

ASEDS
Internal Communicator's
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2004

1. We invited Micki Roemer, the General Manager for the School Delivery Channel to join us for this meeting, but she was called away to another meeting and was unable to attend. We will extend the invitation for her to join us at the next IC meeting.
2. The IC team asked for a status of the Rumor Mill and whether it will be coming back to FSANet. Sharyn talked with Chris Greene from Communications, who explained that they will be reintroducing the Rumor Mill as FSA Assists in the coming weeks. There will be a few minor changes. If employees wish to submit an anonymous question, they may do so but the question and answer will only be accessible to the employee posing it. If employees want to post a question to the board (like the old Rumor Mill), they may do so but their identity will be posted with the question.
3. The IC team also asked for a status on the ASEDS Realignment/Reorganization. The last email from Kay Jacks stated that there would be more information available in mid-March regarding this, but so far, no one has heard anything. Direct Loan staff are concerned about their jobs within the organization. Staff are also seeing a lot of vacancy announcements in the School Eligibility Channel and wondering why there are none being posted in School Delivery Channel/School Relations Division.
4. Sharyn also talked with Chris Greene about the FSA-Wide IC group and whether there will ever be one again. Chris stated that they were planning to reincarnate this group and are looking for suggestions on how best to do it. Sharyn will be meeting with him to discuss the best way re-launch it so that it benefits everyone in Headquarters and the Regions.
5. Other Issues:
 - Travel Budget – will HQ and Regional staff get money for travel?
 - Any news on Reauthorization?
 - Regional staff are getting a lot of calls/questions from schools and are finding it difficult to get technical assistance/answers from staff in Policy and other offices. What can we do to figure out how best to get questions answered?

Next Meeting: April 14, 2004, 1:00 p.m., EST.