

# CCCSFAAAA

## news

### President's Message

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#### CCCSFAAA Members

The organization has been active in a number of areas in the last few months.

#### Federal Issues

As you were advised in the last newsletter, Craig Yamamoto has put together an experienced team as the Federal issues committee. With members such as Pat Hurley and Linda Michalowski we hope to form the basis of the organization's position paper for the next run at Reauthorization. Issues that affect the core of our student aid population such as Pell Tuition Sensitivity and R2T4 must be put on the table and thoroughly reviewed. I ask that you provide the committee with as much input as possible on not only these two issues, but on any federal legislation that affects our students. It's the only way that we can successfully represent the needs of our institutions and students.

#### State Issues

The State issues committee, under the leadership of John Muskavitch will be reviewing and monitoring the various state issues from legislation to the working of CSAC.

CSAC has experienced a rather rocky road in implementing the Cal Grant entitlement program in the last two years. To its credit, they responded quickly to the error that occurred in not processing close to 300,000 GPA's in March. With the September 3 Cal Grant deadline nearing, it is paramount that CCCSFAAA, the Chancellor's office and CSAC work closely in consultation with each other so that students are well informed and that institutions are well prepared to provide the necessary data to CSAC for awarding the September awards. I have been in communication with both

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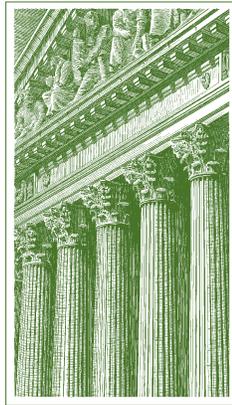
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## Federal Issues Update

The Federal Issues Committee has been busy meeting on a monthly basis via telephone conference calls. I would like to thank Sandy Ninemire and EDFUND for graciously hosting these meetings and conference calls. Denise Tardell of EDFUND has been keeping us apprised of Negotiated Rulemaking for Team I (Loan Issues). Patricia Hurley of Glendale College has been giving us updates on



the Negotiated Rulemaking in her role as an alternate negotiator on Team II (Program Issues). Now that the Negotiated Rulemaking teams have completed their work, we are awaiting and will monitor the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM's).

We have been informed that the House and Senate intend to complete Reauthorization on time and not necessarily have the existing Reauthorization to be automatically extended for a year as we had been previously been led to believe. Therefore, we must be ready to respond with positions for the upcoming Reauthorization earlier than we had planned.

Our current plan was to review the NPRM's for the Federal Issues meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to develop some positions for discussion at the Executive Board meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to develop positions and will submit some recommendations for the Executive Board meeting on August 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. We will rely on the Regional Representatives and Executive Board to help the Federal Issues Committee communicate with the CCCSFAAA membership to insure we have your feedback in the development of positions from the community college segment. The turnaround time for comments may be quick due to the timetable being moved up.

I would like to thank all of you for your quick turnaround time in providing information regarding the survey regarding the FWS 50% Community Service proposal early this year. Susan Lipsmire of Grossmont College was able to assemble the results and forward them to Carol Mowbray, who represented the community

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#### 2002 CCCSFAAA Executive Board

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## Publisher's Notes

Every once in a while, you meet an individual who, by their demeanor and stature, are set apart from the rest of the crowd. For me, that individual is Dr. Willie Jones, Director of Financial Aid at Compton Community College.

After a career that has spanned more than 30 years, Willie Jones is retiring.

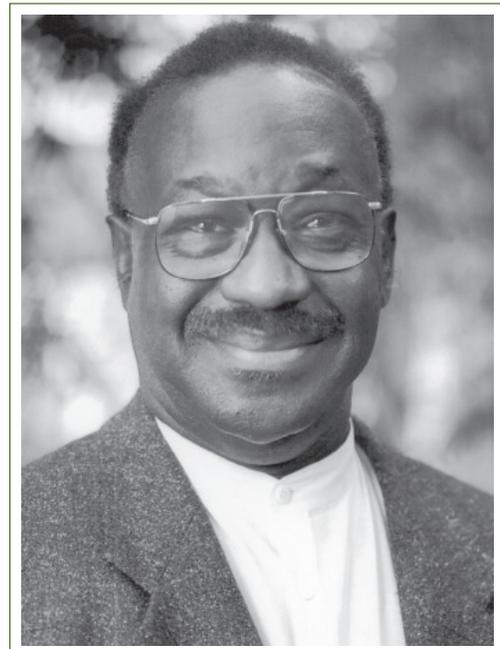
During its infancy, Dr. Willie Jones was a past-president of CCCSFAAA (1974-75). If one were to think about the amount of experience Dr. Jones has amassed, just consider, in 1974-75, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford were president. Students used the *Student Aid Application for California (SAAC)* to apply for financial aid. Before Pell Grant, the federal grant was B.E.O.G. and students were able to borrow a National Defense Student Loan.

