

CAFAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting

July 18, 2008 11:00 am – 3:30 pm

Denver University

*In Attendance: Misti Ruthven, James Broscheit, Jen Sprinkle, Julia Alexander, Carolee Goldsmith, Cindy Vadeboncoeur, Elaine Redwine, Kimberly McKay, Tammy Dybdahl, Jerry Martinez, Maureen Connors, Thad Spaulding, Ellie Miller, Shannon Sheaff*

*Absent: Meg Brewer, Natasha Ambrose, Phil Schroeder, Aimee Rogers, Deedra Allbritton,*

Call to Order: James passed out the agenda

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from 4/18/08 were reviewed by all. Carolee made a motion to approve. Seconded by Kim.

Officer Reports:

- President – James Broscheit
  - James proposed the creation of a cumulative calendar for events. Such a timeline would provide key information in the scheduling of events and the advance preparations for them.
  - Discussed the need to have co-chairs for all committees. This would mean a 2 year commitment for volunteers. James requested that each sector provide Elaine with a name of a possible volunteer.
- President-Elect -- Elaine Redwine
  - Currently working on establishing a site location for the 09 conference. She will narrow it down to 2 locations for a vote.
- Past-President – Phil Schroeder
  - Absent, no report at this time.
- Vice-President – Thad Spaulding
  - The Colorado Promise Initiative was discussed at the CDHE meeting. The Financial Aid Advisory Committee has concerns regarding this program's alternative methods for determining need. The current ballot:
    - Excludes private institutions
    - Rolls over CSG and other state funds into this program
    - Has a different GPA requirement than most SAP policies
    - Includes a student contribution of up to \$7500 (i.e., work-study, other scholarships, loans, employment, etc)
    - Uses a needs analysis calculation that is different than the EFC's calculation
  - Thad suggested that CAFAA write a letter of support to Sandy Calhoun's counter-proposal from the Financial Aid Advisory Committee. Discussion suggested that it would be more effective to encourage institutions to educate their presidents and CFO's. Opposition from the institutional leaders would give weight to the counter-proposal.

- Secretary – Theresa Clapham
  - New CAFAA laptop is working fine. Will consolidate all historical records onto the hard-drive for record keeping.
- Treasurer – Maureen Connors
  - Handed out balance sheet of assets
  - Membership dollars are up and sponsorship dollars are down slightly (as expected)
  - A 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit of \$4,000 was placed on the Steamboat Grand Hotel for conference.
  - Saved money on NASFAA conference since James did not attend.
- Treasurer-Elect – Jerry Martinez
  - No report at this time.

#### Sector Reports

- 2-year Public Representative – Carolee Goldsmith
  - Will attend the CDHE meetings as a representative for the Community Colleges when Audrey Osswald is unable to attend
- Proprietary Representative – Tammy Dybdahl
  - No report at this time.
- 4-year Public Representative – Meg Brewer
  - Absent, no report at this time
- 4-year Private Representative – Jen Sprinkle
  - No report at this time.
- Vocational-Technical Representative – Kimberly McKay
  - No report at this time.
- Service Organization – Julia Alexander
  - No report at this time.

#### Committee Reports

- Annual Conference – Misti Ruthven and Meg Brewer
  - Food and beverage costs will be approximately \$151 per person. The difference will not be covered by registration fee. Misti suggested that we ask people in advance what meals they plan to attend.
  - Agenda is full. Invitation was sent to David Skaggs to be keynote speaker. Have not received a response yet.
  - Registration to open on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> on the web.
- Diversity Issues – Deedra Allbritton
  - Absent, no report at this time.
- Financial Aid Awareness/High School Reunion – Aimee Rogers
  - Absent, sent report to James
    - Looking for volunteers for Boettcher Foundation sessions to be held on at various locations in September
- Historian – Ellie Miller
  - Together with Thad, attended the CDHE meeting and discussed Colorado Promise Initiative.
  - Handed out copies of Sandy Calhoun's draft of counter proposal.

- Membership – Cindy Vadeboncoeur
  - At present, CAFAA has 273 members + 34 lifetime members and 47 service organizations (down from 66 in 07)
  - Cindy sent emails to people who have not renewed from last year.
  - James will send a personal invitation to Selina at CDHE.
- Newsletter Editor – Natasha Ambrose
  - Absent, sent request through James for newsletter ideas and information.
- Professional Development – Shannon Sheaf
  - Requested ideas for a possible training session later this year.
  - Julia suggested possible ACG changes going into effect January 1.
- Technology & Webmaster – Tresa England
  - Absent, no report at this time.

#### Old Business

- Vo-Tech to CTE – discussion tabled for now since there is no new evidence of the name change being mandatory.
- Strategic Plan – James is still working on it.
- College Goal Sunday – Jeff and Nancy Gregory have agreed to take over from Lydia MacMillan.
- All board members are current on their membership

#### New Business

- FFEL to Direct – discussion on recent changes in loan market that are pushing some institutions into leaving the FFEL program. Also, more institutions are using ELM for FFEL transactions. These changes could potentially change Colorado funding for COF and clearinghouse sponsorship.
- NASFAA membership costs increase – Julia brought up discussion about how this could affect training within institutions.
- College Goal Sunday – CAFAA needs to have a representative on the committee. Julia motioned to elect the past-CAFAA-president as representative. Carolee seconded. All in favor.
- Membership – Jen motioned to approve list of new members. Seconded by Tammy. All approved.
  - Suzanne Evans, Financial Aid Director, Cambridge College, Aurora
  - Ray Hamel, Student Finance Director, Everest College, Aurora
  - Brian Hultgren, Financial Aid Counselor, Metro State College, Denver
  - Elizabeth Romba, Financial Aid Advisor, Front Range Community College
  - Krista Ray, Daniels Fund, Denver

#### Other Business

- James received a complaint that the CAFAA list serve is being inappropriately used as an advertising device for certain members. Discussion generated revealed that there is a disclosure statement and guidelines for use on the web. Will address further if it becomes an issue.
- Decentralized Training – Jen volunteered to do the training.

- Teach Grant data – Discussion about which institutions plan to implement. James suggested that CAFAA might play a role in gathering data from the state to provide to students (i.e., employment numbers, salaries, locations, etc).

Next Meeting Date and Location – September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00, location TBA  
Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Kim, seconded by Jen. All approved.