

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The Graduate and Professional Issues Committee became a standing committee of the Association at the direction of the 1980 Executive Council. The general goal of the Graduate and Professional Issues Committee is to address graduate and professional issues and to advise the Executive Council and other Committees about Graduate and Professional issues. A change was made to the Bylaws in 1988 to create a Member-at-Large position on the Executive Council to represent Graduate and Professional Issues beginning in 1989.

CHARGE OF THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

1. Bring issues of relevance to graduate and professional aid administrators and students to the attention of the Association and the Executive Council.
2. Respond with endorsement of the Executive Council, to any State or Federal Issues with a Graduate and Professional perspective.
3. Advise other committees when Graduate and Professional concerns need to be addressed and ensure Graduate and Professional representation on all appropriate committees.
4. Organize the annual Graduate and Professional Forum.
5. Organize summer "Do Talk Shops" in both Northern and Southern California.
6. Work with the conference committee to ensure interest sessions are presented with graduate and professional aid administrators' needs in mind.

SELECTION, COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF THE COMMITTEE

- A. Graduate and Professional Issues Committee Chair: Member-at-Large – Graduate and Professional
- B. Graduate and Professional Issues Committee Members
Members should be selected to reflect the diversity of the CASFAA membership. The committee should be composed of members from each of the institutional segments that have graduate and professional students. It is also recommended that a diversity of graduate disciplines be represented (i.e. law, medicine, theology, etc.). In addition, it is recommended that a liaison from the Graduate and Professional membership or members of the GPIC serve on all appropriate committees,

and include:

1. Conference
2. Conference Program Sub-Committee
3. Loan Issues
4. Federal Issues
5. State Issues

Past committees have also found representatives from the associate membership, guarantors and lenders valuable as members of the committee.

- C. Committee Size: Recommended: No more than 12 members

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It is recommended that the Graduate and Professional Issues Committee meet at least quarterly.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. Committee Meeting Budget: This budget is based on travel expenses, printing, postage, phone and facsimile charges.
2. Committee Project Budgets: (1) The Graduate and Professional Forum is usually sponsored by lenders and other agencies who have a direct interest in graduate and professional issues. The sponsorship is obtained in coordination with the Fund Development committee. Since its inception, the event has been self-supporting. A budget is submitted to the Executive Council, however, for its approval. (2) The Do Talk Shops are held in the Summer. They usually have a budget that covers the costs for printing and mailing of announcements.

HISTORY OF THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

The CASFAA Graduate and Professional Issues Committee was authorized in 1981.