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#### ABSTRACT

The findings of a 1988 survey of minority financial aid administrators are summarized as part of an evaluation of the effectiveness of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) in addressing the needs of the minority financial aid community. The results are compared to those of a 1982 Task Force study which also evaluated the organization's effectiveness. Findings include the following: NASFAA is meeting the needs of minority financial aid administrators; services offered by NASFAA are widely used by minority aid administrators; the development of leadership skills ranks highest among preferences for NASFAA sponsored training programs; the cost to attend NASFAA meetings and workshops effects the level of participation by minorities; and NASFAA's by-laws should be amended to allow minority representation at all levels. Three appendices are: a copy of the NASFAA Minority Concerns Survey for June 1988; statistical data from the survey; and the survey results. (SM)

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#### Dear NASFAA Member:

More than seven years ago, NASFAA appointed a Special Task Force to evaluate its services to minority aid administrators. A significant recommendation from the Task Force urged NASFAA to establish a standing committee to address minority concerns. This led to the appointment of the first Minority Concerns Committee in 1982.

In 1987, the Minority Concerns Committee was asked to review the 1982 Task Force Report to determine if NASFAA had successfully addressed the findings of the study and to see if additional concerns had surfaced since the initial survey. A follow-up survey was done in 1988. The results of the survey were analyzed by the 1988-89 Minority Concerns Committee.

The enclosed report represents responses from over 470 financial aid administrators. The findings of the 1988 survey are similar to those of the 1982 survey. The findings follow:

- NASFAA is meeting the needs of minority financial aid administrators.
- Services offered by NASFAA are widely used by minority financial aid administrators.
- ♦ The development of leadership skills ranked highest among preference for NASFAA sponsored training programs.
- ♦ There is concern about the impact of legislative trends on future funding for financial aid programs and access to higher education.
- ♦ The cost to attend NASFAA meetings and workshops affects the level of participation by minorities.

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♦ NASFAA's by-laws should be amended to encourage more minority participation.

We wish to thank those individuals who responded to the survey and provided the Minority Concerns Committee with their ideas and suggestions. We would also like to extend appreciation to the members of the 1988-89 Minority Concerns Committee for their contributions to this publication. It is our desire that the study findings will enable NASFAA to continue responding to the challenge of new minority-related issues.

Sincerely,

Dallas Martin President

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## SURVEY OF MINORITY FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS

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## MINORITY CONCERNS SURVEY

This report summarizes the findings of a 1988 survey of minority financial aid administrators. The survey was intended to evaluate the effectiveness of NASFAA in meeting the needs of minority financial aid administrators and involving this population in NASFAA sponsored activities.

This report compares significant results of a 1982 Task Force study which also evaluated the effectiveness of NASFAA in addressing the needs of the minority financial aid community.



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### MINORITY CONCERNS SURVEY

### INTRODUCTION

More than seven years has passed since the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrator first evaluated its services to minority financial aid administrators. Findings of the 1982 report by a special task force appointed to identify the needs of minority financial aid administrators, and to determine how effectively NASFAA met those needs, showed that minority financial aid administrators expressed their need for support in three areas:

- 1. Improvement in effective administration of student financial aid through professional development
- 2. The promotion of regulations that assure efficient delivery of student aid funds to institutions
- 3. Continued enactment of federal student aid programs which effectively serve students.

The 1982 Task Force Report was based on the results of a 1981 survey of minority financial aid administrators. Special emphasis was placed on the collection of data from minorit aid administrators at predominantly black institutions.

This report identified ways in which NASFAA attempted to meet the needs of minority financial aid administrators, such as professional meetings and workshops, NASFAA Newsletters, and other special publications. The Task Force, however, suggested an improvement was needed in NASFAA services in two areas: (1) training techniques in counseling minority students and (2) providing strong leadership survival of predominantly minority institutions to ensure access to postsecondary education for a segment of the minority student population. A significant recommendation from this task force was that NASFAA establish a standing committee to address minority concerns. This recommendation led to the appointment of the first Minority Concerns Committee in 1982.

### Overview:

The 1987-88 Minority Concerns Committee was charged with the responsibility of reviewing the 1982 Task Force report to determine if NASFAA had successfully addressed the findings of this study. A subcommittee appointed to review the report recommended that a followup study be conducted. The committee concluded that it was evident that NASFAA had initiated efforts to resolve the concerns identified in 1982. However, depending



on the experience and background of the financial aid administrator, one could easily agree or disagree that the needs identified in the 1982 report no longer exists.

Two major concerns were perceived as ongoing problems by the Minority Concerns Committee which should be brought to the attention of the national association:

- (1) Job opportunities for minorities in the financial aid profession. The subcommittee felt that minorities are still under represented in upperlevel administrative positions.
- (2) The prevalent absence of membership from predominantly minority institutions.

These concerns led to a recommendation by the subcommittee that a followup study to the task force report should be conducted to determine if additional needs or concerns surfaced among minority financial aid administrators and to determine whether or not the issues identified in the 1982 report remain a concern.

This recommendation resulted in a followup survey of minority financial aid administrators by the 1987-88 committee. The results of the survey was analyzed by the 1988-89 Minority Concerns Committee.

## Project Design and Methodology

A revised version of the 1981 survey was mailed to minority financial aid administrators listed in the 1988 Directory of Minority Financial Aid Administrators. This directory is a NASFAA publication, updated annually, which provides a listing of minorities employed in financial aid offices at member institutions. The directory lists approximately seven hundred fifty minorities in the financial aid community.

The survey was also included in a June 1988 publication of the NASFAA Newsletter. The deadline for responding to the survey was July 15, 1988. Followup surveys were mailed to members in the Minority Directory approximately two-weeks prior to the requested response date. An additional reminder for minority aid administrators to complete the survey also appeared in a late publication of the NASFAA Newsletter.

The survey, (Appendix A), collected demographic information which includes race, gender, age, and regional location. Data relating to the position, years of experience, areas of responsibility, and institution type is also included.

Four hundred and seventy-two (472) completed surveys were used to tabulate the findings for this report. An insignificant number of surveys received by NASFAA were not used due to tardiness or insufficient responses, preventing inclusion in the final analysis.



The completed surveys were scored and keypunched with frequency distributions produced for each question. The analysis provided is taken from a simple summary of the results by question or related subject content.

### <u>Demographics</u>

Table I details the demographic data collected from this survey. Roughly 55% (258) of those completing the survey were women and 45% (211) were men. The average age ranged from 31-40 (221), the next highest age group were those between the age of 41-50 (97).

More blacks responded, 39.4% (186), to this survey than any other group. Chicanos represented 13% (81), followed by Hispanic with 9% (42), Asians 6% (29), and Native Americans 3% (18). Approximately 28% (131) of those responding indicated their race as white. This is perhaps significant since the survey instructions specified that completion should be made by minority staff members only.

Fifty-eight percent, or 273 respondents completing the survey had five or more years of experience in financial aid. (See Table II) Financial aid directors represented 49% (232) of those responding, while 18% (87) were at the associate or assistant director level.

In terms of regional location, the West Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (WASFAA) had the highest number of minorities responding with 25.6% (126). WASFAA was followed by the Mid-west with 19.5% (92), SASFAA with 17.8% (84), EASFAA - 15.3% (72), SWASFAA - 14.2% (67), and 6.1% (29) from the Rocky Mountain Region. Table III shows the distribution of respondents by region. A frequency distribution by state appears in Table III-A.

### Findings:

I. NASTAR is meeting the needs of minority financial aid administrators.

Respondents suggest that NASFAA is successfully meeting the needs of minority financial aid administrators. Eighty percent of those surveyed indicated that NASFAA is meeting their needs. Of the 80% responding positively, 25% felt strongly that their needs were being met.

