

Agenda
NeASFAA Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 31, 2020 @ 9:00 am CDT

NeSIS, 5625 O Street, Suite 8 (2nd floor), Lincoln, NE

Zoom Instructions:

<http://nebraska.zoom.us/j/810280151>
1-877-369-0926 Meeting ID 810-280-151

Call to Order

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of minutes from November 1, 2019
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. President, Sheila Johns
 - B. President Elect, Renee Besse
 - C. Past President, Marty Habrock
 - D. Treasurer, Janice Volker
 - E. Secretary, Sarah Standley
- IV. Sector Representative Reports
 - A. Two-year Public Institutions, Kimberly Vanosdall
 - B. Private Colleges and Universities, Doug Watson
 - C. Four-year Public Colleges and Universities, Tabitha Haynes
 - D. Associate Membership, Shareen Thewke
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Association Governance, Marty Habrock
 - B. Corporate Development, Cecilia Hernandez
 - C. Finance and Audit, Janet Solberg
 - D. Membership Connections, Lani Swanson
 - E. Nominations and Elections, Renee Besse
 - F. Professional Development & Recognition Committee, Stacy Seim
 - G. State & Federal Relations, Justin Brown
- VI. Continued Business
 - A. RMASFAA in Nebraska 2020 update
 - B. Investment of checking account funds, recommendation from Finance & Audit
 - C. Ratification of Strategic Directions document
 - D. 2022 Conference locations

- E. Report from task force regarding Treasurer-Elect position proposal

VII. New Business

- A. Membership request from Iowa Student Loan
- B. Budget variance for purchase of date stamp, \$60
- C. EducationQuest FAFSA completion initiative
- D. NeASFAA Federal Briefing Document
- E. Proposal to offer discount to 1st-time conference attendees
- F. Dropbox capacity
- G. 2020-2021 Budget Preparation

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Next meetings

- A. Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Location Divots Conference Center, Norfolk

NeASFAA Board of Directors Meeting
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Present: Sheila Johns, Renee Besse, Marty Habrock, Sarah Standley, Janice Volker, Kimberly Vanosdall, Doug Watson, Shareen Thewke, Ritchie Morrow, Cecilia Hernandez, Lani Swanson, Stacy Seim, Justin Brown

Committee Members also in attendance: Erinn Brown, Diana Oglesby, Laura Thayer-Mencke

Not Present: Janet Solberg, Tabitha Haynes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Sheila at 9:06am.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Renee, second by Marty. Motion passes.

Approval of minutes from November 1, 2019: Motion to approve by Renee, second by Kimberly. Motion passes.

Officer Reports

President, Sheila Johns: Written report. Sheila signed the contract for Divots for 2021 NeASFAA conference in March. She'll be going to RNASFAA board meeting in Colorado on February 20-21. Has been in discussion with SFRC, but more on that later in Justin's report.

President Elect, Renee Besse: Written report.

Past President, Marty Habrock: No written report. Marty has been involved in the taskforce for the Treasurer-elect position.

Treasurer, Janice Volker: Written report. Not much activity since last meeting. The tax return for fiscal year 2019 was filed in November.

Secretary, Sarah Standley: Written report.

Sector Representative Reports

Two-year Public Institutions, Kimberly Vanosdall: Written report. Two responses from her sector. Sheila is going to be a grandma this summer. Erinn Brown has a new staff member named Shelby. Shelby already earned her first credential!

Private Colleges and Universities, Doug Watson: Written report. Doug wants to have a zoom meeting with the entire sector and invite everyone.

Four-year Public Colleges and Universities, Tabitha Haynes: Written report. She reached out and received two responses, but nothing to report.

Associate Membership, Shareen Thewke: Written report. Working through philanthropy ideas for Norfolk. Discussion based around which choice to go with since we need to decide for the spring conference. We decided on Northeast Community College Food Bank since it is supporting education. Cecilia will ask around the Associate Sector to see if a company would be willing to match the money we raise. Shareen also reached out to her sector, but nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Association Governance, Marty Habrock: Written report. Marty wrote up a draft for updated P&P and sent it to his committee. One of the items was adding dropbox protocol. The second item was a committee update for the Nominations and Elections Committee (correcting the number of committee members from 5 to 4). The third update was regarding officer travel – paying travel expenses for past president to attend RNASFAA conference. The fourth update was under treasurer responsibilities – giving the treasurer the option to attend NASFAA Leadership Conference.

The final update was regarding who can make motions and vote. Once he hears back from the other members he'll get the P&P updated and get it over to Lani for her to put it on the NeASFAA website.

Corporate Development, Cecilia Hernandez: Written report. Cecilia emailed the associate members, and two new members will be coming to NeASFAA spring conference: Ernest Student Loans and ScholarNet. Those two will need to become members in order to vend, so Cecilia will send them a membership application.

Finance and Audit, Janet Solberg: No written report.

Membership Connections, Lani Swanson: Written report. We have two requests for membership, so we'll talk about those later.

Nominations and Elections, Renee Besse: No written report, it's going to be within the president-elect report.

Professional Development & Recognition Committee, Stacy Seim: Written report. Fall training was very well received! Had to switch some things around because NASFAA did a webinar in the afternoon during the credential. Consumer Information and PJ credentials are coming up, and there are 8 people registered.

State & Federal Relations, Justin Brown: Written report. The committee met in January to discuss plans. They put together a briefing document for the three people who are going to the NASFAA leadership conference. Discussion about 9 bills that they are tracking right now. He also sent a poll to the membership for them to have a voice on which bills they support or not and provide commentary. They helped put together written testimony for LB920 which will effectively increase NOG. They submitted a session proposal for Ritchie to present at the spring conference. Justin also put some federal activity in his report for everyone to review. Discussion on potential updates to NOG policies and how to determine which students should receive it. Senator Vargas wants students to receive NOG no matter when they apply, discussion on how we would implement that. Discussion about potentially setting up a meeting to discuss some items with him if possible. We also had a discussion about a LB1089 that will require high school seniors to complete a FAFSA before they graduate with two opt-out exceptions. The hearing is going to be this Monday. We might want to either send someone to testify or write a letter to submit by Monday. Our stance would be neutral on this particular bill, and we would just explain the facts about FAFSA filing etc. Justin feels that we should probably be involved just to set a precedent that NeASFAA will be involved in bills that have to do with financial aid. LB1168 is also set to be heard on Monday. It would allocate lottery money for several things that we would potentially be in favor of. We also had a discussion about the SFRC committee in general and whether or not they can make decisions to be for, against, or neutral on bills. Things tend to move pretty quickly, so it would be difficult to bring all of these items to the board for a vote. It was decided that since the NeASFAA president and president-elect are both on the SFRC, that is enough representation for the committee to make a decision on behalf of the board. If individuals have a different opinion than the stance NeASFAA decides to take, individuals can testify or submit letters on their own either as representatives of their institution or representing themselves.

Continued Business

RNASFAA in Nebraska 2020 update: Becca wrote up a report for the dropbox. Sheila will send something out to the NeASFAA listserv to ask for committee volunteers. We're also open to suggestions for philanthropy.

Investment of checking account funds, recommendation from Finance & Audit: We did not receive a recommendation on this, so we'll hopefully hear something by the next meeting.

Ratification of Strategic Directions document: Doug made a motion, Marty seconded. Motion approved.

2022 Conference locations: Cornhusker proposal is in dropbox. Graduate has provided some information, but it wasn't enough for us to be able to compare. We have requested more information from them so that we can more easily compare.

Report from task force regarding Treasurer-Elect position proposal: Taskforce includes Doug, Tabby, Janice, Marty, and Sheila, and they provided a written report. The proposal was to change treasurer position to one year as treasurer

elect and second year as treasurer instead of a two year term. Sheila also reached out to other states in RMAFSA to ask what they are doing. Kansas, Colorado, and Montana all have a treasurer elect. The task force felt that a three year term would be too long and that recruiting a new Treasurer-Elect each year as proposed was not a sustainable model for NeASFAA's membership. The taskforce ultimately determined to leave the Treasurer position as is with a 2 year term. However, they did feel that the Treasurer should have several meetings with the incoming treasurer to help train the new treasurer and ensure things happen appropriately. The last few treasurers have been serving 4 years in a row, so we want to try and stop that cycle. The Board of Directors and Committee Timeline will be updated with the recommendations from the task force.

New Business

Membership request from Iowa Student Loan: Renee made a motion to approve the membership request, Doug seconded. Motion carries.

Membership request from SoFi: Renee made a motion to approve the membership request, Marty and Shareen seconded. Discussion about this company because they push loan consolidation, and that may be a concern for some. If we accept them, they will have access to the website, the listserv, and the ability to attend conferences, but they would not get access to our students. Motion carries.

Budget variance for purchase of date stamp, \$60: Finance and Audit committee recommended that the Treasurer purchase a date stamp. Renee made a motion, Kimberly seconded. Motion carries.

EducationQuest FAFSA completion initiative: EducationQuest has created an advisory council to review the prospect of requiring high school students to complete the FAFSA before they graduate. Overall, it seems like high school guidance counselors are not approving of this. This initiative is separate from LB 1089, which Senator Vargas is introducing. If the bill passes, there wouldn't be a need for the EducationQuest advisory committee to continue meeting about this unless they want to just discuss ways to help the high schools implement this. Louisiana passed something similar, and it has been a full year since it was implemented. There are a couple other states who are also implementing something similar, but they haven't started yet so there isn't any data. We may just wait until after the bill is introduced and just see what happens.