During his tenure at Compton College, Dr. Willie Jones has worn many hats. In addition to his duties as Director of Financial Aid, he served as Vice President for Student Services, Dean of Student Affairs, Director of Student Support Services, Director of Career Counseling and Placement, Director of Extended Opportunity & Services. He has also been an active member of many civic, professional and fraternal organizations. This cornucopia of duties is a testament to his professional skills and dedication to the Compton campus community.

Dr. Jones has successfully weathered the trials and tribulations of financial aid. He once told me that he wasn't ready to retire because he wanted to make sure his staff was going to be "okay". I know he meant what he said because Dr. Jones is a caring and generous individual who is also fun and a great dancer!

From CCCSFAAA and the rest of the financial aid community, *congratulations* on your retirement, Dr. Willie Jones. You have advanced the lives of countless individuals and will always be a special member of the financial aid village. 🍷

Kim Miles  
Pasadena City College



Dr. Willie Jones

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the executive Director and the chair of the Commission. They both have expressed to me of their willingness to work closely with CCCSFAAA. I believe the hiring of Kathy Degn, while a loss for us in the Chancellor's office, should prove extremely beneficial for CSAC, our profession and, most importantly, our students.

### CCCSFAAA Web Site

Beth Asmus of the College of the Canyons has agreed to take over CCCSFAAA's web site. Please take

a look at it at [cccsfaaa.org](http://cccsfaaa.org). Beth has also taken on the scholarship program with a lot of energy and dedication. I know that with everyone's support, she and the program will be successful.

### EOP&S/CCCSFAAA 2001 Survey

Most of the results of last year's EOP&S/CCCSFAAA survey have been reviewed. It generally shows that most offices have a professional respect for each other and that many offices work well together. However, of all the questions asked in relation to

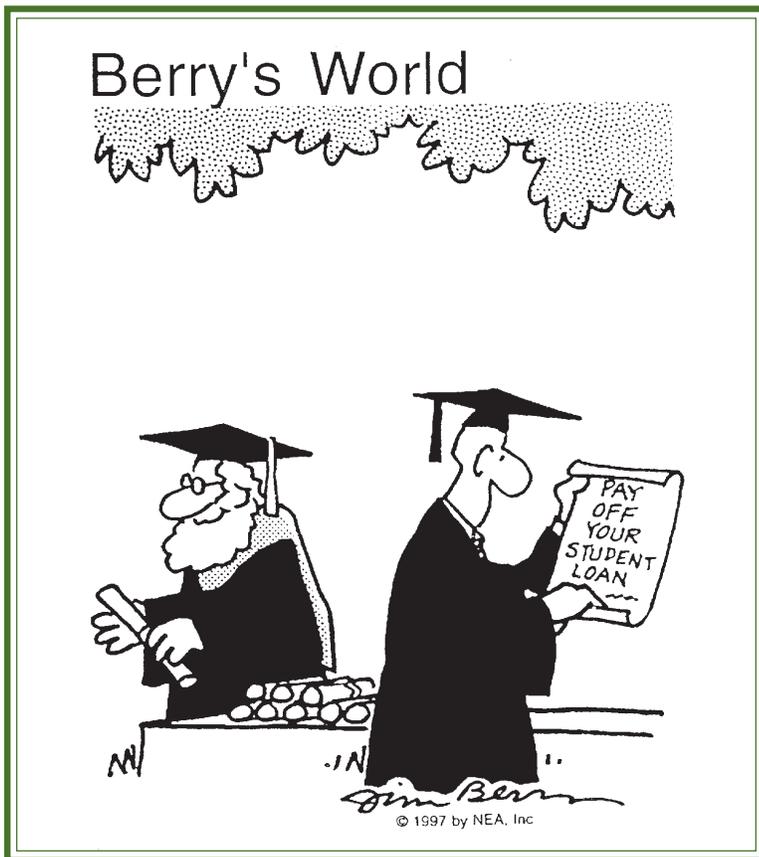
cooperation and coordination of programs, there showed a lower lack of understanding of each other's responsibilities and duties. I hope to have a more comprehensive report in the future.

### December "Catch the Wave" CCCSFAAA Conference in San Diego

The conference committee committees have been hard at work preparing for our December Conference. Jeremy Villar and Steve Arena have already put in a "ton" of hours in setting up the various committees and getting the necessary volunteers. Tim Bonnel-Program. Craig Yamamoto-Entertainment, JoAnne Bernard-facilities, Gaynell Martin-Vendors, Candy Cannon-early registration, Ruthy Ofina-Finance/On Site Registration, Tim Ross and Anafe Robinson-Publicity/Printing and Special Consultants-John Muskavitch and Toni Dubois. As you can see, we have an experienced, hard working group making every effort to bring you nothing less than a successful conference.

