

TO: Secretary Riley
FROM: COO Greg Woods
OSFA
RE: Weekly Report
DATE: July 18, 2000

PRINCIPAL OFFICE'S WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Nothing to report.

OFFICIAL'S ACTIVITIES

Access America: COO Greg Woods will attend a Steering Committee of Access America at the White House on July 26, 2000.

DEPARTMENT'S NEWS

Extension of Experimental Sites: Institutions have expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to continue participation for one year (July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001) in the experiments that were due to expire June 30, 2000. Approximately 122 of the 138 participants were eligible for the extension. Requests have been approved for 110 institutions. The majority that declined the extension did so because of their eligibility for exemption from two provisions through reauthorization. Performance and Accountability Improvement (PAI) staff met with PIP, OGC, and OPE to discuss and recommend next steps for this initiative. There are groups in SFA developing management and regulatory initiatives relative to performance measures.

YOUTHTOPIA: On August 5, 2000, Morris Brown University will host a YOUTHTOPIA, a HASSLE-FREE community effort designed to improve relations between governmental agencies and citizens. Several members of SFA's Atlanta Case Management Team and the Direct Loan Staff will be attending in order to answer questions and provide information about Student Financial Assistance. The YOUTHTOPIA committee is composed of individuals from the U.S. Department of Education, City of Atlanta, Georgia Department of Labor, private industries, Spelman College and the Atlanta Public schools. This event is designed to provide encouragement and enrichment for youth and their families and to provide an opportunity for Federal, state and local governmental agencies (over 120) to show support for our youth while providing services.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

SFA Congressional Briefing: Briefing to congressional staff on SFA products and services is scheduled for late August.

Nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Nothing to report.

REPORTS

Access America Audit Exit Conference Scheduled: The OIG exit conference on its Access America audit will be held today, July 18, 2000.