

From the KASFAA President



Yikes! I'm supposed to impart some words of wisdom in the Fall 2005 KASFAA Newsletter?? That's exactly what I thought when I saw Chris Johnson's solicitation on KASFAA-L for information for the upcoming edition.

So here goes, many thanks to all who helped with and attended the Fall Conference in Great Bend. The final registration was 182, which was a pretty good turn out. The Conference Planning Committee, to whom I am very grateful, will meet in early December to begin planning for the Spring Conference in Overland Park. We appreciate your suggestions and ideas for future programming, so information you submit either on the Conference Evaluation Form or to a committee member is important.

I also want to thank you for the opportunity to attend the October RMASFAA Conference in Wyoming. Their state committee did an excellent job of planning and the sessions I attended were worthwhile. I particularly enjoyed a presentation on how to contact your legislator - valuable tips as we try to weed through all the iterations of Reauthorization. The advice was for you to contact your Senator or Representative's legislative aide by phone. If you do not know who that is, call the office and ask. Even if your Senator or Representative is not a member of a committee working on this issue, the aide can pass on you concerns or support and can often get you more information. It takes them much longer to respond to email and snail mail due to the volume and security checks it must go through. NASFAA's recent postings of side-by-side comparisons of the various components of the House and Senate Reauthorization bills (H.R. 609 and S. 1932) are also a good resource.

Speaking of regional conferences, we are already beginning some up front work on the 2009 RMASFAA Conference to be hosted by Kansas. The RMASFAA board needs a site proposal by fall 2006, so we are starting the process.

A couple of other comments: Sign up for KASFAA-L and plan to attend the Spring KASFAA Conference at the Overland Park Sheraton, April 5-7, 2006.

Hope your fall semester started with a bang and has slowed to almost manageable and that you enjoy the holiday seasons with family, friends, or by yourself, if you just need some quiet time.

Remember, we do not get "do-overs", so live life with joy all along the way.

Elaine

KASFAA 2006-2007 Officer Election Results

The results of the 2006-2007 KASFAA Officer Elections are as follows:

Associate Member	Coleen Koop (2 Years)
President Elect	Kelly Hoggatt
Vice President	Cindy Kleinsorge
Secretary	Sherry Campbell
Treasurer	Mandy Peterson (2 Years)

Congratulations!

Across the State

Friends University

Myra Pfannenstiel has resigned her position as Director of Financial Aid. Myra began a new career with NSLP early October. We wish Myra all the best in her new endeavors.

Brandon Pierce replaces Myra as Director of Financial Aid. Brandon has been with the Friends University financial aid office for 4-years as a counselor and most recently as Assistant Director. Friends University has hired Sue Kessler as a Financial Aid Counselor. Sue comes to us after working at the Wichita Children's Home. Welcome Sue!

Friends University welcomes back Craig Dassow and Denise Lacy. Craig Dassow has been hired as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid. Craig returns to Friends University after taking some time away to pursue personal ventures and do a 1-year tour of duty in Iraq. Denise Lacy has been hired as a Financial Aid Counselor. Denise returns to Friends University after taking time away to raise her children. Welcome back! *Reported by Brandon Pierce, Friends University*

Washburn University

Washburn University has hired Jennifer Hill as the Assistant Director for Financial Aid. Jennifer was formerly employed by Friends University and has her BA in Business from Kansas Wesleyan University and her MBA from Southwestern College. Jennifer starts her position on November 21, 2005. *Reported by Annita Huff, Washburn University*

Manhattan Christian College

Jessi Moors, financial aid counselor at Manhattan Christian College and her husband Cody are the proud parents of their first child, a girl, born Sept. 16 and named Madison Sue. She weighed in at 8 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. We join Jessi and Cody in rejoicing over a lovely, healthy baby. *Reported by Margaret Carlisle, Manhattan Christian College*

"Yes, I was on the Bus"



This phrase was coined by some KASFAA members who attended the RMASFAA conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, October 8-12. Valerie Walthall secured funding from various Associate Members to charter a 52-passenger bus, providing KASFAA members a cost-effective alternative to flying to Jackson Hole. The cost for riding the bus was \$100 per person. The bus picked up a total of 27 members in Kansas City, Lawrence, Salina, and WaKeeney. For riders picked up in Kansas City, the drive to Jackson Hole took approximately 24 hours, one way. During the trip, riders passed the time by watching movies, playing games, and, of course, catching up on much-needed sleep. Thanks to Valerie and the Associate Members, more members were able to attend RMASFAA through this travel option. It will be a trip not soon forgotten! - Reported by Mandy Peterson, University of Kansas/Lawrence