II. Services offered by NASFAA are widely used by minority aid administrators.

Respondents were asked to identify various services utilized by their institution. Based on the frequency of selection, the NASFAA Newsletter was more widely used. The Newsletter was followed by training workshops, NASFAA Encyclopedia, and the Journal of Student Financial Aid. The National



Conference, Monitor/Monograph, Magazine, and PEN represents the bottom four services in order of selection.

III. The development of leadership skills ranked highest among preference for NASFAA sponsored training programs.

Training was categorized into four broad areas: (1) Influencing the legislative process, (2) counseling minority students, (3) developing leadership skills and (4) networking. Of the four areas, the development of leadership skills was identified most often as crucial for NASFAA to address. Counseling minority students was the second highest training preference followed by procedures for influencing the legislative process. Training in the area of Networking ranked fourth. Other training were identified by 10% (149) of the respondents. These needs concentrated on management training programs designed to streamline office procedures and programs to assist the clerical staff.

IV. The impact of legislative trends with regards to future funding for financial aid programs and minority access to higher education remains a concern for minority financial aid administrators.

As in 1982, the need for additional training for professional development in areas relating to minority enrollment in higher education remains a concern. In priority order, minority financial aid administrators listed the need for more knowledge in the following areas: (1) Future funding for federal financial aid programs; (2) future access to postsecondary educational institutions by minority students; (3) economic groups that will receive federal dollars; (4) the survival of institutions with predominantly minority enrollments; and (5) institutions which benefit from federal programs. Additional comments in this area related to the impact of recruitment and retention on minority students. Assistance in packaging for minority students and training in areas of minority student recruitment and retention was requested by 18% (87) of the respondents.

V. The cost to attend NASFAA meetings and workshops effects the level of participation by minorities.

Adequate funding to attend workshops and conferences continues to be a factor in the level of participation by minority financial aid administrators. Almost half of those surveyed indicated a lack of participation due to the high cost and inadequate institutional support or budget restraints.

Similar to the 1982 report, written comments suggested that funds were provided for state or regional meetings but not for national meetings. Also, an additional set of comments



revealed that only the top administrator is allowed to attend national meetings.

VI. NASFAA's By-laws should be amended to allow minority representation at all levels.

Fifty percent (239) of those surveyed recommended revising or amending by-laws to encourage minority representation on the Executive Committee, National Council and other committees or commissions. Only 10% (45) of those responding to the survey suggested that NASFAA should not amend its by-laws to provide for representation of minorities at these levels. Comments by these individuals suggested that minorities should not be granted special consideration and that it does not appear that NASFAA discriminates against minorities as they are currently represented on numerous committees.

#### VII. Conclusion and Recommendation:

Comparatively speaking, the findings of the 1988 survey parallel those of the 1982 study. Minority financial aid administrators were consistent in their responses in indicating that their needs, as identified in the NASFAA survey, are being met.

There appears to be an underlying concern for NASFAA to continue to respond to the challenge of new minority related issues. Overwhelmingly, there was a strong urge for NASFAA to continue its commitment to the minority financial aid community, which includes minority administrators and students.

The mission of the Minority Concerns Committee is that of investigating and researching the identified concerns of minority aid administrators and students for the purpose of recommending action by the NASFAA National Council. The Minority Concerns Committee urges NASFAA to continue its commitment to minority related issues in the following areas:

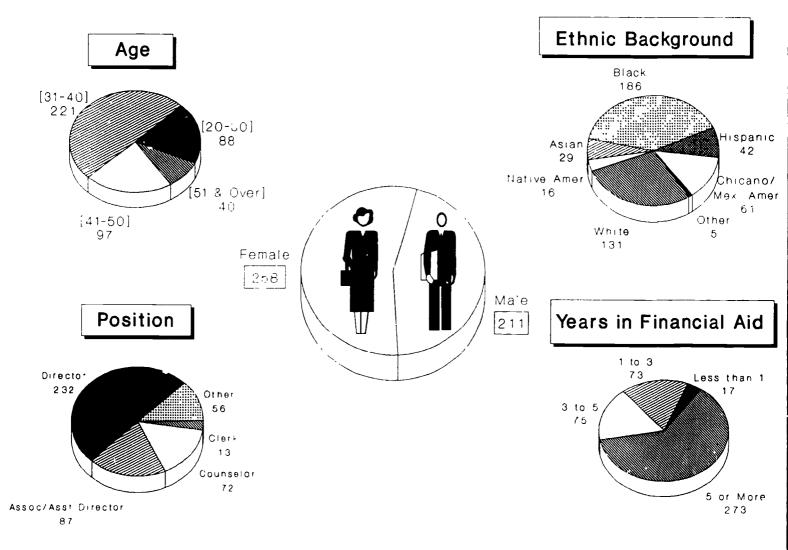
- (1) Continued representation of minorities at all levels of the Executive Council.
- (2) Continue efforts to gain membership of the predominantly black institutions.
- (3) Continue to entertain innovative plans designed to enhance the participation of minority aid administrators at professional meetings and workshops.

These three issues were significant concerns for minorities surveyed in 1981 and in 1988.



## TABLE I

# **Demographic Information**



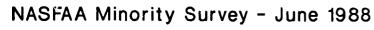




TABLE II
FINANCIAL AID SURVEY: MINORITY RESPONDENTS

Question 3 YRS IN FINANCIAL AID SPECIFY

Value Label	Value	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cum Percent
	5	7	1.5	2.7	2.7
	6	26	5.5	10.0	12.7
	7	18	3.8	6.9	19.7
	8	23	4.9	8.9	28.6
	9	16	3.4	6.2	34.7
	10	24	5.1	9.3	44.0
	11	17	3.6	6.6	50.6
	12	26	5.5	10.0	60.6
	13	12	2.5	4.6	65.3
	14	17	3.6	6.6	71.8
	15	19	4.0	7.3	79.2
	16	14	3.0	5.4	84.6
	17	11	2.3	4.2	88.8
	18	8	1.7	3.1	91.9
	19	3	.6	1.2	93.1
	20	12	2.5	4.6	97.7
	21	2	. 4	. 8	98.5
	22	1 2	. 2	. 4	98.8
	23		. 4	.8	99.6
	24	1	. 2	. 4	100.0
		213	45.1	Missing	
	Total	472	100.0	100.0	



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TABLE II-A

## FINANCIAL AID SURVEY: MINORITY RESPONDENTS

Question 5 YRS IN POSITION SPECIFY

Value Label	Value	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cum Percent
	5	6	1.3	5.2	5.2
	6	14	3.0	12.1	17.2
	7	14	3.0	12.1	29.3
	8	17	3.6	14.7	44.0
	9	7	1.5	6.0	50.0
	10	10	2.1	8.0	58.6
	11	3	.6	2.6	61.2
	12	11	2.3	9.5	70.7
	13	5	1.1	4.3	75.0
	14	4	. 8	3.4	78.4
	15	8	1.7	6.9	85.3
	16	3	. 6	2.6	87.9
	17	2	. 4	1.7	89.7
	18	3	. 6	2.6	92.2
	19	1	. 2	.9	93.1
	20	7	1.5	6.0	99.1
	22	1	. 2	.9	100.0
		356	75.4	Missing	100.0
	Total	472	100.0	100.0	