NeASFAA Federal Briefing Document: Justin, Carlos Garcia (SCC), Lisa Gdowski are all going to NASFAA Leadership Conference. They are going to the hill for a visit, so the SFRC came up with this document. There is a good chance of reauthorization soon. They are going to meet with 5 different staffers to discuss a few different issues.

Proposal to offer discount to 1st-time conference attendees: The PDRC talked about possibly offering a discount like this to maybe encourage some schools who usually don't send anyone to the conference. The discount would be 50% off for anyone; it wouldn't necessarily be one per school. It would probably be just for this year. If it's successful, they would talk about potentially doing it again. This wouldn't put the association in the hole much, if any. Budgets seem to be a big reason why schools don't send people, so this might be a good incentive to get a few more people, especially since RMAFSA is also in Nebraska this year. If they decide to implement this, maybe the sector reps could get the word out to their sector. Then we discussed having an early bird rate instead. This would make it so they aren't excluding anyone. It would also be nice to get numbers a little earlier. Doug motions that for the spring 2020 conference, we offer a 50% discount for all early registrations and payments through February 28th for institutional registrations. If there is any shortfall to cover the remaining cost for the conference, that can come from reserves. Renee seconded. Motion carries.

Dropbox capacity: It seems like the dropbox capacity is an individual thing. Certain people are getting the message that their dropbox is full, but others aren't. It seems like each individual person would need to upgrade their own dropbox. Justin proposed that we head up a taskforce to tackle this and look into options. We're thinking there won't be a free option out there, so we might need to do some research about options and pricing. Marty makes a motion to create a

taskforce to research cloud storage solutions for NeASFAA and bring recommendations to the next meeting. Doug seconded. Sheila asked for volunteers. Ritchie, Shareen, Lani, and Sarah all volunteered. Ritchie will chair the taskforce. **2020-2021 Budget Preparation:** Between now and the spring conference we'll be needing to create the budget for 20-21. Janet Solberg said she would be willing to assist with this. If not, Laura might be able to help. Renee and Marty also will likely be involved. Sheila is going to reach out to everyone to get this started.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Marty, second by Shareen. Motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 1:17pm.

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Location Divots Conference Center, Norfolk – Tentatively planned for noon.

NeASFAA Board Meeting
President's Report
January 31, 2020

I have signed and returned the contract with Divots Conference Center, Norfolk, for the Spring 2021 (March 24-26, 2021) conference.

I am scheduled to attend the RMASFAA winter board meeting in Denver, Feb. 20-21, 2020.

- Have been involved in discussion regarding location of 2021 RMASFAA conference in Wyoming
- Will be working on RMASFAA Presidents' Guide

I gathered information and worked with task force to evaluate Treasurer-Elect proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Johns

President-Elect Board Report

Submitted by: Renee Besse

Date: January 31, 2020

Activities:

1. Continue to actively engage as an ex-officio on State and Federal Relations Committee, Professional Development and Recognition Committee. I have not been involved with the Audit and Finance Committee or the Association Governance Committee to date.
2. I have completed the slate of candidates for the 20-21 NeASFAA Board of Directors and held elections. The results are listed below and will be ratified after the Spring Conference by the new Board.
 - a. **President-Elect** Justin Brown
 - b. **Treasurer-** Lisa Gdowski
 - c. **Private Sector Rep-**Fallon Watts
 - d. **Associate Sector Rep** – Jodi Vandenberg
 - 87% Voting Return by Institutions
 - 20% Voting Return by Associate Sector
3. I have begun strategizing and taking action to outline my goals as NeASFAA President 2020
 - a. I have been doing research, with the help of Lisa Gdowski, to estimate the costs of moving NeASFAA to Quick Books online through Tech Soup (\$75/yr). Lisa also volunteered to register for a class at her college to learn quickbooks.
 - b. I have also done some research on having an external audit performed. I contacted several accountants in Columbus and was told they do not do audits. I then contacted one in Kearney and they do not perform audits either. After a discussion with the accountant he indicated it is cost prohibitive for his firm to do audits anymore, especially on 'small' associations like us. He did guesstimate that it would cost between \$2000-\$4000 for an audit and they probably would not find anything wrong.
 - c. I have asked Mary Sommers to lead a task force with the goal of defining what training looks like for NeASFAA in 2020 and beyond.
 - d. I plan to have a Strategizing/Goal Setting Meeting with the new Board members following the final 19-20 Board Meeting prior to the Spring Conference in March.

Treasurer's Report

January 30, 2020

Account Balances

Account #	Bank	Length	Rate	Maturity Date	Value
Checking	US Bank	N/A		N/A	\$37,784.53
CD 3-057-9044-4270	US Bank	9 months	1.83%	07/03/20	\$20,109.06
CD #576620	Union Bank	18 months	2.35%	06/05/20	\$14,632.32
CD #580134	Union Bank	17 months	2.37%	02/10/20	\$27,959.70
CD #586665	Union Bank	16 months	2.75%	07/08/20	\$30,624.20
					\$131,109.81

1. Balance Sheet
2. Profit and Loss Statements

Balance Sheet

Cash Basis

As of January 28, 2020

	<u>Jan 28, 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	37,784.53
Total Checking/Savings	<u>37,784.53</u>
Other Current Assets	
CD # 580134 -Union Bk 7/10/13	27,959.70
CD #3057904 -US Bank 1/3/2014	20,109.06
CD #586665 - Union Bk 10/8/13	30,624.20
CD#576620--Union Bk 4/5/13	14,632.32
Total Other Current Assets	<u>93,325.28</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>131,109.81</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>131,109.81</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	34,427.98
3900 · Retained Earnings	94,024.62
Net Income	2,657.21
Total Equity	<u>131,109.81</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>131,109.81</u>

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Cash Basis

July 1, 2019 through January 28, 2020

	Jul 1, '19 - Jan 28, 20	Budget
Income		
Credentialing Income		
Administrative Capability	0.00	0.00
Application Processing	0.00	0.00
COA	120.00	0.00
Direct Loan	0.00	0.00
Federal Methodology	0.00	0.00
Late Fees	0.00	0.00
Needs Analysis	0.00	0.00
Packaging	0.00	0.00
PELL	0.00	0.00
Professional Judgement	120.00	0.00
R2T4	0.00	0.00
Refunds	-40.00	0.00
SAP	0.00	0.00
Student Eligibility	0.00	0.00
TEACH	160.00	0.00
Verification	610.00	0.00
Credentialing Income - Other	0.00	2,790.00
Total Credentialing Income	970.00	2,790.00
Early Awareness	0.00	0.00
Exhibitor Fees	0.00	0.00
Fall Workshop	1,650.00	2,600.00
Interest Income	9.28	12.00
Membership		
Late Fee	100.00	0.00
Membership Dues	6,975.00	9,700.00
Refunds	-75.00	0.00
Membership - Other	250.00	0.00
Total Membership	7,250.00	9,700.00
Miscellaneous (Philanthropy)	0.00	0.00
NASFAA State Award	0.00	0.00
NeASFAA Grant	0.00	0.00
Other		
Bid Incentive	0.00	0.00
Intuit	0.00	0.00
Other - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Other	0.00	0.00
Refunds	0.00	0.00
Reserve Debit*	0.00	3,188.00
Shirts	0.00	0.00
Special Projects Income	0.00	0.00
Sponsorships	0.00	0.00
Spring Conference	0.00	12,300.00
Support Staff Workshop	0.00	0.00
Total Income	9,879.28	30,590.00
Cost of Goods Sold		
50000 - Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	0.00
Total COGS	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit	9,879.28	30,590.00
Expense		
Ad Hoc Committee		
Ad Hoc Comm--Reauthorization	0.00	0.00
President/BOD Project	0.00	0.00
Ad Hoc Committee - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Ad Hoc Committee	0.00	0.00

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Cash Basis

July 1, 2019 through January 28, 2020

	Jul 1, '19 - Jan 28, 20	Budget
Association Governance		
Meetings	0.00	0.00
Association Governance - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Association Governance	0.00	0.00
Awards		
Fun Awards	0.00	0.00
Prestige Awards	0.00	0.00
Support Staff Awards	0.00	0.00
Awards - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Awards	0.00	0.00
Certificate of Deposit	0.00	0.00
closed 7 Month CD US Bank	0.00	0.00
closed 9 Month CD Union Bank	0.00	0.00
Communications		
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
NECOLLEGEHELP Book Giveaway	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Redesign	0.00	0.00
Photocopy	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00
PR Campaign	0.00	0.00
SOCS Annual License Fee	0.00	0.00
Stationery	0.00	0.00
Website Domain Fees	0.00	0.00
Website Redesign	0.00	0.00
Communications - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Communications	0.00	0.00
Corporate Development		
Postage	0.00	0.00
Corporate Development - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Corporate Development	0.00	0.00
Federal Withholding	0.00	0.00
Leadership Development		
Lodging	0.00	0.00
Meals	0.00	0.00
RNASFAA Registration	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Leadership Development - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Leadership Development	0.00	0.00
Membership Expenses		
Printing/Postage	0.00	25.00
Stationery	0.00	0.00
Welcome Project	0.00	100.00
Membership Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Membership Expenses	0.00	125.00
Miscellaneous		
Memorials	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
Philanthropy Project	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous (Philanthropy)	0.00	0.00

