

## **OASFAA Newcomers Session**

Sue Shogren, NELA

*Sunday, 10:00 – 11:15 am, Crown Zellerbach*

Building bridges is about making connections with others. Start by attending this session that is designed especially for first-time conference attendees. Together, we'll explore all that OASFAA has to offer so that you can make the most of your conference experience and your membership in this association.

## **Keynote Address – “Issues Facing our Newest Veterans and Their Families”**

Jack Heims and Mandy Martin

*Sunday, 12:15 pm, Grand Ballroom*

Join this powerful session as our speakers provide an overview of the current service atmosphere and the challenges vets are coming back home with, especially as it relates to re-entry to the college experience or success in postsecondary education. They provide two perspectives: the clinical, delivered by Jack, and the personal, delivered by Mandy.

## **General Session – Federal Update: Part 1**

Department of Education

*Sunday, 1:15 – 2:45 pm, Grand Ballroom*

The Department of Education will provide points of clarification to current, hot topics.

## **OSAC Update**

Dennis Johnson, Susan Degen and Vicky Merkel, OSAC

*Sunday, 3:15 – 4:45 pm, Grand Ballroom*

It's what you've been waiting for: an up-to-the-minute update on the Oregon Opportunity Grant program, and an opportunity to hear about what else is in store for the upcoming year.

## **Proprietary School Issues**

Round Table Discussion

*Sunday, 3:15 – 4:45 pm, Weyerhaeuser*

Join your colleagues from other proprietary schools to discuss current issues and challenges. And, help OASFAA by identifying what training needs you have, and how OASFAA can best support you.

## **Cohort Default Rate – 2 year and 3 year rates**

Veronica Nava, EdFund

*Monday, 8:30 – 9:45 am, Multnomah*

Student loan defaulters can have a serious impact on your bottom line, possibly even leaving your school ineligible to participate in the student loan program. Borrowers entering repayment today will form your first 3-year default rate. Are you prepared? Join us for this session that explains how the cohort default

rate is calculated and also learn how this performance measurement affects your school and your borrowers.

## **Financial Literacy on your Campus**

Jeff Southard, ECMC

*Monday, 8:30 – 9:45 am, Weyerhaeuser*

Frugality is in style! Now is the time to bring financial literacy information to your students because they're listening! With the ongoing economic crisis, students are willing to pay attention and helping students to manage their money is on everyone's to do list. In this session we'll discuss methods of delivery, development and options for where to begin.

## **The Science of Financial Aid Presentations**

Mike Johnson, Pacific University

*Monday, 8:30 – 9:45 am, Clackamas*

Through the use of a simple visual model, we'll explore several aspects of the successful preparation and presentation of financial aid information in a variety of settings. The goal of the session will be to provide participants with a heuristic that will increase their comfort and confidence as presenters, and enhance the style and quality of their financial aid presentations.

## **The Future of Financial Aid**

Department of Education

*Monday, 8:30 – 9:45 am, Crown Zellerbach*

What is the future of financial aid and what changes should we expect? What impact will pending legislation have on our students, offices and schools? This session will provide an update of what we know today, and what questions may still be on the horizon.

## **Managing Loan Portfolios in the New World**

Lei Oie, Eris Interprises

*Monday, 8:30 – 9:45 am, White Stag*

ECASLA "Put" loans. Four new Direct Loan servicers. Income-based repayment. Public Service Loan Forgiveness. Just when you thought student loan portfolios were at the apex of complexity, new higher peaks have arisen. How will your students cope with loan repayment? What can you do to help? Join us to discuss complexities facing your graduates and evaluate strategies for guiding them to successful portfolio management in the new world of student loans.

## **Direct Loan Implementation/Conversion**

Sharon Sweeney & Gina Regalado, Linfield College; Cindy Aldrich, Warner Pacific

*Monday, 10:15 – 11:30 am, Multnomah*

Representatives from two schools that have recently transitioned to Direct Lending will discuss their experiences. They will share what they learned, what worked, what they would do differently and what they like about the Direct Loan program.

## **Career Paths in Financial Aid.**

Russell Seidelman , Kristin Welsch, Carlos Villarroel, Helen Faith – OASFAA Mentor Group  
*Monday, 10:15 – 11:30 am, Weyerhaeuser*

This session will explore a composite description of positions in a financial aid setting. This will include an exploration of the core competencies and experience needed for each position, the responsibilities associated with each position, etc. We will also discuss related fields that financial aid staff come from and where they move on to with the skills developed in financial aid.

## **Ford Family Scholarships – Spanning the Financial Divide**

Tricia Tate, Dee Row and Barb Griesle, Ford Family Foundation  
*Monday, 10:15 – 11:30 am, Clackamas*

Like structural engineers, The Ford Family Foundation is constantly assessing and adjusting to make our programs stronger. Come hear about our scholarships and updates for 2010. This highly interactive session is designed to provide clarity, consistency and enhanced communication with financial aid offices. Bring your suggestions for improvement and best practices with you!