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## TABLE III

# Regional Location

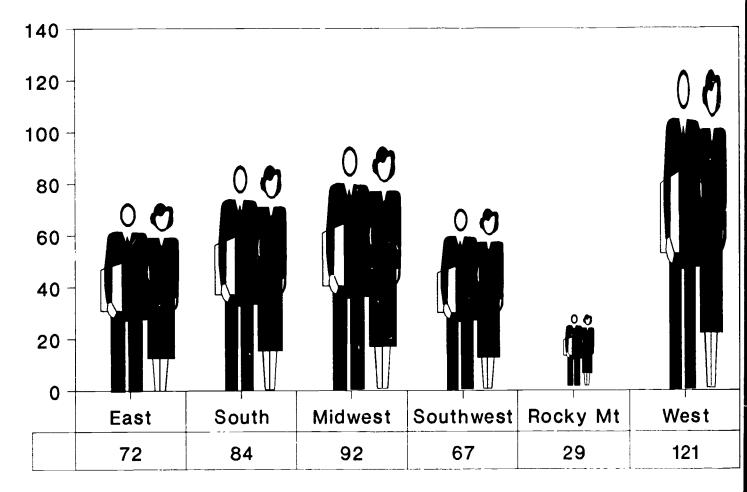




TABLE III-A

## FINANCIAL AID SURVEY: MINORITY RESPONDENTS

## Question 10 STATE ABBREVIATIONS

Value Label	Value	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cum Percent
		68	14.4	14.4	14.4
	$\mathtt{AL}$	7	1.5	1.5	15.9
	AR	4	.8	. 8	16.7
	AZ	1	. 2	.2	16.9
	CA	95	20.1	20.1	37.1
	CO	7	1.5	1.5	38.6
	CT	5	1.1	1.1	39.6
	DE	2	. 4	. 4	40.0
	FL	14	3.0	3.0	43.0
	GA	13	2.8	2.8	45.8
	HI	2	. 4	. 4	46.2
	IA	9	1.9	1.9	48.1
	īD	3	. 6	. 6	48.7
	IL	11	2.3	2.3	51.1
	IN	8	1.7	1.7	52.8
	KS	11	2.3	2.3	55.1
	KY	3	. 6	.6	55.7
	LA	4	.8	.8	56.6
	MA	8	1.7	1.7	58.3
	MD	10	2.1	2.1	60.4
	ME MT	1	.2	.2	60.6
	MI MN	7 7	1.5	1.5	62.1
	MO		1.5	1.5	63.6
	MS	8 2	1.7	1.7	65.3
	MT	3	. 4	. 4	65.7
	NC	18	.6 3.8	.6	66.3
	ND	2		3.8	70.1
	NE NE	3	. 4 . 6	. 4 . 6	70.6 71.2
	NH	1	.2	.2	71.2
	NJ	13	2.8	2.8	74.2
	NM	8	1.7	1.7	75.8
	NY	8	1.7	1.7	77.5
	OH	12	2.5	2.5	80.1
	ок	5	1.1	1.1	81.1
	OR	3	.6	.6	81.8
	PA	9	1.9	1.9	83.7
	PR	4	.8	.8	84.5
	SC	2	. 4	. 4	85.0
	SD	ī	. 2	. 2	85.2
	TN	5	1.1	1.1	86.2
	ТX	37	7.8	7.8	94.1
	UT	2	. 4	. 4	94.5
	VA	3	.6	. 6	95.1
	WA	11	2.3	2.3	97.5
	WI	10	2.1	2.1	99.6
	WV	2	. 4	. 4	100.0



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# APPENDIX A



1:

# National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Minority Concerns Survey June 1988

## **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

1.	Sex: 258 Female	211 Male	<b>Age</b> : <u>88</u>	20-30	<u>97</u> 41-5	0	
			221_	31-40	<u>40</u> 51 o	r above	
2.	Ethnic Background:	<u>186</u> Black	<u>16</u> Nat	ive America	n <u>131</u>	White	5 Other
		29 Asian	61 Chi	cano or Mex	ican Ame	rican 4	Hispanic
3.	Number of Years in	Financial Aid:	<u>17</u> Les	s than l	_73	1 to 3	
			75 3 to	5	273	5 or More,	
					Pleas	se Specify	
4.	Present Position:	232 Director	87 Ass	ociate or Ass	 sistant Dis	rector 72	Counselor
		_13 Clerk		er, Please Sp			
5.	Number of Years in	Present Position	n: <u>63</u>	Less than	ı 1 <u>55</u>	1 to 3	
			100	) 3 to 5	128	5 or More,	
						Please Spec	eify 
6.	Areas of Responsibi	lity (Check all	that apply	)			
	288 Completing fee	deral and state	application	s (FISAP, et	c.)		
	269 Institutional po	olicy-making		<u>350</u> Progr	am Coord	lination	
	352 Departmental of	decision-makin	g	366 Need	s Analysis	<b>;</b>	
	386 Counseling			376 Packa	iging		
	326 Public Relation	ns		<u>143</u> Gene	ral clerica	ıl	
	93 Other - Please	specify					
7.	Is your institution c		ber of the	National As	sociation	of Student 1	Financial Aid
	Administrators (NA	•					
	460 Yes 10 No	If no, please e	explain.				
8.	If yes, how many ye	ears? (Chack o	31	1 to 2	26 2 40	•	
0.	n yes, now many y	ears: (Check o		5 or more			
9.	Type of Institution:	(Check all tha		J of more	_3/ Cita	iter member	
		Private 23		ırv 34	Vocationa	al/Technical	
	98 2 year degree						
	109 Graduate/Prof		· -	0		•	,
10.	Regional Location: (		. + <b></b>		specify		
	72 East (EASFAA	`	84	South (SAS	SFAA)		
	92 Midwest (MAS			Southwest		(A)	
	89 Rocky Mounta					<b>-</b> -	
		THE CANTAGE FOR LACE	1 16.1	11 036 1 11 74	DEWY 1		

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lla.	Number of full-time per	mane	nt staff members administering financial aid: (Check one)
	<u>611 or less</u>		11 to 15
	<u>18</u> 7 2 to 5		16 or more
	<u>84</u> 6 to 10		
11b.	Number of permanent pa	ırt-ti	me staff members administering financial aid: (Check one)
	240 1 - 5	<u>35</u>	5 or more
ANS	SWER 12 - 16 FOR FALL	1987	7.
12.	Institutional enrollment -	Hea	dcount (Check one)
	48 less than 500	142	1,001 - 5,000
	<u>50</u> 501 - 1,000	<u>85</u>	5,001 to 10,000
		120	Greater than 10,000
13.	Number of aid application	nc n-	specify
13.			ocessed (applicant pool): (Check one)
			1,001 - 5,000
	<u>80</u> 501 - 1,000		5,001 - 10,000
		_ <u>30</u>	Greater than 10,000specify
14.	Approximate percentage	of aid	1 applicants who are minorities: (Check one)
	137 less than 10%	<u>106</u>	21% - 50%
	108 10% to 20%	90	51% - 100%
15.	Number of students recei	ving	financial aid: (Check one)
	<u>16</u> less than 100	144	501 - 1,500
	82 10! - 500	<u>121</u>	1.501 - 5,000
		_85	Greater than 5 000
16	Percentage of aid recipies	. to	specify
10.			ho are minorities: (Check one)
	149 less than 10% 87 10% - 20%		
	8/ 10% - 20%		51% - 100%
			SURVEY
17.	In your professional opini	on, t	he purposes of the National Association of Student Financial Aid
	Administrators (NASFAA	) sho	uld be: (Check all that apply)
	needy student.	ı pio	grams enacted are those which effectively serve the truly
	419 to promote effective	adm	inistration of student financial aid through professional
	development.	3 and	morpholimation Court all serves as Code and a server as
	community.	anu	participation from all sectors of the aid administration
	394 to promote regulation	ns tha	nt will assure efficient delivery of student aid funds to
	institutions.		
	Other (rlease specify	'	



