

TO: Secretary Riley  
FROM: COO Greg Woods  
OSFA  
RE: Weekly Report  
DATE: June 13, 2000

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE'S WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES**

Nothing to report.

### **OFFICIAL'S ACTIVITIES**

**NASFAA:** COO Greg Woods will speak at the NASFAA's annual conference on July 9, 2000. He will provide a federal update and also discuss the Student Aid office of the future.

### **DEPARTMENT'S NEWS**

**Debt Collections:** Collections are at \$926 million for FY00. This is \$110 million ahead of where DCS was last year at this time. It is expected that DCS will meet its goal of \$1.2 billion for the year.

**SFA Intranet:** The SFA Intranet Team will visit the Philadelphia regional office on 6/28/00. This is part of the Intranet team's effort to gain more regional involvement. Similar visits will be scheduled for all remaining regions.

**Loan Repayment:** Computer Operations Turnover: The Direct Loan Central Data and Accounting systems were migrated to the SFA virtual data center operated by CSC in November, 1999. Starting Thursday, June 1, after a lengthy planning and transition period, CSC successfully resumed responsibility for scheduling and running all computer programs for these two systems. The previous contractor, ACS, maintains responsibility for software maintenance and support.  
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### **CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

Nothing to report.

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY**

Nothing to report.

### **REPORTS**

**OIG Audit Planning:** SFA staff met with the OIG to discuss their work plans for next year. Based on recommendations, the OIG expressed interest in auditing the costs associated with the Modernization Partner contract. They will also consider auditing NSLDS, TIVWAN, the VDC and the Modernization Blueprint.

**GAO to Review Financing of the DL Program:** Representatives John R. Kasich and Judy Biggert, requested that the General Accounting Office (GAO) initiate a study of the financial performance of the direct loan program. According to GAO's June 5, 2000, audit engagement letter its objectives are to: (1) review the information used by the Department in developing its cost savings estimates, (2) review the status of the Direct Loan Financing Account, and (3) examine how alternative assumptions may affect program cost projections. The congressional requesters asked GAO to complete a report by November 1, 2000. We are in the process of arranging an entrance conference.

### **ON THE HORIZON**

Nothing to report.