

CASFAA Executive Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020
Meeting Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 1:04 by Anafe Robinson.

- Review of Minutes from July 14 EC Meeting

Jessie moved to approve minutes from July 2020, second by Christina, Motion Carries

Vanessa

Outstanding To-Do Items

Treasurer's Report

Carl

- 2020 Budget

No updates from last meeting. CASFAA is saving money since there is less travel.

Fiscal Planning

Wendy

- Budget recommendations needs EC approval

Wendy reviewed the 2020 Conference Budget. The conference cost will be \$150. With 1500 attendees, we would generate \$225,000. Total projected income \$248,500. Total expenses \$96,500. Net Prof \$152,000.

Discussion about Vendor Pricing: Kim discussed the pricing is high since it is a virtual conference. Tom stated that the cost is still negotiable. Once the EC chooses the platform, we will have further discussion about the cost for the vendor packages. Thalassa discussed reviewing other conferences and the vendor set up.

Jessica would like review a comparison from 2019 and 2020 conference budget.

Colette would like to give the vendors a discount due to pandemic.

Vanessa moved to approve the 2020 Conference Budget, second by Christina, one abstention, Motion Carries

Review of Membership survey

Lindsay

Lindsay reviewed the survey results. We received 132 responses. 74.2% wanted a hybrid approach. 46.2% liked the current way CASFAA does their voting.

The EC will need to send information out to members 30 days before the conference. We will need to work on the language since it is a By-Law change.

To Do: Anafe will work on the By- Law language for membership change.

Conference Update

Tom/Lori/Lorena

The EC needs to choose a platform for our 2020 conference. Tom reviewed the different platforms. He created a side-by-side comparison of four different platforms.

Vanessa moved to approve On24 as the platform for the 2020 conference, second by Bronwyn, Discussion, and Motion Carries

Program Committee Update

Sent out requests for presentation and presenters. Justin Dragger has confirmed his availability for the conference. Lorena discussed the need for training for presenters and moderators. There was a discussion about who will be moderating the sessions for the conference. Colette would like to see

someone moderate the session that has more experience with current issues that people are facing. Colette also mentions the importance of training the moderator. Colette would like the EC to moderate the session to share the responsibilities. Lorena will discuss with the program and conference committee. Tom discussed the platform only allows four administrator accounts, so we cannot have multiple moderators

Dewayne recommends a list of sessions to be sent to members and non-members letting them know what we will be offering at the conference.

Committee Reports

- State Issues

Bronwyn

- Financial Aid Advisory Board Committee meeting:
 - Wednesday July 22, 2020
 - Proposed Extension of the 2017-21 IPA (through 2022 or 2023)- CSAC Commission consider later in year (September).
 - CSAC COVID-19 Survey result takeaways
 - Over 70% of current students lost some or all of their sources of income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Almost half of all students had their living arrangements disrupted in Spring 2020.
 - A quarter dropped one or more courses when COVID-19 hit.
 - Goal to leverage existing resource and work with partners across the state to help students persevere in their higher education.
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 - Repeal Prop 209 and the ban use of affirm action within state/public agencies in CA. Endorsed by CSAC 7.23.2020
 - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200ACA5
 - <https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/20200723commeetingnotice.pdf?1595460973> pages 59-62
- Resources: CSAC tracking bills: CSAC SUPPORT
 - [AB 376](#) establishes the Student Borrower Bill of Rights and imposes new requirements on student loan servicers
 - [AB 2030](#), known as the “College Opportunity Act,” would establish a statutory formula to determine the maximum Cal Grant award for new students attending private, nonprofit institutions commencing with the 2021-22 award year. This bill specifies that the maximum award level would be tied to 63.787 percent (originally 68.17) of the average cost of educating a California State University (CSU) Cal Grant recipient. This bill also specifies that the maximum Cal Grant award level may instead be determined by the annual Budget Act if the affected institutions, as a sector, do not accept a specified number of associate degrees for transfer (ADTs) in any given year.
 - [SB 860](#) would require local educational agencies, to the extent possible, to include in their Foster Youth Service Plans a description of how they will coordinate efforts to ensure completion of financial aid applications for foster youth students in 12th grade as a condition of receiving funds from the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program.
 - CSAC resource tracking other bills:
 - AB 1314 Cal Grant Reform Act not moving ahead this year (per author)
 - <https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/20200723commeetingnotice.pdf?1595460973> pages 55-58
- CASFAA conference: TICAS presentation
- November ballot Proposition 16
- Repeal Prop 209 and the ban use of affirm action within state/public agencies in CA. Endorsed by CSAC 7.23.2020

