



Oregon Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA)
Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Kathy Campbell, Breana Sylwester, Frank Joanne Leijon, Shauna Stevens, Leslie Lloyd, Golden Eyestone, Debbie O’Dea, Ingrid Baker, Emory Spence, Shauna Wing, Rebecca Lewis, Carlos Villarroel, Karen Ash, Lois DeGhetto, Sara Viemeister

January 30th, 2024

3:03 pm Call to order

- Welcome, introductions, housekeeping
- Approval of minutes from the meeting on 12/7/23
 - Motion to approve – Lois DeGhetto first, Karen Ash second
- Officer/Liaison Reports
 - Past-President – *Awarded five scholarships. One person nominated for lifetime. We need to do a better job nominating individuals for our awards.*
 - President –
 - *Last year Salishan gave 25% discount on food. New ownership and there seems to be some pushback on the deals we have been given the last few years. Will know something by the end of this week if we will receive a discount. Hard conversations may need to be had if we need to move venues. If it is moved to another city, some people won’t stay (as they live close). To negotiate, maybe we need to search and come back with some figures.*
 - *Joanne, Karen, Shauna S, Leslie met to discuss an operational calendar. This will enable others to be more organized as they step into their new roles.*
 - *WASFAA coming to Portland at the Hilton – April 8th – 10th. Let Carlos know who plans on attending and staying at the hotel.*
 - *WASFAA vs OASFAA – WASFAA has strong sessions and has a good opportunity to have strong speakers. Networking opportunities are great.*
 - *Thank you for all the support! OASFAA is wonderful!*
 - Vice Presidents
 - *Independent – Not present*
 - *Community College – No update.*
 - *4-year public – Not present*
 - *Proprietary – Focusing on volunteering. On the topic, looking for a conference co-chair.*
 - Corporate Partner Liaison – *Greg Kerr will serve in this position.*
 - OSAC Liaison – *Not present.*
 - *OOG advisory meeting – wanted feedback on OOG. The FA community has presented feedback, but OSAC has not responded to the feedback. Feels like we are in a circle. Would request the split the Advisory Community an operational*

- committee and a policy committee. The HECC board should be more balanced. To get this sort of change, our college presidents need to be more involved. Perhaps this is why nothing gets done, because it is just an advisory committee.*
- *Should OASFAA send an email to OSAC on behalf of the FA community. [Action Item: OSAC advisory will work with OASFAA presidents on next steps to take steps forward to get community help.](#)*
 - *Treasurer's report - We are in the black right now! There isn't an update since the December update. The investment account is up and growing. We have not recovered what we withdrew a few years ago. Has been updating the Treasurer transition document.*
 - **Committee Reports**
 - **Annual Conference**
 - *We did not make money on this conference. We only have 101 registered, which isn't enough to make money. The banquet cost last year was 36k, this year is 46k. We will likely lose about 8k on the conference this year. If able to get 25% discount this year, that would be helpful. Carlos is still negotiating. What do we really need food wise? Can we pay attention this conference and see what we are really using? Can we ask them if there is leftover food? As long as we meet the food and beverage we can decide if we are ordering too much food.*
 - *No push back on the cost of the conference. We may hear something in the comments at the end.*
 - *Outside In - charity will be here on Thursday and will be taking donations. Four people from the charity organization will be here! OASFAA can donate via specialized QR code.*
 - *13 corporate partners this year! Give some attention to both rooms as we needed to strategize so we were not charged an additional \$1,200 fee.*
 - *In light of FAFSA news today, provide some guided questions at meals, to encourage conversation and allow room to discuss the FAFSA news that came out today. Announcement on stage to allow some discussion about FAFSA delay. Thursday lunch? After 30 minutes have discussion.*
 - **Community Partnership – Thank you for all the volunteers! The committee missing Jen greatly. Winding down for the academic year.**
 - *Who are our bilingual speakers in OASFAA? What languages, where they work, and can they help with. [Carlos and Breanna will work together to build this list.](#)*
 - *Membership application – can we add a question about language? Can we add a question about if people want to serve as a resource for language support?*
 - *Frankie: the language question is on the application – difficulty is individual vs institutional.*
 - **FA 101/201 –Karen leaving FA101. Kyna Burgett with UO will be taking Karen's place.**
 - **Legislative – Nothing to report.**
 - **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion - Met and looking at the website on OASFAA. Discussed what they want to learn; will do monthly updates for the newsletter. First year with this role part of the EC.**
 - **Archives - We do have a google drive. Password will be sent out to those necessary. Then go in that login and upload information so all information is easily accessible for those it needs to be.**
 - **Fund Development – Not present. Worked hard to bring in a few sponsors in.**
 - **Membership - Not present.**
 - **Technology –**
 - **Communications - Updated list corporate partners on the website. Have been helping with the OASFAA conference team has needed. Added two new members to the technology community.**

- Volunteer Coordinator- *Kindly but firmly to encourage volunteers. What does it mean to a volunteer? Sometimes people may not understand the timeframe things need. Looking at different ways to get engagement. Maybe an announcement can be made Thursday evening at dinner. Briefly talk about your committee and what you need. [We could link the form to the website. Maybe we could change volunteer preference on the form. If it's not functional, let's change it. Frank and Ingrid to work together.](#)*
- Site Selection – *see comments from Presidents report.*
- New Business
 - View New Operational Calendar
 - Election results and committee chairs. – *Thank you to all who ran!*
 - Discuss Strategic Plan updates - *No updates*
- Other Business
- Adjourn 5:09 Karen Ash first and Shauna Wing second