application. HESC will keep

schools informed as this project moves forward.

Electronic Services

CL5 Update

HESC implemented CL5 on April 1 for Application Send and Receive Files. We

will also accept CL5 Change Transactions, but you will not receive an

electronic response. You will however, continue to receive output in the

same format that you are currently receiving. At a future date, we will

also implement the CL5 EFT files. For more information on CL5, as well as

other processing changes for 2002-2003, please see EFAN Bulletin #51 at <http://www.hesc.com/bulletins/efanbulletins/EFAN51.html>

#### Mapping Your Future

As of March 18, visitors to Mapping-Your-Future.org were introduced to the

new version of the Web site. The new site has the same content, features,

and services as the older version of the web site, plus some new information

and services and enhanced navigation.

#### CONFERENCE REPORTS:

2002 - Warren Hoffman reported that all is on track for the Buffalo conference this fall.

2003 - Lisa Simpson reported that the theme of the conference will be "Spring's Eternal in Saratoga". Many special events are being planned.

2004 - Scott Atkinson reported that the Steering Committee is set. The tentative theme is "Rollin' on the River".

#### MEETING DATES FOR NEXT YEAR:

September 19-20

December 16-17 - NYC

February 9-10-11 - Albany

April 24-25 - TBA - region 5

June 18-20

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Regions 5, 6 and 7 requested \$800 each to help support regional speakers

being offered at the tri-regional meeting on May 3. No motion is needed since this is already allocated for each region in the budget.

Region 4 requested \$1910 for their Support Staff Workshop.

Brown/Ryan - unanimous



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