- Federal Relations Debra
 - FISAP is delayed until November 2nd, 2020.
 - COD system reporting and processing for withdrawn students under the CARES Act beginning Aug 2, 2020. Schools will need to manual update the students record in COD.
 - Discussion about CARES act reporting.
- Training Update Thalassa
 - Training committee has been meeting and creating a webinar on soft skills and personal development training based of the book Crucial Conversations hopefully in September.
 - NASFAA has changed the way we are able to offer the credential training. We will be able to offer NASFAA U credentials webinars.
 - Discussion about reducing the prices of the NASFAA U credential that CASFAA offers.
 - Session submissions that were sent to the conference and program committee and were not able to be added to the conference agenda will be offered by the training committee.
- 1040 Tax Trainings Kim

Kim met with Robert to get a sense of what Iron Bridge Resources will look like. The entire curriculum has been moved online and Robert is working on a set of virtual training series that will include 4- 2hour day webinars. Robert will have the webinar capabilities to run on his end and can accommodate up to 100 attendees:

Timing- Early February 2021

Cost structure- post Covid contract \$2200 for 10 days/2 webinars vs. virtual webinars if the cost to CASFAA members is \$75 per person IBR will charge per cost structure i.e. \$50 CASFAA \$25 IBR or 1/3 of the registration costs.

Segmental Representative Updates:

- University of California Nicole
- California State University Vacant
- Independent Veronica
 - On August 6, 2020, Governor Newsom signed [SB 118](#), the Public Safety trailer bill that contains a provision prohibiting institutions of higher education from inquiring about an applicant's criminal history prior to a final determination of admission. AICCU successfully secured a delayed implementation until the fall term of the 2021-22 academic year.
 - For those in my Segment On August 7, 2020: The California Student Aid Commission released a Special Alert that the Cal Grant B access award has been reduced from \$1,672 to \$1,656 for the 2020-2021 academic year for new students. This is a reduction of \$16 for the year (\$8 per semester). The updates to the Cal Grant B awards are updated and reflected on Web grants as of yesterday.
 - 2AICCU has also continued efforts on SB 493 (Jackson), which implements various changes to Title IX processes and procedures. AICCU and institutional staff have reviewed proposed amendments to address potential conflicts between the legislation and federal regulations. These amendments, as well as various other proposed changes including delayed implementation, address the concerns of AICCU as well as the University of California and California State University. Once the amendments are in print, AICCU will be moving from a position of Oppose Unless Amended to Neutral.
- Community College Christina
 - Attended the CCCSSFAA meeting in July. Community College are looking at the allocations. AB19 funding allocations were released. BFAP and SSCG allocations were also released. New guidance regarding AB 19/ AB 2. A lot more flexibility in the guidance. There are concerns from members about not getting the information they need from the state.
- Proprietary Wendy
- Some schools are able to open but it depends on the county. Wendy will continue to give updates as she gets them.
- Grad/Professional Jessica
 - Jessica discussed CARES ACT reporting. CARE's Act money was given out to schools that have Pell grant recipients. Most Grad/Professional school received less than the 150,000 and a exempt from reporting on a quarterly bases. Waiting on additional guidance from the Department of Ed.

- Discussion about the forbearance of student loans through the end of September. Concerns about an extension of time for the forbearance and how this will affect graduating students. Discussion that the extension has been extended to December 31st.
- Associate Members Kim
- Ethnic Diversity Collette
 - Colette has submitted three workshops to the program committee. She would like to know who to send her emails too. She requested someone to email her the committee members information.
 - Colette would like to make sure attendees of the conference have their needs met with accessibility.

To Do: Conference committee to make sure the virtual conference is accessible for all attendees.

Bronwyn moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Jesse, Motion Carries

Adjourn at 4:00pm