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Cash Basis

July 1, 2019 through January 28, 2020

	Jul 1, '19 - Jan 28, 20	Budget
Past-President		
Travel	0.00	0.00
Past-President - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Past-President	0.00	0.00
PDC		
Credentialing		
Breaks	0.00	0.00
Credentialing Materials	1,900.00	2,400.00
Facility Expenses	0.00	0.00
Trainer Expenses	0.00	0.00
Credentialing - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Credentialing	1,900.00	2,400.00
Fall Institute		
Credential Materials	0.00	0.00
Door Prizes	0.00	0.00
Entertainment	0.00	0.00
Meals/Breaks	505.32	950.00
Meeting Room Charges	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Printing/Postage	0.00	0.00
Speaker Expense	0.00	800.00
Fall Institute - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Fall Institute	505.32	1,750.00
Guidance Counselor Workshop	0.00	0.00
Meeting Expense	263.98	400.00
Spring Conference		
Attrition/Penalty	0.00	0.00
Audio/Visual Needs	0.00	100.00
Credential Materials	0.00	0.00
Door Prizes	0.00	0.00
Entertainment	0.00	500.00
Meals/Breaks	0.00	9,500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Printing/Postage	0.00	250.00
Refunds	0.00	0.00
Speaker Expense	1,500.00	4,050.00
P · Prestigious Awards	0.00	550.00
Spring Conference - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Spring Conference	1,500.00	14,950.00
Support Staff Workshop		
Attendee Materials	0.00	0.00
Door Prizes	0.00	0.00
Meals/Breaks	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00
Speaker Expense	0.00	0.00
Support Staff Workshop - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Support Staff Workshop	0.00	0.00
Training		
Committee Lunch	0.00	0.00
Decentralized	0.00	0.00
Title IV	0.00	0.00
Video Conference	0.00	0.00
Training - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Training	0.00	0.00

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Cash Basis

July 1, 2019 through January 28, 2020

	Jul 1, '19 - Jan 28, 20	Budget
PDC - Other	0.00	0.00
Total PDC	4,169.30	19,500.00
President/President Elect		
Board Meetings		
Meals	176.27	500.00
Transitional Board Meeting	0.00	200.00
Board Meetings - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Board Meetings	176.27	700.00
Leadership Conference		
Airline/Hotel/Meals	0.00	0.00
Registration	0.00	0.00
Leadership Conference - Other	0.00	4,200.00
Total Leadership Conference	0.00	4,200.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
NASFAA Conference		
Airline/Hotel/Meals	1,037.18	0.00
Registration	635.00	0.00
NASFAA Conference - Other	0.00	2,150.00
Total NASFAA Conference	1,672.18	2,150.00
RNASFAA Conference		
Airline/Hotel/Meals	804.32	0.00
Registration	275.00	0.00
RNASFAA Conference - Other	0.00	2,500.00
Total RNASFAA Conference	1,079.32	2,500.00
RNASFAA Executive Board	0.00	0.00
RNASFAA State Gift	75.00	75.00
Summer Institute Scholarships	0.00	750.00
Transitional Board Meeting	0.00	0.00
President/President Elect - Other	0.00	0.00
Total President/President Elect	3,002.77	10,375.00
RNASFAA 2004	0.00	0.00
Secretary		
Budget Variance - Laptop	0.00	0.00
Cards/Memorials/Flowers	0.00	0.00
Document Archival	0.00	0.00
Secretary - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Secretary	0.00	0.00
Special Projects		
Kids Explore	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00
Special Projects - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Special Projects	0.00	0.00

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Cash Basis

July 1, 2019 through January 28, 2020

	Jul 1, '19 - Jan 28, 20	Budget
Treasurer		
Association Liability Policy	0.00	500.00
Banking Expenses	0.00	40.00
Biannual Non-profit Filing Fee	0.00	0.00
Change of Agent Fee	0.00	0.00
Computer Expense	0.00	0.00
Computer Purchase*	0.00	0.00
Computer Repair	0.00	0.00
Tax Preparation	50.00	50.00
Treasurer - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Treasurer	50.00	590.00
Void	0.00	0.00
Website Maintenance	0.00	0.00
6999 - Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00
e - Patrick McTee	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	7,222.07	30,590.00
Net Income	2,657.21	0.00

Custom Transaction Detail Report

Accrual Basis

November 1, 2019 through January 28, 2020

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Class
Nov 1, '19 - Jan 28, 20						
Deposit	11/07/2019			Deposit	Checking	
Check	11/07/2019	3114	Sheila Johns		Checking	
Deposit	11/15/2019			Deposit	Checking	
Check	11/21/2019	3115	Premier Catering/Va...		Checking	
Check	11/21/2019	3116	Schulz & Associates...		Checking	
Deposit	11/22/2019			Deposit	Checking	
Deposit	11/30/2019			Interest	Checking	
Deposit	12/09/2019			Deposit	Checking	
Deposit	12/17/2019			Deposit	Checking	
Deposit	12/31/2019			Interest	Checking	
Deposit	01/13/2020			Deposit	Checking	
Deposit	01/28/2020			Deposit	Checking	
Check	01/28/2020	3117	Divots		Checking	

Nov 1, '19 - Jan 28, 20

Custom Transaction Detail Report

Accrual Basis

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<u>Clr</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
X	-SPLIT-	975.00	975.00
X	Meals	-176.27	798.73
X	-SPLIT-	1,030.00	1,828.73
X	Meals/Breaks	-505.32	1,323.41
X	Tax Preparation	-50.00	1,273.41
X	-SPLIT-	325.00	1,598.41
X	Interest Income	1.55	1,599.96
X	-SPLIT-	80.00	1,679.96
X	Membership D...	200.00	1,879.96
X	Interest Income	1.59	1,881.55
X	Fall Workshop	50.00	1,931.55
	-SPLIT-	120.00	2,051.55
	Meeting Expense	-104.50	1,947.05
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Secretary Report
NeASFAA Board of Directors Meeting
Januray 31, 2020
Sarah Standley

Minutes were taken at the November 1st Board of Directors meeting, and they were uploaded into the dropbox.

The State and Federal Relations Committee drafted a letter to Senator Mike Groene in favor of LB920. I put it on letterhead and sent to Sheila for her to sign and send on behalf of NeASFAA

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Standley

NeASFAA Board Meeting
January 31, 2019
Two-Year Public Sector Report

I sent out a request for updates to the Two-Year Public Sector members. I received a response from Sheila Johns and Erinn Brown. Sheila is excited to announce that she will become a grandma in summer. Erinn Brown responded that Mid-Plains Community College has a new staff member Shelby Hills. Shelby started on October 28th and hit the ground running, attending Fall training and earning her first credential.

Also I am currently serving as vice chair for PDRC. We meet on January 27 at Divots for a site visit and continued work for the Spring Conference. I received a bid from The Graduate in Lincoln for the Spring 2022 conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Vanosdall, Northeast Community College
Two-Year Public Sector Representative

The Private Institutions Sector will be planning a Zoom sector meeting in February. Its purpose will be to provide a way for all members of our financial aid teams to be a part of this meeting. Many times, all of our staffs are unable to attend our conferences and training for a variety of reasons, including tight department budgets, drive times, and the need to serve our students at our respective offices. This Zoom meeting will hopefully allow more members to be involved and engaged, as well as to provide for a way to strengthen our relationships with fellow aid professionals.

We intend to have provide a list of discussion topics and a brief agenda to send out ahead of time. I look forward to sharing the outcome of this meeting with the Board at our meeting in March.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Watson

Private Sector representative

NeASFAA Board Meeting
4-Year Public Sector Rep Report
January 31, 2019

I contacted the members of the 4-year public sector to inquire if any new business should be brought to the board. I received an email from Sarah Standley of UNL and Becca Dobry of UNK indicating they had no new business or anything to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Haynes

Associate Sector Representative
January 31, 2020

Reached out to Northwest Community College for Philanthropy ideas for Norfolk. Below are the three recommendations from the office:

1. Norfolk Read Aloud Program
 - a. Mark Claussen (MarkClaussen@npsne.org)
 - b. <https://readaloudnorfolk.com/>
 - c. Our goals are to inform parents and others about how important it is to read out loud to children. We want to promote healthy, successful, children and families through reading aloud. Also, Read Aloud Norfolk wants to foster school and community efforts that develop lifelong readers.
 - d. Read Aloud Norfolk is a public, nonprofit literacy organization that promotes healthy, successful children and families through reading aloud. We do this by educating people about the importance of reading aloud to children and providing books to help make it happen.
 - i. Provide "Read to Your Bunny" books to new Moms & Dads as they leave Faith Regional Health Services
 - ii. Primary sponsor of Children's Day Festival at the Sunset Plaza each February
 - iii. Provide hundreds of free, new books to children and families in need through our First Book distributions
 - iv. Help support the "Prime Time Family Reading Time" program at several Norfolk Public School elementary schools
 - v. Use opportunities such as Jumpstart's "Read for the Record" and "Read Aloud to a Child Month" to promote the importance of reading aloud to children
2. Norfolk Public School Backpack Program
 - a. Julie Robinson (julier@norfolkiron.com)
 - b. Could not find much information
 - c. Facebook Posts: Blessings in a Backpack – Norfolk, NE
 - i. 9/11/2019 - Unfortunately food instability in Norfolk is growing! We've had 2 schools ask for significant increases in food this year. We will now send backpacks home with more than 380 Elementary School Students each Friday! That's an increase of about 100 since last year, and an additional \$14,000 in food! God has always provided the support, I'm trusting that will happen again and we'll be able to meet the needs of the kids in our community.
3. Northeast Community College Food Pantry
 - a. Joshua Becker (jbecke22@northeast.edu)
 - b. Help Provide food to needy Northeast Community College Students

Sent an email to the Associate Sector Community asking for any items to bring to the meeting. There were no responses at this time.