10.	1 use	e the following NASFAA services: (Check all t	nat ap	piy)
	174	National Conference	<u>123</u>	Magazine
	425	Newsletter	<u>278</u>	Encyclopedia
	274	The Journal of Student Financial Aid	<u>57</u>	PEN
	306.	Training workshops with NASFAA trainers and materials	1 <u>62</u>	Monitor/Monograph
	<u>171</u>	Hotline		Otherspecify
	3 <u>04</u>	Membership Directory		
19.	I hav	e NOT participated in NASFAA activities bec	ause:	(Check all that apply)
	<u>72</u>	My state or local association has fulfilled mos	st of 1	ny needs as an aid administrator
	_36	My regional association has fulfilled most of	my n	eeds as an aid administrator.
	152	The cost of attending meetings and workshop	s is p	rohibitive.
	_54	The National Conference is held during my p	eak p	rocessing season.
	<u>81</u>	My institution does not support my attendance	e at l	NASFAA conference/workshops.
	_69	Other (Please specify)		
20.	My i	nstitution has NOT joined NASFAA because:	(Chec	k all that apply)
		Membership fees are excessive/prohibitive.		
	_1	NASFAA does not address my needs or the r	eeds	of my institution.
	3	My institution is not aware of the services of	NAS	FAA.
	139	Not applicable because I am a NASFAA men	nher.	
21.	NAS	FAA should sponsor training projects that add	ress t	he following: (Check all that apply)
	<u>221</u>	The aid administrators influence on the legisl	ative	process.
	228	Counseling minority students		
	<u>238</u>	Developing leadership skills		
	<u>219</u>	Networking		
	49	Other (Please specify)		
22.		ed to know more about the current legislative tance as they impact on: (Check all that apply		egulatory trends in student financial
	<u>291</u>	Future access to postsecondary educational in	stituti	ons by minority students.
	<u>167</u>	The survival of institutions with predominant	ly mi	nority enrollments.
	224	Economic groups that will receive federal dol	lars.	
	340	Future funding for federal financial aid prog	rams.	
	160	Institutions which benefit from federal progra	ams.	
	_18	Other (Please specify)		



23	. NASFAA should amend its by-laws to provide for the direct representation of minorities at the following levels: (Check all that apply)
	239 Executive Committee
	240 National Council
	234 Committees/Commissions
	45 Other (Please specify)
24.	I am willing to serve on a NASFAA committee or commission. (Check one)
	253 Yes 152 No
25.	I would use a NASFAA minority membership directory. (Check one)
	332 Yes 88 No
26.	I would like to be listed in a NASFAA minority membership directory. (Check one)
	315 Yes If yes, please complete and return the attached data sheet.
	82 No If no, why would you not like to be listed?
	ECK ONE IN QUESTIONS 28 - 32
27.	NASFAA helps me to understand and implement complicated federal regulations.
••	216 Strongly Agree 205 Agree 6 Disagree 4 Strongly Disagree 23 No Opinion
28.	NASFAA has an influence on federal and regulatory changes.
	176 Strongly Agree 222 Agree 13 Disagree 3 Strongly Disagree 38 No Opinion
29.	NASFAA has effectively served my needs as a financial aid administrator.
	120 Strongly Agree 262 Agree 16 Disagree 4 Strongly Disagree 49 No Opinion
30.	The economic survival of my institution depends greatly on students who receive financial assistance.
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31.	Students who attend my institution would not be accepted at or choose to matriculate at another type institution.
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# National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Minority Concerns Survey June 1988

## **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

1.	Sex: <u>185</u> Female <u>151</u> Male	<u> </u>	
		177 31-40 <u>24</u> 51 or above	
2.	Ethnic Background: 186 Black		Other
	<del></del>	<del></del>	Hispanic
3.	Number of Years in Financial Aid:	$\frac{15}{15}  \text{Less than I} \qquad \qquad \frac{44}{1}  \text{I to 3}$	
	-	48 3 to 5 205 5 or More, Please Specify	
4.	Present Position: 125 Director	79 Associate or Assistant Director 65 Cou	nselor
	12 Clerk	48 Other, Please Specify	
<b>5</b> .	Number of Years in Present Position:	51 Less than 1 108 1 to 3	
		72 3 to 5 86 5 or More, Please Specify	
6.	Areas of Responsibility (Check all the	at apply)	
	176 Completing federal and state ap	olications (FISAP, etc.)	
	163 Institutional policy-making	233 Program Coordination	
	234 Departmental decision-making	250 Needs Analysis	
	271 Counseling	261 Packaging	
	230 Public Relations	99 General clerical	
	68 Other - Please specify		
7.	Is your institution currently a member Administrators (NASFAA)?	r of the National Association of Student Finan	cial Aid
	329 Yes 8 No If no, please exp	lain	
8.	If yes, how many years? (Check one	<u>18</u> 1 to 3 <u>14</u> 3 to 5	
		222 5 or more 30 Charter member	
9.	Type of Institution: (Check all that a	pply)	
	220 Public 65 Private 11 I	roprietary <u>18</u> Vocational/Technical	
	67 2 year degree granting 168 4	year degree granting 63 Community Coll	ege
	91 Graduate/Professional 9 (	other	
10.	Regional Location: (Check one)	specify	
	55_ East (EASFAA)	58 South (SASFAA)	
	48 Midwest (MASFAA)	55 Southwest (SWASFAA)	
	14 Rocky Mountain (RMASFAA)	104 West (WASFAA)	



lla	. Nu	mber of full-time per	rmane	ent staff members administering financial aid: (Check one)
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		6 to 10		
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14.	App	roximate percentage	of aid	specify I applicants who are minorities: (Check one)
		less than 10%		
				51% - 100%
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		101 - 500		
		200		
				Greater than 5,000specify
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	_67_	10% - 20%	<u>77</u>	51% - 100%
				SURVEY
17.	In yo	our professional opini	on, ti	ne purposes of the National Association of Student Einensial Aid
	Auiii	mistrators (NASFAA	) shoi	IId be: (Check all that apply)
	<u> 286</u>	to ensure that federa needy student.	l pro	grams enacted are those which effectively serve the truly
	298	_	admi	nistration of student financial aid through professional
		development.		
		community.		participation from all sectors of the aid administration
	286	to promote regulation institutions.	is tha	t will assure efficient delivery of student aid funds to
			) <u> </u>	



18.	I use	e the following NASFAA services: (Check all the	nat ap	oply)						
	<u>135</u>	National Conference	84	Magazine						
	293	Newsletter	<u>193</u>	Encyclopedia						
	<u> 191</u>	The Journal of Student Financial Aid	47	PEN						
	206	Training workshops with NASFAA trainers and materials		Monitor/Monograph						
	119	NASFAA trainers and materials  119 Hotline  5 Other  specify								
	214	Membership Directory								
19.	I hav	e NOT participated in NASFAA activities beca	ause:	(Check all that apply)						
	_35	My state or local association has fulfilled mos	t of r	ny needs as an aid administrator						
	_19	My regional association has fulfilled most of	my ne	eeds as an aid administrator.						
	<u>102</u>	The cost of attending meetings and workshops	s is p	rohibitive.						
	_34	The National Conference is held during my p	eak p	rocessing season.						
	60 My institution does not support my attendance at NASFAA conference/workshops.									
	_58	Other (Please specify)								
20.	Му і	nstitution has NOT joined NASFAA because: (	Chec	k all that apply)						
	5	5 Membership fees are excessive/prohibitive.								
	1	1 NASFAA does not address my needs or the needs of my institution.								
	3	3 My institution is not aware of the services of NASFAA.								
	102	Not applicable because I am a NASFAA mem	ber.							
21.	NAS	FAA should sponsor training projects that addi	ress tl	he following: (Check all that apply)						
	<u>172</u>	172 The aid administrators influence on the legislative process.								
	192	192 Counseling minority students								
	190	190 Developing leadership skills								
	167	167 Networking								
	34	Other (Please specify)								
22.		ed to know more about the current legislative a tance as they impact on: (Check all that apply		egulatory trends in student financial						
	<u>242</u>	242 Future access to postsecondary educational institutions by minority students.								
	148	The survival of institutions with predominant	ly mi:	nority enrollments.						
	167	Economic groups that will receive federal doll	lars.							
	246	Future funding for federal financial aid progr	ams.							
	<u>11</u> 2	Institutions which benefit from federal progra	ıms.							
	_14	Other (Please specify)								