I hope to be seeing you and other members of your staff at the conference in December. 🌊

Joaquin Jimenez  
CCCSFAAA President 2002



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## Dennis' Web

First of all, I need to correct a website listed in my last article (May issue). The website **Domania** used to be accessible through [www.domainia.com](http://www.domainia.com), but now is available only through [www.domania.com](http://www.domania.com). Thanks to John Muskavitch for catching this error. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Now go find out the sales price of your neighbor's house.

### The working web:

Seeing as how busy the springtime can be in a Financial Aid Office, I will not load you down with many new work-related websites. But a few do come to mind.

**StudentAffairs.com** bills itself as a comprehensive index of internet



resources for student affairs professionals (that's us!). This website ([www.studentaffairs.com](http://www.studentaffairs.com)) contains links to various organizations, listserves, and online training programs. It also has a section for those looking for employment, and an electronic journal with articles from all the fields of student affairs.

Another site I look at every once in a while is **C-SPAN**

([www.c-span.org](http://www.c-span.org)). This web site is the companion piece to the cable television channel. C-SPAN was created by the cable television industry as a service to provide public access to the political process. As a part of their coverage they include the topic of *Education* ([www.c-span.org/education](http://www.c-span.org/education)), which lists programs airing regarding this topic. Not all the programs are related to higher education, but you do get to see our representatives in action on topics near and dear to us.

### The fun web:

Now for the fun end of the internet. The first web site I want to mention is **Military.com** ([www.military.com](http://www.military.com)). This site bills itself as the largest online destination for the military community, with information on a broad range of topics. Along with information specifically for members of our armed forces, this site has information for the general public. For example, there is a huge archive of historical information about our military, with insight into the many wars our country has been involved with over time. Also, there is a cool collection of declassified material from the government, so you can debunk all those conspiracy rumors you hear about UFOs and the JFK assassination.

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# Congratulations to Scholarship Winners!



## Congratulations to the winners of the CCCSF AAA Scholarship 50/50 Raffle!

### They are:

The North winner is Barb Williamson from Cabrillo College who upon receiving her check for \$658.75 said, "It's an unusual day that I receive money myself—I spend all day giving money to students." She plans to put her winnings in a college savings plan for her son.

Brenda Simmons-Parker from Santa Monica College was the South winner who also received a check in the amount of \$658.75.

Winners were announced at the CCCSF AAA Super Summer Seminar trainings held in June.

Raffle coordinator, Beth Asmus, Director at College of the Canyons said that a total of 527 raffle tickets were sold and that 30% of the 108 colleges participated in the raffle.

Thank you, Beth for a great job on the raffle! Lets do it again. 🍀

## Hello from our community college colleague

### Alma Tanon-Cavallaro,

Financial Aid Officer, Evergreen Valley College. Before becoming the Financial Aid Officer in March, 1999, Alma also served 10 years as a Financial Aid Technician. The energetic, Alma is married, has three children and loves music and movies. Nestled in the eastern San Jose foothills, Evergreen Valley College is a young campus (1975) serving residents in the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District. 🍀

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## Dennis's Web

For those of us who own a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) of some sort, be it a Palm V, Handspring Visor, or other handy-dandy helper, this last web site will be of some use. **AvantGo** ([avantgo.com/products/individuals/basic/html](http://avantgo.com/products/individuals/basic/html)) offers a free mobile internet service with content you can choose and customize to your liking. And the best thing about the site is that you do not need a wireless

connection; you can get updates by synchronizing your PDA with your computer. With AvantGo you can browse your favorite websites or select from their list of more than 1500 brand-name channels for news, sports, entertainment, or other topics of interest. I personally use the *hollywood.com channel* to get local theatre listings, so I never arrive late for a movie I like. I also use the *Fast*

*Company channel* (from the creators of Fast Company magazine) to get insight into improving my life and work.

Well, this completes my review of the useful web. Keep watching for another article in this series, coming to you in your next CCCSF AAA newsletter. 🍀

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## Federal Issues Update

colleges at a meeting in Washington DC. Several higher education associations were represented (NASFAA, NAICU, ACE, AACC, etc.), several financial aid administrators attended, and everyone had a chance to voice their concerns. Dr. Leslie Lenkowsky, Chief Executive Office of the Corporation for National Service spoke about the proposal and goals. After Dallas Martin, NASFAA President, read several well-thought out anecdotal statements from membership, Dr.

Lenkowsky stated that anecdote is not data, and said we need to engage in a serious data collection effort to determine why there are such wide variances in percentages spent in community service as well as the need to assess the relationship between community service set asides and volunteerism. We should be prepared to be able to forward data if and when this legislation is introduced. We will continue to voice our opposition to raising the FWS community service percentage.

The Federal Issues Committee is very interested in your feedback. Please feel free to contact myself at (916) 789-2805 or by e-mail at "mailto:cyamamoto@sierracollege.edu" cyamamoto@sierracollege.edu or your Regional Representative for more information. 🌱

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