Respectively submitted
Shareen Thewke

1. Policy and Procedures add the following (NEW):

Background and Narrative – the Dropbox Protocol was created and the board asked that AG review the language and add the protocol document and timelines of moving items out of the Dropbox and into permanent storage into the P&P.

2.8 Dropbox Protocol

The Board of Directors will utilize Dropbox cloud storage service for file sharing and collaboration. Normal records retention rules apply (see 4.6). However, coordination between the Secretary and Historian must take place to move items from Dropbox to hard drive storage. Items that pertain to two years prior to the current year can be moved from Dropbox to hard drive storage.

A NeASFAA Dropbox Protocol and Authorized Users is found in Appendix 4 of this manual.

Additional items

- a) This needs to be added to the NeASFAA Dropbox Protocol and Authorized Users

Naming convention for reports uploaded to Dropbox:

Please use: Board member's position, title of document, meeting date. Avoid using NeASFAA as the first word in title, if possible. Examples: Secretary Report 6-21-2019 or Board Meeting Minutes 6-21-2019.

- b) Add NeASFAA Dropbox Protocol and Authorized Users as Appendix 4
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2. Policy and Procedures update the following (UPDATE):

Background and Narrative – update to the P&P to correct the Nominations & Elections committee since there are only 4 sector reps now instead of 5.

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Recommended Committee Composition

The committee membership is comprised of the ~~five~~ four elected Sector representatives and the President-Elect (Committee Chairperson)

3. Policy and Procedures add the following (NEW):

Background and Narrative: The board approved at the November board meeting to fund the travel expenses of the Past President to attend the RMASFAA conference. What also was not in the P&P, but only in practice, is that NeASFAA funds travel for the President. This clarity has been added to the P&P.

5.6

Officer Travel

The President (incoming RMASFAA state delegate) and Past-President (RMASFAA state delegate) will be reimbursed by NeASFAA for travel expenses not already reimbursed by RMASFAA for the Fall RMASFAA conference and board meeting.

4. Policy and Procedures add the following (NEW):

Background and Narrative: The board asked that AG add language to Treasurer responsibilities regarding attendance to the NASFAA Leadership Conference. In practice, this has been happening. Language added to the P&P will add further clarity.

2.8.5 TREASURER [Article VI, Section 3 and 10

Responsibilities

As Treasurer-elect, represents NeASFAA at the NASFAA Leadership Conference Workshop if directed by the Board of Directors.

5. Policy and Procedures add the following (NEW):

Background and Narrative: discussion took place between the President, President-elect and Past President to answer a question by a committee chair about who can make motions and vote. After research by the President and agreement by President-elect and Past President on proper protocol, it was asked that the following language be added to the P&P.

Appendix 1

D. Review of Parliamentary Procedure – Voting and making motions

The Board of Directors is composed of the elected officers of the Association.

Board Eligible to Vote/Make a Motion

President Yes

President-elect	Yes
Past President	Yes
Treasurer	Yes
Secretary	Yes
Sector Reps	Yes

All of the above individuals are voting members of the Board. Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs who are in attendance at the meeting may participate in discussion, but cannot make motions or vote.

Corporate Development Report
NeASFAA Board Meeting
January, 29 2020
Cecilia Hernandez-Chavez

Our committee's primary responsibilities revolve around preparations for the Spring Conference. With Robb Cummings as (Co-Chair) and I have done the following with his assistance:

- We have emailed Associate Sector members providing the conference dates and location, and have asked they respond indicating if they plan to exhibit. As of Wednesday, January 29th, Earnest Student Loans, SclarNet, and Sallie Mae.
 - I sent out individual emails to One Citizen, Inceptia and Nelnet.
 - Next steps will be working with PRDC to communicate conference details and logistics to exhibitors as the information becomes available.

- We received some suggestions for philanthropy options from our colleagues.
 - Robb did research that is more detailed on the three organizations we have; I can share that if needed.
 - We will be sending messages via the list serve to promote the philanthropy prior to the conference.

NeASFAA Board Meeting

Membership Connections Committee Report

February 1, 2020

- Request for new membership SoFi, Tracy Drechsler. SoFi offers private student loans to student and families.
- Request for new membership Iowa Student Loan, Gary Adams. Iowa Student Loan is a nonprofit corporation offering private student loans for students and families who have exhausted other sources of aid.
- Updated the membership directory

Submitted by Lani Swanson, Membership Connections Chair

PDRC Board Report (January 31, 2020)

The PDRC conducted Fall Training at UNL with 33 in attendance. The evaluations were positive and the concept of a one day training was well received. We had 11 participate in TEACH Grant credentialing and 12 in Student Eligibility credentialing. Thirteen attended the NASFAA Webinar.

Our next credentialing takes place at UNL in February on the topics of Consumer Information and Professional Judgement and we have 3 registered to attend at this time for PJ. We are going to cancel the Consumer Information credentialing. In April credentialing will be offered in R2T4 and Direct Loans.

We met on January 22nd for a site visit to Norfolk. We have established an agenda and are reaching out to various presenters throughout the organization for our session topics. Our pre-conference credentialing will be Pell/Iraq Afghanistan Service Grants and Packaging and Award Notification credentialing will take place during the conference.

Stacy Seim

PDRC Chair

Purpose: Fulfill the association's objectives regarding legislative action on local, state, and national level.

SFRC priorities for 19-20:

1. NeASFAA will formally thank state and federal legislators for their work on behalf of students, as needed.
2. NeASFAA will annually poll its membership for what state and federal issues are important to them for the upcoming year and communicate these issues to the NeASFAA Board.
3. NeASFAA will invite state and federal guest speakers to the NeASFAA Conference.

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- Reminder: In the fall, the committee surveyed the NeASFAA membership to determine ten issues that are most important for NeASFAA to pay attention to. Those ten issues ranked in order by the membership are:
 1. **Student Loan Repayment**
 2. **FAFSA Simplification**
 3. **Student Loan Debt Crisis**
 4. **Nebraska Opportunity Grant**
 5. **Financial Aid Verification**
 6. Loan Counseling
 7. Transparency of Award Letters
 8. Return of Title IV Aid
 9. Federal Pell Grant & Year-Round Pell
 10. FAFSA & Need Analysis
 - The committee held a meeting on January 9th to discuss winter/spring committee activities.
 - The committee prepared a briefing document (copy in Dropbox) for the NeASFAA representatives who will attend the NASFAA Leadership and Legislative Conference, which includes Capitol Hill Visits with legislative staff and representatives.
 - NeASFAA members attending Hill Visits include Lisa Gdowski, Central Community College; Carlos Garcia, Southeast Community College; and Justin Brown, University of Nebraska
 - Hill Visits are scheduled (copy in Dropbox) for Wednesday, February 5th and the schedule will include the Nebraska Breakfast and meetings with each of the five offices for Nebraska.
 - The committee has been tracking legislative activity in the 2nd session of the 106th Nebraska Legislature. There are 9 bills we are tracking (copy in Dropbox) related to financial aid. Ritchie is providing the membership with updates and the committee has been discussing each bill in detail as hearings are scheduled to determine whether NeASFAA should take an official position.
 - NeASFAA took an official position on LB 920. Hearing was held January 21st. The committee drafted a letter and NeASFAA President Sheila Johns submitted our written testimony as a proponent (copy in Dropbox). The bill would reallocate the portion of the lottery funds for education. While it changes the NOG allocation from the education portion of the lottery funds from 62% to 58%, there would be an elimination to the existing 10% retainer, which means that NOG would effectively receive an increase through this bill.

- The committee sent a survey to the membership regarding their position and thoughts on each of the 9 bills related to financial aid (copy in Dropbox).
- The committee submitted a session proposal for the NeASFAA that was approved by the PDRC. Ritchie Morrow will present a session on the Legislative Process 101 followed by a panel of colleagues who have testified before a committee or have other experience with the Legislature.

