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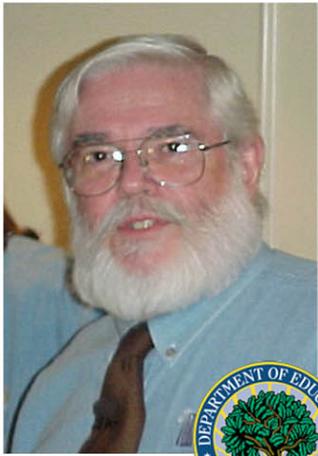
Feature Story

NEW EXPENDITURE REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS

FSA is reviewing and renewing the process of evaluating and approving all its expenditures. Several new processes have evolved out of our strategic planning, and are being adopted immediately. As in the past, the Decision Support Group (DSG) reviews the justifications and cases for proposed business expenditures.

The DSG then forwards them to be approved or disapproved by the Investment Planning Council (IPC)

formerly known as the Investment Review Board. The IPC is comprised of approximately 6-8 top FSA leaders as designated by COO Terri Shaw...this is generally the same structure as in the past. The following DSG representation is proposed: two members each from Students, Schools, Financial Partners, CIO and CFO and one member from each of the remaining Enterprise units within FSA. The GMs and senior Enterprise Managers will determine who on their respective staffs can best fill this expanded role. While the DSG is an open forum and anyone is welcome to attend, for continuity's sake, business units should ensure that they assign 'permanent' members to the DSG.



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STEPHEN SUCCESS
AND HAPPINESS
IN HIS NEW
ADVENTURE.

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Videoconference: December 12th

The upcoming videoconference, "Applying for 2003-04 Federal Student Aid: Easy as 1,2,3!" will take place on Thursday, December 12, 2002 from 1 to 3 PM. This videoconference will be covering the following topics: introducing the federal student aid programs and processes, completing the FAFSA, using FAFSA on the Web, getting results, what a college does, and where to find information. These topics will be presented using panelists (2 ED employees, 1 high school counselor, 1 TRIO counselor, and 1 financial aid director) led in a discussion by a moderator. We will again be broadcasting from Grace Digital Media studios, where the October 24 videoconference was held. In addition to the live satellite broadcast, we will also be giving participants the option of viewing on their computer through webcasting.

The previous videoconference, "The FSA Application Processing System: What's New for 2003-04" was a great success! There were over 395 sites with over 4100 participants registered (this number does not include those who viewed via webcasting and those who did not register in advance). Also, 95% of the participants who responded to the survey felt that the satellite broadcast was informative. Thanks to all who helped make this project a success!

Checking Email From Home

1. Go to <https://email02.ed.gov/exchange/logon.asp>
2. In the box on the right of the screen that says "Log In", type your.name (no spaces)
3. Click on "click here" underneath the box
4. When the box pops up type ED\your.name in the "user name" field
5. Type in your password and click "ok"

Note: depending on your security settings on your home computer, you may get several pop-up boxes about certificates, security, etc... just say "yes" to all of them.

Comic Corner

Have a fun comic to share? Send it in and we will post it in the next newsletter!



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External Updates



FISAP Tutorial

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Edd Cole, Richard Coppage, Marianna Deeken, Wood Mason, Judy Norris, Dorothy Proctor, Tom Threlkeld, Pam Wadsworth, Rich Bennett.

Status: On line version receiving excellent reviews. Completion: Completed and will remain live until the end of October 2002.

Perkins Loan Due Diligence

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Michael Cagle, Linda Coffey, Edd Cole, Richard Coppage, Marianna Deeken, Frank Giarratano, Anthony Laing, Wood Mason, Pam Moran, Barbara Mroz, Gary Thomas, Pam Wadsworth, Judy Norris and Cindy Farrell.

Status: Postponed this year due to budget cuts. Start date/completion: September 2002-June 2003

Schools Curriculum Planning

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Tom Threlkheld, Julie Arthur and Katie Malagne.

Status: Team is gathering information on past and present training series going back to 1995.

If anyone has old reports of the trainings contact JoAnn.

Start date/completion: September 2002-2003

EDEXpress Survey Team

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Anne Teresa, Ginger Klock, Joe Teresa, Jon Oberg, Angela Smith, Stephanie Courtney and John Neely.

Status: Awaiting money to purchase time/money to begin survey.

Fundamentals of Title IV Training

Project Manager: Tom Threlkeld

Team Members: Linda Coffey, Marianna Deeken, Jamie Malone, Skip Pou

Status: Tentative dates set for 2003.

Start date/completion date: On-going.

Video Conference

Project Manager: Anne Eckman

Team Members: Pennie Summers, Vicki Wilson, Marilyn LeBlanc

Status: The High School Counselor/TRIO Videoconference has had its kick-off meeting. We are awaiting the first draft of the script, and the date has been set for December 12, from 1-3PM, at Grace Digital Media Studio. Start date/completion: Airs October 24, 2002

Program Integrity Compliance Training (PICT) for 2002-03

Project Manager: Doug Stormont

Team Members: David Hebrank, Judy Norris, Constance Daly, Daniel Sullivan, Diarra Toyne, Herschel Wallace, Robert Tschinkel, Marianna Deeken, Linda Weippert and Rosalind Mehra.

Status: Non-Traditional Programs Training
No news to report

Title IV Cash Management Life Cycle Training

This month's meeting determined many of the changes to be incorporated into the final versions of the Curriculum Outline and Instructional Design Plan as well as the PowerPoint storyboards.

Start date/completion date: TOT: December 11-13.

Student Eligibility Basics and Delivery System

Team Lead: Linda Burkhardt

Team Members: Jamie Malone, Greg Martin, Ellen Crowder, Deb Tarpley and Barbara Gray.

Status: Training is scheduled to begin in the Seattle RTF, Chicago RTF, and the Washington, DC Learning Center the week of Dec. 16.

Start date/completion: January-March 2003.

FSA Coach

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Edd Cole, Beth Arbogast, Linda Coffey and Jacque Straub.

Status: Making programming changes in addition to the content updates.

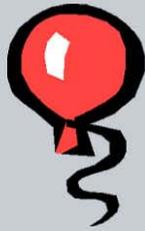
Start date/completion date: January 2002 - Summer 2002.

It's Your Birthday!

December

3 Sarah Babson

31 Carolyn Craddock



In Korea...

On a child's first birthday, the birthday child is dressed in special clothes. The friends and family all visit for a big feast, and leave money for the child. The child's future is foretold by the items it picks up.

Upcoming Birthdays in January

6 Linda Burkhardt

14 Len Clark

29 Tony Andrade

Internal Update

Diarra Toye has accepted a new position recently within FSAU. Diarra will be spending the majority of her time performing duties associated with the FSAU Finance Team. Angela Turner and Diarra have recently revised their duties within FSAU. Angela will assume the duties of FSAU contact person for External Partner Services as of December 9, 2002.



Join Us!

Stephen Blair is off to the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia on detail for the next two years. Join us Thursday, December 12th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm for some light refreshments as we wish Stephen the best in his new adventure.



All About FSA 'You'

Where's Edd?

Edd is doing well and reports that he is currently working 6 days a week 7:30 - 4:30 with the exception of the special days where we have to go from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. - yikes!

He now carries a "dummy" gun everyday and has been sworn in to the fictitious South Georgia Federal Task Force...he is executing search and arrest warrants at the "raid" houses here on base.