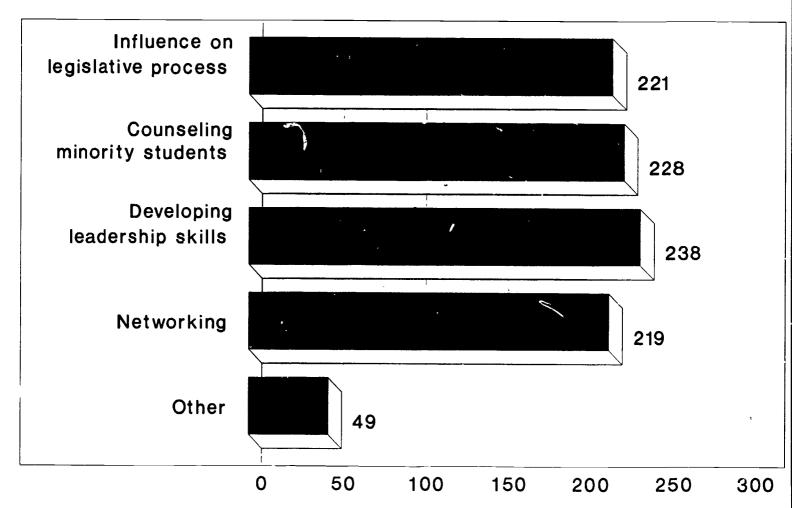
23.	NASFAA should amend its by-laws to provide for the direct representation of minorities at the following levels: (Check all that apply)
	208 Executive Committee
	202 National Council
	191 Committees/Commissions
	33 Other (Please specify)
24.	I am willing to serve on a NASFAA committee or commission. (Check one)
	213 Yes <u>82</u> No
25.	I would use a NASFAA minority membership directory. (Check one)
	295 Yes
26.	I would like to be listed in a NASFAA minority membership directory. (Check one)
	290 Yes If yes, please complete and return the attached data sheet.
	14 No If no, why would you not like to be listed?
СН	ECK ONE IN QUESTIONS 28 - 32
27.	NASFAA helps me to understand and implement complicated federal regulation
	147 Strongly Agree 148 Agree 5 Disagree 4 Strongly Disagree 18 140 Opinion
28.	NASFAA has an influence on federal and regulatory changes.
	119 Strongly Agree 156 Agree 10 Disagree 1 Strongly Disagree 35 No Opinion
29.	NASFAA has effectively served my needs as a financial aid administrator.
	80 Strongly Agree 184 Agree 12 Disagree 3 Strongly Disagree 41 No Opinion
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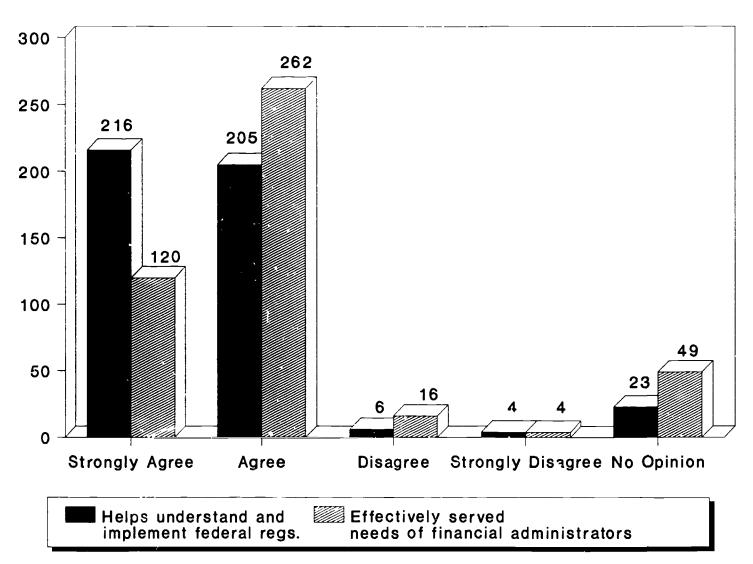


# Preference of NASFAA Sponsored Training Projects



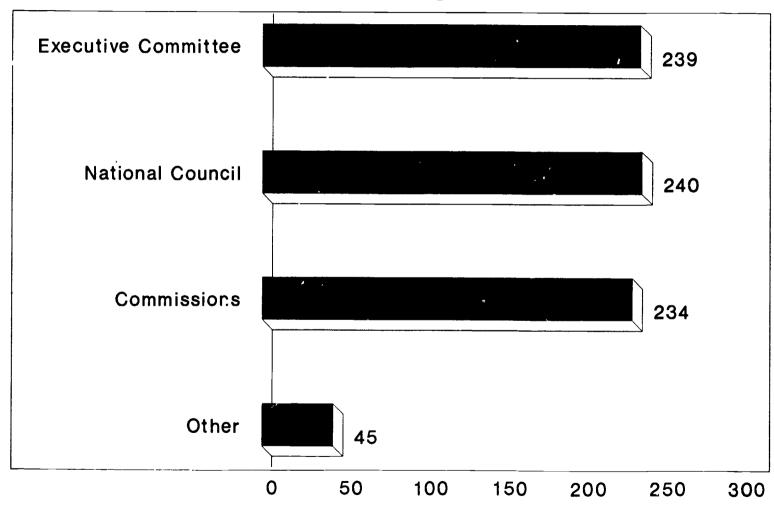


## NASFAA Effectiveness



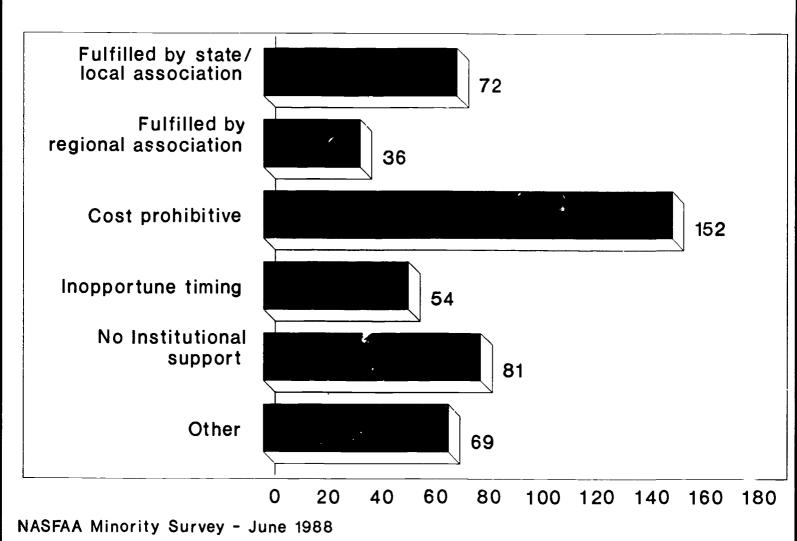


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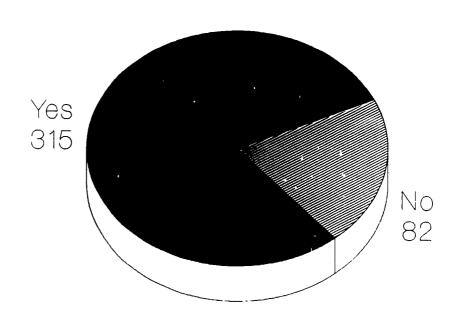