Federal and State Issues and Activity since Last Board Meeting in Chronological Order:

- **On December 5th, Senate Passes Deal On Permanent HBCU Funding and Student Aid Simplification.** The Senate passed a bipartisan deal, in the form of an amendment to the FUTURE Act (H.R. 2486), that would restore annual funding for HBCUs and streamline the student financial aid process. The amendment would permanently reauthorize \$255 million in annual mandatory funding for HBCUs and increase mandatory funding for the Pell Grant program by \$25 million in Fiscal Year 2020 and each succeeding year. It also includes language from the FAFSA Act (S. 3611, 115th), which would require the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to disclose certain tax information to the Department of Education for purposes of administering federal financial aid, which would simplify the FAFSA process.
- **At the FSA Conference, ED Announced Federal Student Aid Updates.** Secretary DeVos proposed transforming FSA into an independent agency. Secretary DeVos said a “stand-alone government corporation, run by a professional, expert and apolitical board of governors” could better manage a more complex student loan portfolio and provide improved customer service to students. In her proposal, the independent agency would not report to the Secretary of Education. ED also confirmed that it will extend its contracts with student loan servicers for up to two more years as the Department continues to work on its “Next Gen” overhaul plan of student loan servicing.
- **The New College Scorecard was published at <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>**
- **Centralized Federal Student Aid Information Hub:** Next Gen FSA Website Consolidation began, consolidating websites into studentaid.gov. Review the FSA Electronic Announcement, posted December 13, 2019. More information at NASFAA.
- **Distribution of Assets from Perkins Loan Fund & Cancellation Reimbursement:** Schools received notification on 12/20 of what is due to ED and what the school’s share of cash and reimbursement is. Return of excess cash on hand is due February 18th.
- **Congress Sent Final Appropriations Package to the President’s Desk and was Signed:** The House and Senate Appropriations Committees released two minibus spending packages for the FY20 appropriations bills that were approved by each chamber and sent to the President. Of relevance, it provided for funding increases to Pell and Federal Work-Study, directed ED to publish a semi-annual report on each loan cancellation and discharge program, included accountability measures on student loan servicers, and provided \$50 mil to ED to cancel loans for borrowers who would qualify under PSLF.
- **ED Sends Updated Foreign Gift Reporting Requirements to OMB for Approval:** ED requested an emergency review by OMB for a new form for schools to complete foreign gift reporting. Foreign gift reporting is due July 31 and January 31 every year. A new electronic announcement clarifies requirements for reporting under Section 117. ED announced the new form is not ready yet, so the January 31st report must use the existing process through the E-App.

- **New Foreign Gifts Reporting System Not Yet Available.** The Department of Education's (ED) new foreign gifts reporting system is not yet available, and schools should use the E-App for their reporting due January 31. ED had originally planned to have the new system available for January reporting, but informed NASFAA staff that it will publish a notice in the Federal Register this week for another 30-day public comment period on the new information collection.
- **Progress on Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization Bills Likely in 2020.** The House Education and Labor Committee is preparing to bring the College Affordability Act (CAA/H.R. 4674) to the floor in the coming weeks. The bill currently has 137 cosponsors, only 13 away from the committee's goal of 150 cosponsors by the time the bill reaches the floor. On the Senate side, Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) are continuing negotiations on a bipartisan bill. The bill could move to the Senate floor in the coming months following the Senate's impeachment trial.
- **House Voted to Overturn Borrower Defense Rule.** On Thursday, January 16, the House passed the bipartisan joint resolution H.J. Res. 76 to overturn the Trump Administration's borrower defense rule. The resolution passed 231-180. H.J. Res. 76 would overturn the Department of Education's new regulations governing standards for adjudicating borrower defense to repayment claims, which were finalized in September 2019 and are set to take effect on July 1, 2020. The new regulations create narrower criteria for borrowers to claim they were defrauded by their college or university, a change which the Department estimates will save taxpayers more than \$11 billion over the next decade. The White House threatened to veto the resolution in a statement.
- **Treasury Department Releases Guidance to Expand Tax Exemption for Student Borrowers.** On January 15, the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued guidance that will expand tax relief to borrowers who have been defrauded by institutions of higher education or the closing of an institution. The guidance exempts borrowers from paying federal taxes on students loan discharges received from a "closed school" or a borrower defense to repayment (BDR) claim. The tax relief also applies to private student loans that have been discharged as a result of legal settlement involving "unlawful business practices." The guidance states that borrowers are not required to increase their gross income as a result of the loan discharge on a federal income tax return.
- **Office of Federal Student Aid Personnel Changes.** Chief Operating Officer of the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) Mark Brown announced several personnel changes. FSA has been working since April 2019 in an ongoing effort to reorganize the roughly 1,000-person office and hire more staff for its Next Gen student loan system overhaul. Changes include:
 - **Pam Eliadis** will become the new Deputy Director of the Next Gen Program Office.
 - **John Festa** will serve as a Senior Advisor for the Next Gen Program Office.
 - **David Albers**, previous Chief Performance Office of FSA's Enterprise Performance Management unit, will be the Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Strategy, Innovation, and Transformation.
 - **Quay Crowner**, previous Chief Administration Officer, will be the Director of Executive Services.
 - **Miryam Brunson** will serve as the new Chief Administration Officer.
 - **Sid Evans**, Director of Human Resources, will leave the role to lead FSA's "Manpower Study" of its current staffing and contracting needs.
 - **Joe Mastrianna** will be the Acting Director of Human Resources.

See NASFAA's Capital Recap at https://www.nasfaa.org/capitol_recap or the NASFAA Legislative Tracker at https://www.nasfaa.org/legislative_tracker.

State and Federal Relations Committee Report
Friday, January 31, 2020

Committee members are as follows:

Chair	Justin Chase Brown	justin.brown@unl.edu	402-472-2030
4 Year Public	Annette Kraus	ankaus1@wsc.edu	402-375-7430
2 Year Public and Vice Chair	Diana Oglesby	doglesby@southeast.edu	402-437-2273
Private Sector	Paula Kohles	paulakohles@creighton.edu	402-280-2351
Associate Sector	Ritchie Morrow	Ritchie.Morrow@nebraska.gov	402-471-0032
Ex-Officio - President	Sheila Johns	johnss23@wncc.edu	308-635-6366
Ex-Officio - President Elect	Renee Besse	besser@unk.edu	308-865-8782



Senator Mike Groene, Chairperson
Education Committee
Nebraska Legislature
Room #1107, P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: LB920
Position: For

Sheila Johns, President, Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NeASFAA)
1601 E 27th St
Scottsbluff NE 69361

Dear Education Committee,

On behalf of our broad membership of more than 50 institutional and associate members of the Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NeASFAA) we would like to thank you and the Education Committee for continued support of postsecondary education in the state. As an organization of professional financial aid administrators committed to assisting students in obtaining a postsecondary degree, one of NeASFAA's core objectives is to support programs that positively impact the affordability and accessibility for students enrolled in postsecondary education. Therefore, we wish to present testimony in support of LB920.

The Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) is Nebraska's only need-based financial aid program that financially assists college students from low-income families. In 2018-19, the program was able to assist one-third of the eligible students at an average grant of \$1,409.73. With the discontinuance of the 10% lottery fund reserve, we understand this would effectively increase the percentage of lottery funds allocated to NOG from 56% to 58% and, therefore, we support this bill. The NOG program is an important part of the overall financial aid strategy of eligible Nebraska students, and this increase would allow for an expansion of recipients and/or increased award amounts.

The Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship is a program to help eligible low-income high school students take college coursework, either through dual-enrollment or early admit programs. Studies have shown that high school students who take college coursework while in high school enroll in college at higher rates, are more likely to persist, and graduate from college at a higher rate than their peers who do not complete early college coursework. In 2018-19, 2,309 low-income high school students from 223 public and private high schools were awarded an ACE Scholarship. These students took 4,057 courses, and 76% of the grades received was a B or higher. Receiving additional funding from the lottery program for the ACE Scholarship will allow additional students the ability to take advantage of this very successful program.

These figures illustrate how valuable need-based aid for postsecondary education is to Nebraska students, and NeASFAA would again like to thank you for your commitment to this funding. Should you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 308.635.6366 or through email at sheilajohns79@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Sheila Johns
President, Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NeASFAA)
Director of Financial Aid, Western Nebraska Community College

¹ Retrieved from https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/sites/ccpe.nebraska.gov/files/ACE_2017-18.pdf on January 16, 2020.

² Retrieved from https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/sites/ccpe.nebraska.gov/files/NOG_2019.pdf on January 16, 2020.



NeASFAA Poll - Legislative Bills

Questions Responses 8

8 responses



Accepting responses

Summary

Question

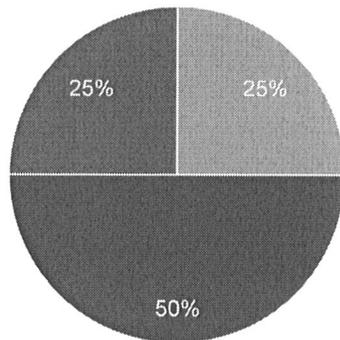
Individual

LB894 - Appropriate funds for community college aid

NeASFAA has not yet taken a position on this bill.

Do you support LB 894?

8 responses



- Yes
- No
- Neutral

Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

5 responses

I don't work at a community college, so I don't quite understand the need here. Do these courses not charge tuition? Do community colleges not receive enough appropriations to manage these courses? Who teaches the courses (high school teachers)?

It reduces the amount of classes that students take at Universities and will help to ensure that students will graduate in 4 years.

Many institutions offer dual enrollment opportunities for Nebraska high school students. The community colleges should not receive specific support to do so if other institutions are not supported by the state.

I think there is too much of a push to provide high school students free dual credit education.

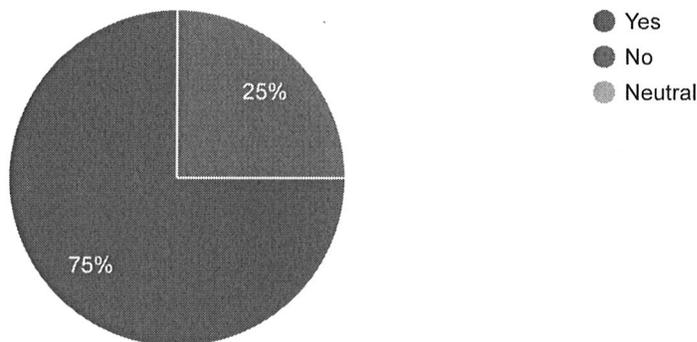
It is not the job of community colleges to provide funding for high school students who want to get ahead on their gen ed. for college.