KBOR Update

1. We are planning to have an on-line application available for AY 06-07 for the state application form. It is planned to be up & running on November 15, 2005. We will continue to use paper applications as well. Those should also be available on the 15th of November.
2. During the 2005 legislative session, the legislature passed a statute that established a new Math & Science Teacher Service Scholarship program. It is basically very similar to the current Teacher Service Scholarship. The main difference is that it will only be awarded to students who have completed at least 60 hours of coursework toward their degree (junior/senior level students) and students will have to teach in the areas of math or science for a period of 2 years for each year that they have received the scholarship.
3. We will have a new automated tracking process for schools to submit their KCG & KSS information. There will only be one reporting due date now and it will be April 1.
4. The legislature expanded the current tuition waiver program for dependents of slain public safety officers killed in the line of duty to also include spouses as dependents. In addition this program was expanded to include dependents (including spouses) of individuals serving activity military duty who died as a result of that service on or after September 11, 2001. Also, any Kansas residents who have been declared prisoners of war by the U.S. Secretary of Defense after January 1, 1960 will also be eligible for the tuition waiver. The legislature also increased the eligibility from 8 semesters to 10 semesters. The new forms and information about this program will be mailed to registrars and business offices this week.
5. We are probably looking at a very tight budget year in 07. There is a \$500 million pension obligation bond payment that will need to be made to KPERS & a \$90 million payment for highway restructuring that will take place in 07. Also, school finance is looming large. So, even if the economy is stable - which is a gamble w/the Iraqi war and the hurricane devastation to pay for - the state budget would be very tight. We have asked for another \$1 million in KCG for 07. We've not asked for increased funding in any other programs.
6. The Workforce Development Loan Program is now in effect for the 2005-06 AY. Students attending schools who offer associate degrees or certificate programs are eligible. The maximum loan amount is \$2,000 in an academic year and the student can only borrow twice from the loan program. Students are required to work in the state of Kansas, in the field in which they were trained, for a period of 4 years to fulfill their obligation to the state. If they do not fulfill this obligation, they will need to repay their loan plus interest. The interest rate is based on the average daily balance (ADB) rate calculated by the Pooled Money Investment Board of the state of Kansas. Three percentage points are added to the ADB. That rate is good for all loans made during that month. Currently in the month of November that ADB is 3.70%, therefore the Workforce Loan interest rate is 6.70% for the month of November.

Reported by Diane Lindeman, Kansas Board of Regents

RMASFAA 2005 Jackson Hole – KASFAA State Photo



KASFAA Fall 2005 Conference Notes



The KASFAA Fall 2005 Conference was held in Great Bend from October 26-28, 2005. One highlight of the conference was the swearing-in of Elaine Henrie to complete the term vacated by the resignation of Myra Pfannenstiel. Elaine will continue to serve her elected term of office beginning in April.

Sector breakout sessions are a regular highlight of KASFAA conferences. Similar institutions come together to discuss common issues and share best practices. The KBOR staff also typically visits most of these sessions to share information that affects each particular group of institutions.

Here are some discussion topics from the 2005 Great Bend conference breakouts:

Fiscal Officers

- 1) Fiscal Officers Break-out session discussed possible topics for future conferences. We also discussed if and when we wanted to have another one day workshop Spring/Summer 2006. We decided to have Jim Keating from K-State check the calendar at KSU for mid May workshop possibilities.
- 2) The Fiscal Officers listserv needs to be updated and Jan Batley will work on that.

Associate Members

- 1) Associate Members would like to congratulate Colleen Koop in her KASFAA election.

Technical Schools

- 1) The Board of Regents staff came in to answer any questions we might have about the new Workforce Development Loan Program that was implemented this year.
- 2) Discussed how the different institutions were handling awarding of aid for prerequisites to the Nursing program.
- 3) Discussed issues many of the institutions are experiencing due to new Administration.

Community Colleges

- 1) The use of interactive electronic forms.
- 2) How schools are handling the 150% cap for SAP.
- 3) Which office on campus handles work-study student placement.

- 4) How schools are addressing independent students, under the age of 24, who are independent by the fact that they have a child, and, who report very little income.
- 5) How schools are treating transfer students as part of their SAP policy.
- 6) The use of an institutional data form.

4-Year Privates

1) We talked about why some schools were asking for a financial aid transcript when it should be available on NSLDS. A number of schools told of the problem they were having getting financial aid information from University of Phoenix.

4-Year Publics

1) How does each school administer aid for study abroad programs?

2) How do other schools collect/maintain the payment application authorization that will allow a school to apply Title IV aid to non-mandatory charges?

3) Joan Zanders at RMAFSA brought attention to additional guidance provided in the Verification Guide for 05-06 on how to treat income earned from work. Jeff Baker seemed surprised by the guidance since there had not been regulatory changes during the 05-06 year. Are you aware of the additional guidance provided in the 2005-2006 Verification Guide describing how to determine income earned from work when lines 12 & 18 of the 1040 form are negative? Question 35-39 for student and 73-77 for parents "The FAFSA instructs the applicant to sum lines 7, 12, and 18 of the 1040 form as an option for determining the income earned from work, but when the values of lines 12 or 18 are negative, this will reduce the total and can wrongly affect the Social Security allowance. If values from lines 12 or 18 are negative, treat them as zero when determining the income earned from work". Assuming you weren't aware of this additional guidance at the beginning of completing your 05-06 verifications, what did or will you do once you became aware of this new information?

4) How does your campus gather KS National Guard Educational Assistance and veteran's benefits for consideration in federal packaging of student aid? Key is upfront reporting to prevent over awards.

5) How many schools receive paper FLEP loan checks in the FAO and forwards them to the BO versus having the lender send the checks directly to the BO?

6) Do you document independent status? If yes: for what?

- a. legal dependents
- b. marriage
- c. orphan/ward of the court

7) Exit Counseling

How do you identify students who need exit counseling?

How do you ensure that they complete it?

8) 30-Day Delay

Do you do anything to assist students who are impacted by the 30-day delay rule? Book vouchers/credits/accounts?

9) We would also like to ask other schools how they determine allowances for books & transportation in their annual Cost of Attendance budgets, and if possible, to share those amounts with everyone at this session.

10) KCG awarding policies - do you award based on a sliding scale or basically one amount for all students?