# Reasons for NOT participating in NASFAA





# Wish to be listed in NASFAA minority membership directory





## APPENDIX C



## NASFAA MINORITY CONCERNS SURVEY RESULTS 1988

## # 4 - Present Position - Other

Administrator Documentation + Training Officer Financial Aid Officer Associate Dean Of Admissions Program Assistant I Perkins Loan Coordinator Supervisor Secretary FA Assistant Office Automation Records Supervisor Administrative Assistant Financial Aid Officer Financial Aid Officer Senior Secretary Duties as assigned Data Controller Student Aid Assistant VP Student Affairs Lead Advisor Adm. Assist. Financial Administrator Clerk Typist Financial Aid Officer College Work-study coordinator Secretary to Director Coordinator Advisor FA Assistant Sr. Counselor Accountant/Counselor Specialist Supervisor Specialis+ Assistant Dir. of Admission Secretary Technical; FAO Office Specialist Specialist Campus Manager Assistant to Dir. System Analyst counseling survey

Non-minority

Coordinator



Technical Support Coordinator
Coordinator
Coordinator
Accountant
Coordinator
FA Program specialist
Officer
FA Officer
Officer
Asst. Dir. of Admissions

## # 6 - Other Areas of Responsibility

loan Billing, agency account receivables **EOPS** Loan Counseling satisfactory progress involvement in state FA org. Verification of applications total coordination for all programs you name it all the above Everything which relates to financial Aid some I oversee only Student activities Responsible for four student workers Veteran Counseling Director of Student Affairs Lobbying with State Legislature for state funded/sponsored student aid College Work study and GSL Student account collections and management Office coordinator Duties as assigned by director enrollment planning ccmputer management Coordinate branch office with main campus office Debt management + alumni concerns Hispanic Community Contest, Resource Over File room Loan Administrator of Longterm and short term loans Supervision of 19 staff Office procedures, forms etc.+ staff Students see me to discuss FA problems if I can't resolve I set an appointment with Director GSL VA Coordinator Satisfactory Progress Record Supervisor Budget/resource allocation Reporting etc. Everything involved in the execution of

Coordinator of substance abuse program

awareness organization, admin. of Veterans Progam



program

student

Veterans Program

All of the above plus determine the eligibility of students for participation in the state funded program for disadvantage

Scholarship progam

Liaison educational equity relations w/school, housing, deferral

Computer systems coordination

Other Committees: Athletic; Financial Aid; Admissions; Registration Retention; Orientation; Student Advisory; & information System; Computer Design instruction on Student Aid to Staff, Faculty, Students & Community Organization

Veteran affairs and Student Employment

Financial Aid System

Veteran Benefits, ordering books for institute

Computer operations & Systems Management

Processor of Staffard, SLS & PLUS loans

Only as they relate to CWS Program which I manage

Computer Data work

State and Federal policy-making, segmental advocacy

Recruiting

Supervise Support Staff

Campus employment for students

Oversee school cash flow; training of FA representative

Campus employment for students

Total Administration

Systems

I work with minority students & students with disabilities general supervision and FA delivery system process Responsible for university administrative requirements for annual endowed scholarship. Responsible for the production of university scholarship brochure

minority affairs

scholarship administration

### Non-minority

Responsible for 4 fulltime staff members & 4 student workers Student activity

Pell program

Assist administration, college fairs

Accts. Rec., Fed and Institutional Loan Collections, student employment and financial aid are combined in one (Student Financial Services)

Scholarship program supervision, institutional committees, resolving inter dept. problems i.e. Business, D.P., counseling Update and maintain FA guide procedure manual & scholarship brochure, collect and verify data for nat'l quality control project

Training FA personnel; assist in administering aid when needed Admission-recruiting, scholarship

College marketing; recruiting; registering students enrollment, admissions counseling, administer all aspects of



scholarships and title IV academic advisor for special credit students Overall direction of these functions Veteran affairs Collections Funds management, letter or credit draw, annual audit Perkins loan collection-maintain bank accounts for federal Staff supervision Division policy setting, FA and student services Scholarship awards Administer campus day-care supervising work-study Veterans administration benefits Administrative reports Scholarship fund raising Director of Student Services

### # 7 - Why your institution is not a member of NASFAA

Director is member-counselors do not attend conference Corporate level financial aid administrator is a member & reports information to each school Unaware of NASFAA Services Stopped 3 years ago We have requested a membership application but never received one

Non-minority

We are a community college under a state university. We use their membership Lack of budget

### # 9 - Other type of Institution

State agency-higher Ed
University granting graduate and undergraduate degrees
State Chancellors office
3-year nursing program
B/A school-Jr. College for Amer. Indians
Medical
State related
Gov't. operated Jr. College for Amer. Indian Students

Non-minority

Nursing (Private) Guarantee Agency

### # 17 - What should be the other purposes of NASFAA



Represent the FA Profession

To maintain congressional liaisons which enable the FA community to anticipate legislation

Simplify delivery systems

to simplify the process

Truth, Justice & the American way!

Assist all types of FA Officers. NASFAA is geared to undergrad students & does nil to assist or address grad. concerns relating to legislative changes. NASFAA is missing a.....

To provide the opportunity to for all FA Administrators to be kept abreast of current innovative changes in FA application, concepts, variables regarding federal regulations

All the above

Assist FAO/FAA in obtaining sufficient resources to operate efficiently

Provide FA w/appropriate channels to feed info to congress and federal government

To insure the professional standards and integrity of Financial Aid Administrators

To share info and to provide each other with mental support Lobbying bodies for FAO's at the Congress & Dept. of Ed.

To provide timely information on technical matters and program administration

I am pleased to participate in this survey as it is a very comprehensive one and sorely needed. Minorities need more visibility, nationally & regionally. Minorities need more counseling and information re: financial aid available and how/when to apply. They are not getting this on the secondary level as much as it is needed.

Congressional involvement on the institutional level

To inform membership of possible changes affecting aid recipients

To promote development of minority professions in FA

To serve as an independent source of expensive financing higher education

To provide timely information on technical matters and program administration

To insure that all institutions remain in compliance to the rules and regulations on the delivery of student aid funds. I have not really been involved long enough to answer this question. If NASFAA is capable of performing the above, then yes, the above should be its purpose

### Non-minority

To foster realism in regulations and programs

To try and keep the workload down for aid officers by opposing regulations that increase such..?

Increase communication & in service training to "isolated" officers all over the country

To promote regulations, delivery to the student Represent aid community needs & concerns to Feds

Get information to FAA as quickly as possible



Up to date communication. Alert to potential problem laws. Regs. etc.-take lead in representing concerns of needy students

To act as a lobby to represent the concerns of the small but overworked office that cannot engage in the small extensive letter writing campaigns that are needed

To ensure that FA functions to make all kinds of post secondary education accessible to all of the citizenry

## #19 - Other reasons I have not participated in NASFAA activities

No one in clerks positions goes unless they work on the Committees.

Unaware of NASFAA services

Because of the cost

Getting to expensive to attend

More than 6 people in office are never asked to participate.

My past experience at other institutions was that only the director or assoc. director attend NASFAA meeting. I was able to attend regional & state meetings.