LB 920 - Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, and create new funds

NeASFAA submitted written testimony as a proponent of this bill.

Do you support LB 920?

8 responses



Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

2 responses

This effectively increases NOG funding, which is the base funding for students. While it does reduce the community college GAP assistance, I think the data shows that NOG has been more effective in helping students, so increasing it makes sense and still helps community colleges and all of the sectors equitably (by CCPE's formula) based on how many low-income students they serve.

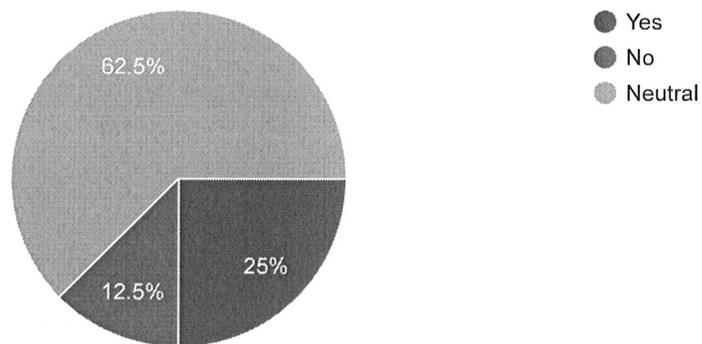
NOG is an impactful and essential program that needs to be funded as much as possible for the good of low-income Nebraskans.

LB 950 - Change eligibility requirements for the Access College Early Scholarship Program

NeASFAA has not yet taken a position on this bill.

Do you support LB 950?

8 responses



Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

2 responses

I don't know enough about this program to make a statement and my school gets very few of these students. It seems like it would make things simpler, but there may be more to the issue.

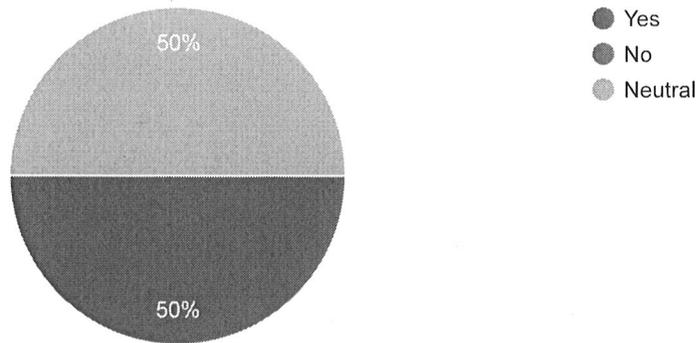
Several concerns or questions about this: 1. Not all students taking dual enrollment classes are high school seniors. Requiring the FAFSA of a high school junior could be problematic and burdensome. 2. The intent of the FAFSA is to determine a student's eligibility for financial aid for college. I'm not sure how that translates into determining if a student needs support for dual enrollment classes.

LB 1008 - Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations

NeASFAA has not yet taken a position on this bill.

Do you support LB 1008?

8 responses



Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

1 response

This looks like it creates the program, but does it create the funding to fund it? Or, would the funding come from something else, like lottery funds? If so, that would reduce NOG, so I don't think any new program should be taken out of existing funds going to another education program. If this is new money from some other source, I may feel differently. If this is creating the program without knowing how it will be funded, this is not a good idea.

LB 1050 - Appropriate funds to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

NeASFAA has not yet taken a position on this bill.

Do you support LB 1050?

8 responses

- Yes
- No

Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

2 responses

Sure! More funds into the program, even if it's just for one year. That's great!

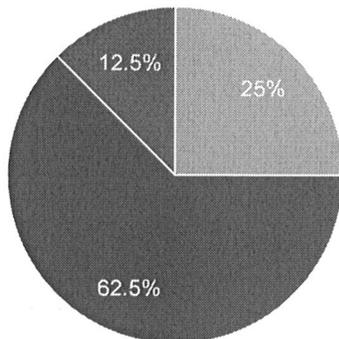
As I said earlier, NOG should be funded as much as possible.

LB 1076 - Change provisions relating to eligible programs for the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act

NeASFAA has not yet taken a position on this bill.

Do you support LB 1076?

8 responses



- Yes
- No
- Neutral

Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

1 response

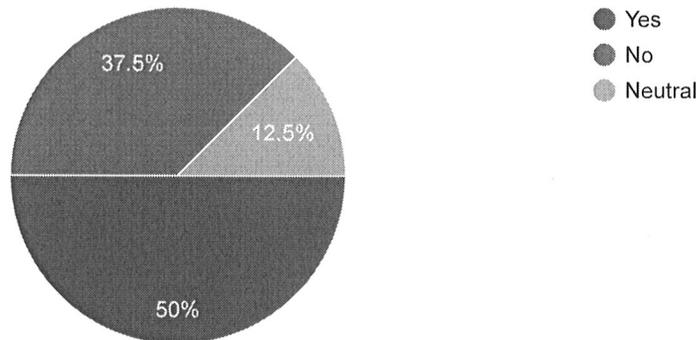
It seems like if the Tribal Colleges are added, then the NCTA campus programs that are also two-year programs should be added, too.

LB 1089 - Require students to complete the FAFSA prior to graduation from high school

NeASFAA has not yet taken a position on this bill.

Do you support LB 1089?

8 responses



Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

6 responses

While this may be controversial, I think Louisiana proved that it makes a HUGE difference in not only FAFSA filing rates, but an increase in high school graduation rates and an increase in college-going rates of low-income students. The waivers cover any reasons why a student may not be able to or want to file a FAFSA.

This will streamline the process and help students to not miss deadlines for priority aid.

I am only in support of this bill if there are robust opt out provisions for family's that do not want to participate.

High school students and their families should not be required to fill out this application. Many students do not go on to school. There is significant confidential information on the form. High schools are not properly trained to assist with this.

This is will be a burden on administrators and not in the the scope of what high school education should include. Money needed to handle this endeavor can be better spent on necessary items.

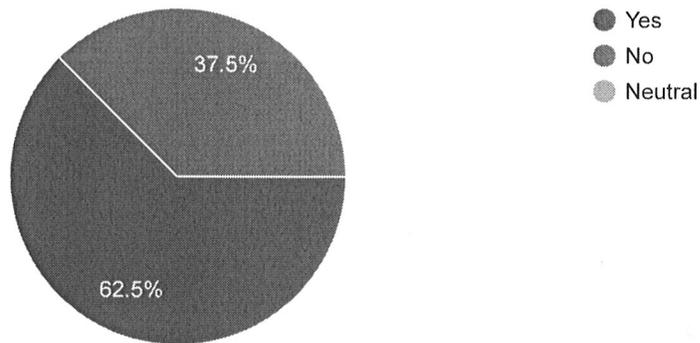
This would have many benefits to both students and institutions. Please back this bill!

LB 1151 - Redefine eligible student and provide for prioritization of awards under the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act

NeASFAA has not yet taken a position on this bill.

Do you support LB 1151?

8 responses



Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

4 responses

I think this would be administratively burdensome and is not clear enough for financial aid administrators to understand who really is supposed to get the funds. I want to know if someone thinks there is a problem with how students are getting the money right now and if there is a better solution to that problem.

Our priority should always be to help the neediest achieve upward mobility.

The language would require interpretation. Institutions are able to best determine within the regulations/legislation that currently exists how best to use NOG to support needy students. It does not require further legislation.

The awarding process does not need to be made more complicated.

LB 1168 - Adopt the College Credit Testing Fee Reduction Program Act and the Career-Readiness and Dual-Credit Education Grant Program Act, add a fund to the Access College Early

Scholarship Program Act, and change provisions relating to the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund

NeASFAA has not yet taken a position on this bill.

Do you support LB 1168?

0 responses

No responses yet for this question.

Please explain the reason for your answer above if you would like.

0 responses

No responses yet for this question.

Current Committee Members:

Artz, Kristie
Brown, Erinn
Brown, Justin
Dobry, Becca, Chair
Eskam, Shannon
Gdowski, Lisa
Jorgensen, Bailey
Kohles, Paula
Shriver, Lynn
Standley, Sarah
Thayer-Mencke, Laura
Unger, Deana, Chair
Vanosdall, Kimberly
Watts, Fallon

The RMASFAA Conference Committee meet in-person on December 13th. This meeting was held at the hotel to get a feel about the layout and to view the updates/renovation made to the hotel.

