

NOTES FROM PORTALS GROUP/ NASFAA

Changes Suggested

Layout

- ❖ Modify order of side navigation bar
 - Reference and Student should be positions 1 and 2 (in either order)
 - Bookstore
 - Participation and Funding, Training/ Calendar/ Conferences (also in either order)
- ❖ Move feedback to the TOP of the page

Search

- ❖ Add number of search results
- ❖ Add brief description of what “%” indicator means on search or, perhaps, provide link to detailed description that users could access if they wanted to

Functionality

- ❖ Log last 5-10 sites/ pages visited into memory to easily go back
- ❖ Cookie for saving username and password on an individuals desktop so that they do not have to continuously log on (note that there are security issues that must be addressed here)
- ❖ “Purse” concept of keeping data to carry forward (e.g.: register for ED training, link to NASFAA to register for their training, same base data comes up (contact information, etc))
- ❖ Consistent back functionality (Portal, IFAP, RFMS, etc)

Questions

Why two hot links in search results (e.g.: IFAP, training guide AND <http://ifap.ed.gov...>)

Moving Forward Items

- ✓ Training database
Database for training, conferences, etc. w/ NASFAA. Can we create this and maintain in together so that there is a common database the portal accesses.

Information needed would be: name, date, location, contact names, web addresses for on-line registration

- ✓ Single sign-on

- ✓ Convene group to complete “tasks” on portal as test cases to determine how users will utilize the portal in order to use feedback/ information in constructing/ changing layout
- ✓ Compile and list FAQs/ Bulletin Board
- ✓ Add Recertification “How Tos” ASAP
- ✓ Incorporate “New User” section with site map, etc (should be on all entrance sites and first links to operating system)