Financially

The minorities role is very small-white admin. runs this organization

I am a member

Minorities participation is quite limited within the "behind the scenes" arena. Unless you get a personal nod from an influential insider, participation within its committees, as a presenter, etc. is almost nil.

My budget is restrictive to attend national conferences

Our district sends a specialist

My office participates, different members of my office participate at different functions

Only directors of Financial Aid are allowed to attend

Prohibitive is a bad choice of words-I do not attend because of the expense.

Job responsibilities in other areas many times clash with conference

Not convenient

I have professional workshops that conflict & cost of attend. is too high. PASFAA fills immed. needs

Our director attends on behalf of office.

Do not have adequate travel funds

Only staff of managers attend

Only certain members go to conference

I am represented by administrators at the executive level.

Only the boss and his select few (white) staff go to NASFAA.

Not member but would like to be.

The director is the only one who gets to attend

The nature of duties prohibits extensive absences from the campus

University Budget

Clerical therefore does not apply to me

Have not had an opportunity to participate yet. Still trying to



learn FA

Travel costs are very limited, usually allowing only one or two (usually management) to attend such conferences. I would be interested in learning of any professional development grants, etc. that exist that would allow me to apply & possibly open avenues for such participation.

I am only a secretary

Limited travel budget

The cost of attending meetings is reserved for the Dir. & Associate Dir. of Financial Aid at present

The director attends

Institution can't support too many to attend conferences

The director always attends

Does not have the funds

My budget is restrictive to attend national conference Have not participated in as many NASFAA activities because of the cost

Only director goes to the conferences

I feel the workshops are to expensive to take staff members NASFAA has not held workshops for support staff since my tenure My office limits the number of people that may attend the yearly conference

I have not been involved long enough to attend

My director doesn't support my attendance

NASFAA usually attended by Dir.

Have not had the opportunity

The director is the only one who attends NASFAA conferences I am fairly new and have not been aware of or able to participate in activities

Non-minority

The school owner and director often attend the national meetings, I go to state and regional meetings

Departmental budget cuts and implements of CM during first year as dir. has made participation in workshops impractical

It is scmetimes getting the \$\$ to go to the national conference and learning the time

I have to go to administrative seminars

I have just obtained my position-I will be attending WASFAA training in July

Distance and cost

Job responsibilities in other area many times clash with conference dates

Budget reasons

Workshops usually to far and at busy times

# #21 - Other Training projects and concerns NASFAA should address

Rationing & targeting aid to the most needy Clerical staff Management, Data Process.



Also address the needs of clerical staff and supervisor Program training on specific aid programs (regulations)

How can we service federal requirements. How can we make our lives easier?

New process, ideas, proceeding programs etc. developed recently implemented by other FAO Officers

Institutional Policies & Procedures for CM

Sessions which help the aid officer deal with upper level administration to convince the institution of the needs and importance of participation in the state, regional, and national organization

Office management for new or inexperienced Fin. Aid Directors Alternative sources of Financing College

Development of early intervention

The nuts & Bolts of the legislative process

Graduate credits for nine workshop or short summer schools Have no idea

Detailed accounts of how to use the Federal Regulations Nuts & Bolts of the aid adm.

Targeting funds to the most needy

Nuts & Bolts refresher on specifics such as: Record retention/ disposition need analysis adjustments (Prof. Judge) by the case study approach to smaller, similar experience groups

Director of FA Office with large staff need to have management workshop

How to effectively establish deadlines and how to adhere to the established dates

New processes, ideas, procedures, programs, etc. developed recently implemented by other financial aid officers or schools Financial Aid clarification, lobbying PJ vs CM

Why should minority students be treated any different than other students

Office management for new and inexperienced Financial Aid Directors

Address financial Alternatives for minority students, particularly native americans

Office automation/procedural streamlining

### Non-minority

Requisition & procedure

Institutional policies & procedures for CM

Alternative sources of financing college

Clock hr. institution awarding etc.

To be familiar with all rules and regulations regarding title IV money

Being more effective in telling our story to own institutional leader:

Implementing new regulations

Congressional methodology

Update on changes in federal regulations and change in needs analysis

Continual clarification of Regs. with examples

Records & forms sharing



Professional development-and as now, training on changing reg. Supplement current regulation
Work in conjunction with regional training sessions
Stress management, office organization

# # 22 - I need to know more about current legislative and regulatory trends as they impact on

Future access of minority students enrolled in proprietary schools to federal dollars.

What other schools are doing in the area of recruitment & packaging for minority students

Professional student aid

FA as it affects public 2 yr schools.

Public 2 yr colleges are disadvantaged where campus financial funds are concerned, how can we do something about it

Additional requirements, impact on workshops etc.

Process simplification /real simplification

All are applicable but far too broad, this info is more important if viewed from the local level

My primary concern

Retention/graduation levels for continued funding

I find that when congress meets that we get the money they are thinking about & then what the Pres. wants for the senate & then the left over for Ed. Frankly I find it hard to relate to those figures in an overall sense. I guess I need to know what we are getting this year & that the figure represents a decrease or increase

Admissions and its impact on minority students

The way majority and graduate student are handled in financial aid

On a more timely basis

#### Non-minority

Alternatives to increasing debt loads for minority populations which may have interrupted academic careers-interruption can often mean default for students

Loan indebtness of students

How to change some aspects of CM example: students contributions-social security etc.

Re-evaluation of levels of funding of SEOG, a new look at the history of the allocation formula.

Need insights into voting records, personal views on education, memberships on key committees and other important biographical info on legislators

## #23 - NASFAA should amend its by-laws to provide representation of minorities at these other levels

Unnecessary to let professionalism work its way for such concerns



Special commission on how to simplify the delivery system I have only served in financial aid for 6 mos.

clerical

minority group to meet as members of NASFAA like admissions groups i.e. Hampton Minority Admissions Conference

We don't know who is where & what they do

Do not know enough about NASFAA's by-laws to comment ALL!

Clerical

Propose the concept ten years ago-very little progress has been

Sub Committees needed for minorities

Perhaps it is naive, but I would think aid administrators would readily elect minority committee/council chairs based on qualifications

### Non-minority

I don't believe the by-laws need to be amended

I would oppose more than one National Council position for this purpose and would begrudge that one

I was unaware that minorities were being discriminated against. Not aware οf any need for specific minority representation. Equality is supposed to be what were about None-there should be no special group representative

No special change in by-laws is needed

I don't think it needs to be a by-law, many are participating in the association

No-none-ability for position not color; NASFAA representation

Should have minority representation at all levels

Unfamiliar with present by-laws

I don't think it requires an amendment to our by-laws just encourage them to run for office

Power leveling is appropriate where opportunities are denied

## #26 - Why I do not want to be listed in a NASFAA minority membership directory

I want to be known for my work not my race. I'm concerned about minority students attending college who need aid, as far as aid administrator, I have gained much of my knowledge from non/minority colleagues.

I'm burned out! I need to get out of FA

Can't see any purpose in being in it or any use of the directory.

I am moving to China for a year. However I would like to still have my name listed for newsletters and job announcements in the future

At the present time I don't have enough experience in financial aid

Not necessary-can be changed used negatively

I need to know the purpose the resource bank data will be used.