- Hotel Information
 - The hotels was at the last stages of renovation when we visited in December, they were working out a few small issues, but we were assured that everything would be done by December.
 - With renovation, hotel updated signage outside of rooms to be electronic so we will be able to use those for sessions
 - The “courtyard” area underwent a complete makeover and strong possibilities for us to use that space in a variety of different ways.
 - Was able to secure rooms for Wednesday night as well as the Boardroom for Thursday for the Treasurers transition meeting.
 - Breakfast is included in cost of hotel room, so will be doing communication to commuters.
- Registration Information
 - With the move to a new website Laura and I sat through a couple of different trainings, the registration committee will have the added task this year of not only setting up registration but also creating a manual for future conferences.
 - Hotel discount rate is good through 9/15/20
 - We will be looking for some additional help at the conference for the registration table
- Program Information
 - With the new RMASFAA website comes the use of an online session proposal platform as well as an event app. We will be utilizing both of these

- Committee has decided that we will be going paperless this year, but will make a pdf version of the conference agenda available prior to conference and info individuals they can print it out if they would like.
- Program committee asked NASFAA to see if a CFAA testing time could be held during the conference but we were turned down, looking at possible CFAA info sessions
- Program committee is looking for ways for registrants to take something away besides for knowledge and networking, possibly Safe Zone Training
- Like Registration Committee will have added task this year of creating a how to manual for future conferences.
- Publicity Information
 - Will start advertising after membership closes in March, possibility of doing a dual advertisement with Summer Institute
- What we need from NeASF^{AA}
 - We are still looking for a few individuals to help with Site/Decorations and Registration.
 - Philanthropy Ides – we are taking this to RMA^SF^{AA} BOD to get their directions but we may need suggestions for possible programs to donate to

Next meeting for committee will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020

NeASFAA Strategic Directions

NeASFAA exists to:

PROMOTE PROFESSIONALISM

Develop professionalism among aid officers of Nebraska – to include fostering and promoting professional standards, effectiveness and recognition. (Bylaws, History, P&P)

- Annually examine roles and functions of Board and committees with an emphasis on efficiency, sustainability, representation, and cost savings opportunities; evaluate annual accomplishments with regards to association's mission and report to membership at year end. (Board of Directors and Committees)
- Expand transitional meeting/retreat to encourage group development, goal setting, role definitions, and expectations. (President Elect)
- Demonstrate commitment to ethical principles by having Board and committee chairs annually sign ethics statement and conflict of interest statement. (President)
- Promote leadership and mentorship opportunities at state, regional, and national levels. (President)
- Provide training opportunities for members to practice federal and state advocacy efforts. (PDRC)

COORDINATE AND NETWORK

Provide a means to bring together all aid officers, counselors and public and private agencies for the discussion of common problems related to the distribution of financial aid to students. (Bylaws, History, P&P)

- Promote activities for members in similar financial aid roles (e.g., Directors, Associate Directors, Counselors, SIS administrators) or functional areas (e.g., Loans, Counseling/Outreach, Scholarships, Verification, Pell) to discuss issues that impact their work and facilitate new connections. (PDRC)
- Initiate discussion of current financial aid topics and issues with an emphasis on inclusion. (Sector Representatives)
- Support connections between association leadership and leadership of other state associations for benchmarking and idea generation. (President)

Promote and facilitate coordination of student financial aid plans and programs between and among financial aid administrators, post-secondary counselors and public and private agencies. (Bylaws)

- Evaluate relevant financial aid research topics and explore effective and meaningful ways to communicate them to members that can be translated to policy and practice. (Board of Directors)
- Direct high school counselors, parents, and students to available financial aid resources and communicate them effectively. (Membership Connections)

TRAIN & DEVELOP

Stimulate, promote and encourage leadership, continuing education, conferences and other related activities for aid officers. (Bylaws, History, P&P)

- Welcome new members to encourage volunteerism and leadership. (PDRC and Membership Connections)
- Encourage participation in state, regional, and national association training and leadership opportunities. (Board of Directors)
- Annually review and update timelines for each office and committee. (Board of Directors)
- Provide guidance for maintaining leadership and volunteer continuity. (Membership Connections)

Provide training for aid officers. (History, P&P – indirectly in Bylaws)

- Provide effective, timely, and relevant training. The Board will play an integral role in advising PRDC on training needs and session topics. (PDRC)

INFLUENCE LEGISLATION

Influence federal and state legislation dealing with student financial programs and provide an avenue for dissemination of ideas and concerns of students and administrators in financial aid problems. (History, P&P)

- Ensure training and awareness on the legislative process. (PDRC)
- Advocate for the needs of students on the state and federal level. (SFRC)
- Assist with preparing and providing testimony at committee hearings on behalf of NeASFAA when relevant bills are being considered. (SFRC)
- Develop briefing documents and talking points for members who meet with lawmakers. (SFRC and Board of Directors)

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Dear Tabitha,

We are excited about the opportunity to work with NeASFAA. Our staff looks forward to introducing you to our brand of hospitality, upon which our reputation for excellence has been built. Our commitment to your comfort and your event's success extends from our Guest Service Associates, who first greet your attendees, to our General Manager, Susan Madsen.

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- Over 46,000 Square Feet of Event Space

Tabitha, after reviewing all of your program requirements we are confident that we can exceed all of your expectations for the 2022 NeASFAA Annual Conference.

PROPOSED ACCOMMODATIONS

Currently we can offer the following group room availability:

Date	Day	Total Rooms
03/16/2022	Wed	45
03/17/2022	Thur	45

The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel is pleased to offer the following group room rates:

Start Date	End Date	Room Type	Rate
03/16/2022	03/18/2022	Standard King or Double	\$102.00

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In consideration of the room night commitment and the functions outlined in our meetings and based on previous years' events, The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel will provide the following special concessions:

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- ✓ Complimentary shuttle to and from the Lincoln Airport (LNK), plus around downtown Lincoln (up to 3 miles from the Hotel), the Haymarket Area, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- ✓ Complimentary upgrade for the keynote speaker and president at the Group rate.
- ✓ Complimentary standard linens provided and full setup and cleanup of function spaces.
- ✓ Complimentary meeting room rental based on a food and beverage minimum of \$2,000.00 exclusive of taxable service charge and tax.
- ✓ Full-service audio visual provided by Professional Sound Audio Visual (PSAV) and or the option to patch into the built-in equipment.
- ✓ Complimentary, locked, storage space provided the Wednesday prior to the Conference through the duration of the outlined Conference dates.
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- ✓ Individual room booking cutoff 2-weeks prior to event.
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Click the following link to walk around the hotel:
Click the following link for our banquet menus:

www.marriott.com/lnkfs
Hotel Google 360 Degree Images
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Tabitha, thank you again for your consideration of our hotel and I hope we have the opportunity to work with you and on this program. The preceding rates and concessions have been tentatively reserved until **November 22nd, 2019**. At this time, I will be reaching out to you to confirm you decision.

Sincerely,

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EducationQuest FAFSA Completion Initiative
Report from Vicki Kucera
January 13, 2020 meeting

Basically we met for a little under two hours. Liz Koop gave a presentation on some data EducationQuest had put together. She talked about the three other states that had already made FAFSA filing mandatory for high school seniors (Illinois, Louisiana, and Texas). Louisiana was the first state and they started in 2014-15. They went from a completion rate of 48% to 82.6%. The other two states started too recently to really have any data.

Unfortunately there was really no data from Illinois regarding how it affected college enrollment.

The first meeting pretty much just provided a forum for all present to discuss the ramifications. There was certainly a concern among high school counselors about the lion's share of the work and data collection falling with them, although all present at the meeting were in favor of it. There was also some discussion about the opt out process. There was also concern about whether or not schools wanted to really sink their teeth into the notion of not graduating students who didn't file or opt out.

It was very good discussion and a great starting point; however, no concrete decisions were made at that this meeting other than to continue exploration.

Next meeting date not set.

FAFSA Completion Advisory Council
January 13, 2020
Meeting Notes

Resources:

<https://formyourfuture.org/fafsa-tracker/>

<https://collegeaccess.org/page/FAFSAchallenge>

Louisiana Efforts

- Louisiana's college going rate – What is it currently? Has it increased?

EducationQuest is following up with Louisiana regarding questions about their implementation process. More information will be shared when available.

Relevant link: www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/news-releases/2019/05/22/number-of-louisiana-graduates-enrolling-in-college-climbs-to-all-time-high

Rule 10 Discussion

- Nebraska high school accreditation, known as Rule 10, is open for revisions; timeline to submit proposed changes will end late summer/early fall

A significant consideration is requiring the FAFSA as a high school graduation requirement as it will remove a barrier and increase access for more Nebraska students who want to pursue education beyond high school.

- Must examine if requiring the FAFSA would be a problem for some students and burdensome for school counselors. We don't want the requirement to be taxing on the school staff.

Discussion on challenges if FAFSA was a high school graduation requirement:

- Required parent/guardian involvement
 - FAFSA completion as a graduation requirement is flawed because it is a student requirement but must include parent's action; schools don't have control of parents.
 - For at-risk students, we don't want to create an additional barrier; parent involvement is sometimes already a challenge during the high school graduation process.
 - Sometimes students graduate high school in spite of their parents (the parents don't want the student to be successful or go to college).
 - Parents need to be educated as to why they need to complete the FAFSA – what is in it for them? All class levels (high, middle, low income) would need to understand the "why."