## **Scholarship Coordinator Roundtable**

Michelle Holdway, University of Oregon  
*Monday, 10:15 – 11:30 am, Crown Zellerbach*

This session is an opportunity for scholarship coordinators and financial aid staff that support scholarship programs to get together and share the achievements, challenges and future directions of their programs. Meet others from around the state and from different segments that do similar work; build bridges to success through networking with your colleagues and sharing ideas.

## **Bridging Troubled Waters – Throw Students a Borrower’s Life Preserver!**

Dina Birmingham, NELA  
*Monday, 10:15 – 11:30 am, White Stag*

This session will focus on how to assist students with basic budgeting concerns and understanding the big picture – how their habits today will affect their financial success in the future. We will share some best practices for publicizing and presenting this information to students. In addition, we’ll review the new institutional responsibility to report true costs to students. Finally, we’ll look at the current loan environment and discuss how to advise students about the ever changing partners and players in the federal loan system.

## **Keynote Address – “How Financial Aid Changed My Life”**

Brian Clem  
*Monday, 12:00 pm, Grand Ballroom*

Do you ever wonder if what you do in financial aid really matters? Be reminded of the difference that you can make in someone’s life as you hear Brian’s story. He’ll tell you that financial aid changed his life and set him on a course to help change others’ lives as well.

## **Direct Loan Nuts and Bolts**

Pamela Robison, Lane Community College; Kyna Burgett, University of Oregon

*Monday, 1:00 – 2:15 pm, Weyerhaeuser*

This session will provide an overview of Direct Loan processing including origination, disbursement and reconciliation. Representatives from two schools that have been in the Direct Loan program for many years will answer questions and facilitate conversation about the Direct Loan process.

## **Overview of Proposed New Accreditation Standards and Processes**

Denise Swafford, Rogue Community College

*Monday, 1:00 – 2:15 pm, Multnomah*

In this session you will receive information about what accreditation means for your institution and how the process and reporting methods under the direction and control of the Northwest Commission on College and Universities are changing. You will learn about the proposed change in review cycles for participating colleges and universities as well as the Commission's special focus on "core themes" or "communities of interest" in the new process proposal. The session will include a review of current standards and the similarities and differences between old practices and new, including information about what your institution will need to know from you about financial aid and other categories of financial assistance under the proposed new standards.

## **Financial Aid and the Business Office**

Fayne Griffiths, Clackamas Community College

*Monday, 1:00 – 2:15 pm, Clackamas*

This session is about the relationship between the financial aid office and the business office. Learn how deadlines, responsibilities and new policies impact each area. Ask questions and share your best practices to help build better bridges between these offices.

## **Psychology of Money**

Jenny Allen Ryan, OSAC

*Monday, 1:00 – 2:15 pm, Crown Zellerbach*

What does money mean to you? Learn more about yourself and your money management style. This session will provide a review of financial literacy programs and what is available to teach your students and families about money management.

## **PUT Loan servicing**

Karen Dowdall-Gumin, Great Lakes

*Monday, 1:00 – 2:15 pm, White Stag*

Learn about the history and implementation of the PUT program. This session will describe how FFELP loans now owned by the Department of Education are assigned to a servicer and details associated with this process. A discussion of the impact of the PUT program's impact on schools and students will have you prepared with the information you need to help you manage your loan portfolio and answer your students' questions.

## **Post 9/11 GI Bill**

Robert Craig, US Department of Veteran's Affairs

*Monday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm, Weyerhaeuser*

Along with many changes in financial aid policy itself, there have also been changes surrounding veteran's benefits. This session will review recent legislation and changes to the GI Bill. Learn the best ways to help support our troops at our institutions.

## **Loan Issues**

Department of Education

*Monday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm, Multnomah*

We know you've got them. Loan issues, that is... This session will provide a review of current loan issues and a preview of what might be on the horizon.

## **Private Loan Reauthorization**

Cherrie Champie, Citibank

*Monday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm, Clackamas*

This session is an overview of changes to the private loan process that will improve the information provided to borrowers, reinforce the availability of federal loan options, and encourage borrowers to consult with the Financial Aid Office prior to making a private loan commitment.

## **Evolution of Financial Aid**

Tracy Reisinger, Marylhurst University

*Monday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm, Crown Zellerbach*

Did you know there used to be a definition of an independent student based on being self-sufficient? Why did they implement non-financial aid regulations like "Selective Service" and "No Drug Convictions"? Many social and political events have shaped financial aid regulations. Here's where to find out how and why it happened as you review the history of financial aid and the changes that have transpired over the years.

## **General Session – Federal Update: Part 2**

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