I do not want to be singled out as a minority I am a aid officer

### Non-minority

Don't believe we need 2 separate directories

Regular directory is just fine

I am not a minority

I do not feel minority issues have any place in FA or in our professional association

I'm not sure there should be a separate membership directory I see no need for one

I'm not a minority person

I used the NASFAA directory to contact various schools and personnel not based on minority

Our school is small and in a limited geographical area

I'm not aquatinted with minorities in FA

There are no minorities in this office

I am not a minority

Not a minority

I think we should all be equal

Not a minority member

I do not want to be known as a minority just as a FAO Doesn't the directory list everyone? Why minority

We have no minorities on staff in the FA office

I don't think that the membership directory should split up the minority, I think it sounds like segregation

We have no minorities in this office

I didn't know grey hair was in the minority

Not a minority

I am not a minority and I am listed in the MASFAA directory

I am female but not a member of the minority

I am not a minority

I am not a minority

I am not a minority administrator

I am not a minority

#### Additional Comments

It is not enjoyable attending these meetings. We are only few. So black w/black & white w/white there is no attempt for the groups to get together so, why attend wait for the newsletter.

NASFAA is getting too expensive, prohibiting 2nd & 3rd line aid type people to attend & espec. minorities.

All financial aid staff members be allowed to participate & attend meeting and/or training workshops.

Activities all seem very beneficial; however at my institution usually only management is encouraged or funded to attend.

I am of the opinion that NASFAA commitment to minority participation is very superficial especially at NASFAA headquarters. Increased participation by minorities cannot increase without the personal urging of NASFAA administration.



These activities include trainers, presenters/moderators at conferences, committee members, etc. Often times, I feel that any minority related activity is set up for failure from the inception.

Improve minority representation in need at the executive levels of this association.

My staff would love to be involved more.

#23 addendum We need to work our way through existing means, not have "special" positions & appointments. This only sets us up for criticism down the road.

Everything NASFAA does (ACT, CSS) seems to be overly complicated & at the point of crisis. Can we plan better?

Surveys should be mailed directly to those on list. Minority resource bank. I never saw the original survey because the newsletter is routed to about 15 people on staff. Heard bad reports of this year's nat'l. conference. NASFAA too big to be effective.

I know blacks are involved w/NASFAA but I've never attended the NASFAA conference.

I am interested in becoming involved in NASFAA but our institution can't afford to cover costs for both state meetings and the nat'l meeting. I strongly believe that minority fin. aid counselors & administrators must have an opportunity for getting involved at your level rather than relying on second and third hand interpretations of activities, because I've not had a chance to

NASFAA must do everything in its power to bring about simplification of the delivery system. The sys. doesn't meet the needs of those whom it is intended for

I need to learn more about NASFAA before I can answer the questions.

My feelings about the association's activities are very positive I usually attend one seminar a year and I try hard not to miss the national conference. NASFAA keep up the good work

NASFAA has not effectively looked out of its "closed group" for leadership potential nor has it involved a variety of institutions in its decision making process; particularly historically black institutions and other institutions with a large ethnic populations.

On the regional level minority concerns are handled fairly well.

however, I strongly feel NASFAA doesn't address issues specifically concerning minority concerns.

I am interested in knowing what it is about. However, I have never attended one (NASFAA)

My knowledge is limited regarding NASFAA. I haven't had the opportunity to familiarize myself.

I don't understand why?...the gist of the comment is (H.M.) that she doesn't see any point in the program and feels money is being wasted on it, and she doesn't believe completing the form will be helpful.

Need info. how to apply for membership. My name is on a mailing list, possibly thru Kansas Assoc. of which I'm a member. Please



send applic. for membership. We would like to order the encyclopedia & newsletters & other materials

To focus more on influencing legislation and regulation which will simplify aid administration particularly at institutions with transient population-especially public institutions-issues like Fin. Aid transfer processing copy w/students w/o's enrollment level and status frequently changes.

NASFAA is doing an excellent job. I would not work at a school that did not belong to NASFAA the material/information I receive from NASFAA vital to my successfully carrying out my day-to-day tasks.

I have not been active nor have I been able to attend a number of training workshopssors. I do like the up to date information we receive from the organization.

During National and Regional conference, more sessions should be conducted regarding minority concerns and issues with regard to financial aid administration

The questions asked in this survey are geared more towards an administrator than the general financial aid staff or clerical sector. The questions or concerns have no bearing on minority issues instead they address the effectiveness of your organizations on its ability to provide information. Thus most of you questions were not applicable to me.

Major dis-incentive for committee involvement is time commitment or demands at work.

From the meeting/workshops I have attended under NASFAA, I was very pleased with the organization of workshops, handouts were good and the staff members seem to know their job.

I would love to serve on a committee or even attend the FASFAA conference, but the cost is to great. I do not have enough money in my budget to attend. Even the registration fee is tough to make it affordable.

NASFAA has become more aware of issues that pertain to the training needs of minority aid administration and the needs of minority students. It is my hope that we expand and continue our efforts in these areas.

I wish counselors were viewed as valuable human resources worthy or investments such as NASFAA conference attendance

Publicize what the financial commitments are by both the sponsoring institutions & FAA accepts responsibility to serve on committees, commissions, national council, executive committee

I feel that my NASFAA membership should provide free training sessions during the year. Use donor \$ to help. We are being priced out of the organization.

What is a true minority

Each time I have attended NASFAA conference or training session it has helped me discharge my duties as a financial aid adminis-

trator more effectively,. The encyclopedia is a constant source of reference in our office.

Although I am interested in committee activities my present position will not afford me the opportunity to actively participate especially during critical periods; such as



registration. Perhaps subcommittees pertaining to particular issues can be addressed on individual campuses.

NASFAA is rapidly pricing itself out-of-the economic reach of many small and mid-size schools. The fee for the encyclopedia is getting too high and so is the membership fee. My school has just about reached the cost limit with NASFAA.

I first want to say its informative

All of NASFAA's services are being priced out of the ability of many institutions reach. Services need to remain affordable Keep up the good work - keep conference cost to a minimum

I would like to see published bylaws of the minority concerns committee.

I have volunteered several years to serve on committees of the association-yet each request has been politely turned down. I am interested in becoming involved in the association

Need more committee and council emphasis on functional strategies to serve low income needy students.

Since my only knowledge of NASFAA comes from reading the newsletter

I feel NASFAA has helped me, professionally tremendously. The Nat. Amer. Group is branching out on their own as to established community college. I would like to see a nationwide directory of FA opportunities for Native Americans. Doing a great job

As a new administrator I am not aware of NASFAA & it's functions and found this survey difficult to answer

### Non-minority

Many aid officers oppose affirmative action and want no special consideration for minority students. NASFAA should publish position papers indicating a range of "acceptable" positions from absolute even-handedness to strong starting of grant aid to minority students

I question the need for NASFAA to involve itself with any group or classification of potential student other than those who need financial assistance regardless of ethnic or racial background. A needy student is needy that is based on lack of financial strength, not which country their ancestors come from We are a small rural community college It is hard for me to attend your meeting I feel that being a part of your association helps me keep on top of the news part of your association regulations that we are being bombarded with so often

The strength of the association is in the blend of color. We need to remove the color and concentrate on the job? NASFAA doesn't need another directory, If you want to create a new service-create a scholarship directory

NASFAA does an excellent job of monitoring the legislative process and providing information an training activities and materials

I would be interested in the percent of turnover in FA directors across the nation.

As a past elected officer of KASFAA, I valve active



participation in meetings of meaningful committee work

I appreciate all the work NASFAA is doing for FA. We find your newsletters and other services very helpful

I receive knowledge from NASFAA newsletter the language is clear and concise

I feel NASFAA is moving away from inexpensive training to an organization designed to perpetuate itself. Dues are to high. Focus has seemed to change from FA to itself

Our institution enjoys & benefits from it NASFAA membership, but a focus on minority concerns does not appear to be necessary at this time.

There has to be more outreach to all sectors of the community. More detailed and timely information is needed on federal legislative proposals so that input can be provided by the full membership, not just the National Council.