- Families need to understand how affordable college is in Nebraska and what opportunities postsecondary education can provide.
- Counselor involvement with FAFSA filing
 - Not enough counselors in Nebraska - student/counselor ratio is already high
 - Concerns about ethics and liability
 - What have other states done? (graduation and NCAA eligibility are important examples of past mandates that have fallen on counselors)
 - What could happen if a school provided bad/wrong information? FAFSA process is invasive, provides access to personal financial information, and is outside the scope of educator training.
 - Concerns were raised over privacy.
 - Counselors don't have access to free or reduced lunch information.
- Are there other partnership opportunities (besides education) that could have a better impact?
 - Department of Health and Human Services or other state agencies; Donna Hoffman has worked with Nutrition Services to include FAFSA completion language in letters sent statewide
 - Tie FAFSA completion to getting financial benefits; if students want access to benefits, they MUST complete the FAFSA; train case managers to help complete FAFSA
 - It needs to be connected to FRL rates; can we use info we already have as a way to separate from the education component?
 - What role could higher education play in helping students complete the FAFSA?
 - Could the action be incentivized? What would that look like?
 - Is there another way of accomplishing this that would make students want to complete the FAFSA – such as the Tennessee Promise program?
- FAFSA as part of curriculum such as financial literacy
 - If part of the curriculum – students would be taught how to file the form and understand that it has to be done every year so they could be self-sufficient in the future. A “one-and-done” approach will not teach this.
 - Curriculum is under local school control
 - Social Studies Standards- these standards were recently approved by State Ed Board; could it be included in Nebraska Career connections; how to ensure it gets done?
 - Helps ensure buy-in from the entire school and not just the responsibility of the counselors. More than counselors will have to be understand how the FAFSA works, why it is important and be trained on completing the form.
- Other related items
 - What is the deadline? How to layer in the steps into the education system? How to create urgency so it actually gets done?
 - Ideally, FAFSA completion would be tied to filing taxes
 - MOEC has worked hard to get more FAFSAs filed; tried many different tactics such as candy, notes home, events, etc. and the numbers have not increased dramatically. There could be merit to putting “meat” into the action; it will make the kids to complete the form.
 - A FAFSA requirement brings the form to heightened awareness: this will potentially break the poverty cycle.

Opt out discussion

- It would be helpful to know why students are opting out; the reasons may identify barriers people are facing.
- Do students get to choose reason for opt out?
- Could there be an Opt Out – with no reason given?
- What about students who have plans other than college and don't want to complete it?
- DACA and undocumented students are a concern; tracking by schools could be an issue: student may not want to be identified in anyway.



FEDERAL STUDENT AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: REAUTHORIZATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

The Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NeASFAA) is an association made up of university, college, and institutional financial aid administrators, and associated organizations involved in providing student financial aid and student financial aid support and services. NeASFAA serves as a medium in which members continue their professional development in a variety of ways. Members work closely to stay current on new and changing regulations and procedures, and provide numerous opportunities in which to gather and discuss issues, raise awareness, and develop goals and objectives related to the administration of student financial aid.

Since 1965, the Higher Education Act (HEA) has authorized the Federal Student Aid programs and higher education policy. The HEA was last reauthorized in 2008. Below are the key takeaways and policy issues of interest in HEA reauthorization. On October 15, 2019, the College Affordability Act (CAA), H.R. 4674, was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and on December 19, 2019, the bipartisan FUTURE Act, H.R. 5363, was signed into law by the President.

CONCEPTS SUPPORTED IN HEA REAUTHORIZATION

Federal Direct Loans

- **Eliminating Origination Fees (Sec. 4302 of CAA).** Loan origination fees are an unnecessary complexity and burden that is confusing for students and were created to offset risk for bank-based lenders. Eliminating these fees would provide students access to funding that would be directly applied to their education needs rather than a percentage returned to the federal government.
- **Eliminating Subsidized Usage Limits (Sec. 4302 of CAA).** These limits are burdensome and confusing for students. Existing federal loan maximums (annual and aggregate) and Pell limits already establish maximums without this policy.
- **Eliminating Capitalized Interest During Forbearance or Deferment (Secs. 4102, 4103, and 4106).** This provision would lower the cost of borrowing for students.
- **Reinstatement of Subsidized Graduate/Professional Student Loans (Sec. 4302).** Reinstating the loan subsidy will support needy graduate students.
- **Simplify Repayment Options.** Repayment plans are complex and confusing. A single income-driven plan with a fixed repayment schedule, payments capped at a certain percent of income, and debt forgiveness after a certain number of years of payments would benefit borrowers and help them fulfill their debt obligation.

Access and Affordability

- **Strengthening the Pell Grant Program (Sec. 4011-4016 of CAA).** Increasing maximum Pell by \$625, expanding lifetime limits to 14 semesters, and indexing the award to inflation would expand access to the neediest students.
- **Simplifying the FAFSA and financial aid verification.** The new FUTURE Act signed into law late in 2019 will accomplish this by direct data-sharing between the U.S. Department of Education and the IRS. This is a huge win for students, thank you!

AREAS TO BE ADDRESSED IN HEA REAUTHORIZATION

Federal Direct Loans

- **Annual Loan Counseling (Secs. 4608 and 4612).** The Department of Education is best positioned to conduct loan counseling rather than require schools to provide for annual loan counseling. Additionally, mandated annual counseling could be an additional barrier for students. Provide the option for annual loan counseling, perhaps as an experimental site, and analyze the results.
- **Eliminating Loan Proration.** Student loan borrowing is controlled by annual and aggregate loan limits. Schools are currently required to reduce loan eligibility by prorating the final semester when no other loan proration exists in a student's college career. This serves as a barrier to completion for students.
- **Simplifying Return of Title IV Aid.** Known as R2T4, this process is most confusing and damaging to the very students financial aid is designed to help. It is time to revisit the law and find a better way to attend to the needs of students who completely withdraw, in a way that is fair to all financial aid recipients.
- **Increasing Undergraduate Loan Limits with Option for Institutional Limits.** There have been no adjustments to undergraduate loan limits for over 10 years. Students are increasingly relying on parent or private loans to fill the gap.

DIRECT STUDENT SUPPORT FROM THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Post-Secondary Education Funding for Students Provided by the State of Nebraska

- **Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG).** In 2018-19, the State of Nebraska provided \$17,978,264 in need-based grants to 12,753 students, most of them Pell-eligible, across all sectors of higher education within the state.

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Federal Student Aid Programs in Nebraska by the Numbers					NEASFAA Institutional Members	NEASFAA Associate Members
	State of NEBRASKA	DISTRICT 1 FORTENBERRY	DISTRICT 2 BACON	DISTRICT 3 SMITH		
GRANTS AND CAMPUS-BASED AID						
Pell Awards	36,220	15,156	12,412	8,652	Bellevue University, Bryan College of Health Sciences, Capitol Schools of Hairstyling & Esthetics, Central Community College, Chadron State College, Clarkson College, College of Hair Design, College of Saint Mary, Concordia University, Creative Center, Creighton University, Doane University, Hastings College, Little Priest Tribal College, Metropolitan Community College, Mid-Plains Community College, Midland University, Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing and Allied Health, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Northeast Community College, Peru State College, Purdue University Global – Lincoln, Purdue University Global – Omaha, Southeast Community College, Union College, University of Nebraska – Kearney, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, University of Nebraska – Omaha, Wayne State College, Western Nebraska Community College, Xenon Academy	American Student Assistance, Ascendium Education Group, Citizens One Student Lending, College Ave Student Loans, CommonBond, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Discover Student Loans, EducationQuest Foundation, General Revenue Corp, Great Lakes Educational Loan Services, Inc., Inceptia, Nelnet, Professional Choice Recovery, Inc., Sallie Mae, University of Nebraska Central Administration, Wells Fargo,
Pell Volume	\$135,023,996	\$55,336,788	\$46,204,850	\$33,482,358		
FSEOG Awards	6,166	2,616	2,491	1,059		
FSEOG Volume	\$4,405,800	\$1,845,248	\$1,782,553	\$777,999		
FWS Awards	3,407	1,182	1,493	732		
FWS Volume	\$6,274,882	\$2,201,328	\$2,744,044	\$1,329,510		
GRANTS AND CAMPUS-BASED AID TOTAL	\$145,704,678	\$59,383,364	\$50,731,447	\$35,589,867		
Subsidized Loans	35,240	16,851	10,305	8,084		
UGRD Sub Volume	\$130,683,014	\$63,044,379	\$38,218,104	\$29,420,531		
UGRD Unsub Loans	36,019	17,792	10,337	7,890		
UGRD Unsub Volume	\$138,559,851	\$67,504,294	\$42,238,678	\$28,826,879		
Parent PLUS Loans	7,147	3,996	1,682	1,469		
Parent PLUS Loan Volume	\$87,844,814	\$52,535,037	\$20,703,853	\$14,605,924		
Grad PLUS Loans	3,076	842	2,227	7		
Grad PLUS Volume	\$67,864,671	\$11,250,947	\$56,561,064	\$52,660		
Grad Unsub Loans	10,899	3,920	5,272	1,707		
Grad Unsub Volume	\$191,125,277	\$53,711,229	\$120,098,533	\$17,315,515		
DIRECT LOANS						
DIRECT LOAN TOTAL	\$616,087,627	\$248,045,886	\$277,820,232	\$90,221,509		

Source: State data by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). NAICU obtained the data from the Office of Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education. Analysis by the NAICU. Data for Pell Grants are based on expenditures reported for award year 2017-18 and reflect published Federal Student Aid data as of December 2018. Data for FSEOG and FWS are reported by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) in the Notification of Campus-Based Awards publication. Campus-based dollar amounts are for academic year 2018-19. Because the ED did not report the number of campus-based awards in 2018-19, the FSEOG and FWS awards shown are for academic year 2017-18. Totals are based on allocations and may differ from actual disbursements. Data for Direct Loans are preliminary for academic year 2017-18 and reflect published Federal Student Aid data as of December 2018. Sources: Data were obtained from the Office of Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education. Analysis by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

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