

**VASF AA Fall Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 1, 2011**  
**VTC Randolph, Vermont**

**Members and Associate Members in attendance:**

- American Student Assistance
- Burlington College
- Castleton State College
- Community College of Vermont
- Champlain College
- College of St. Joseph
- Goddard College
- Great Lakes
- Johnson State College
- Landmark College
- New England Culinary Institute
- Norwich University
- O'Brien's Aveda Institute
- St. Michael's College
- University of Vermont
- VSAC
- Vermont Technical College

**Call to order: 9:08 a.m.**

Welcome and Introductions – Jill King, VASF AA President, UVM

**Secretary Report –Marie Johnson, University of Vermont**

- Minutes from June (Summer) VASF AA session handed out and posted to website – no questions or changes
- Julie Ramos motioned to accept the Summer meeting minutes as submitted, motion seconded by Cathy Mullins and motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer Report – Lisa Cummings, Johnson State College**

- Review of the Treasurer's report
- Pam Chisholm motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted, motion seconded by Joanne approved as submitted unanimously
- Jill King announced Lindy Walsh as new VASF AA Treasurer

**President's Report- Jill King, University of Vermont**

Jill shared information obtained from attending EASF AA Council meeting and highlighted EASF AA's future plans for development of a long range strategic plan and the theme of the EASF AA conference "Opening Doors, Changing Futures". She also mentioned that the conference will have an increased focus on veteran's. Jill shared her observations about how other associations are structured and posed a few options for VASF AA to consider:

- Should VASF AA have more than just the Executive Committee decide how money is spent?

- Should VASFAA create a strategic plan?
- Should our committees have chairs and chair elects?

Jill announced that our colleagues from PASFAA had made a \$500 donation to VT aid administrators that were seriously impacted by Tropical Storm Irene. Exec committee to distribute donation.

Jill shared her personal goal of getting all VT schools participating in VASFAA. She will be reaching out to schools that are not members to encourage them to join and to schools that are members but not on listserv or attending business meetings or trainings to do so.

VASFAA was too late in approaching NASFAA to come to summer conference and present trainings for this summer but we are on the top of the list for Summer 2013.

Mapping Your Future Update- Jill shared that Mapping Your Future would be reaching out to schools that utilized their VSAC sponsored Entrance or Exit counseling to ensure they were aware of the need to pay for services at the institution moving forward and they are willing to support schools in their non-regulatory counseling to assist schools in their default management efforts.

**Pay as You Earn** -Association Members discussed recently passed legislation and how schools planned to support their students in understanding these complex issues and aiding them in making informed choices.

#### **Committee Updates:**

All committees solicited for new committee membership and various individuals volunteered for standing committees.

**Federal Relations**- Pam shared that she had been approached by EASFAA to deliver a legislative briefing for the hill and was selected as a rep for Community College Exec Committee. Pam shared that there were several hot topics being discussed Pell, Student Loans, Interest Subsidy disappearing, changes to needs analysis, Gainful Employment, Online institution with lower costs and the need to have firewalls to block fraud etc. She also shared that reductions of 2-3% in campus based funds were anticipated.

**Training** – Norm shared that the training calendar is on the web but is not yet robust or current. He solicited ideas for future trainings and verification was suggested.

**Conference** – Cathy spoke about feedback regarding the summer conference and the association discussed considering a change in location for future conferences but it was agreed that it was too late for a change for the 2012 conference

#### **New Business**

- VASFAA 2012 Conference Registration fee winner announced – Leslie Dionne from CCV
- Tri State Coordination - Association discussed the pros and cons of partnering with other small state organizations for training, conferences or other initiatives. No specific proposal was put forward or voted on so issue was tabled.
- Schools were asked to share what they are doing on their campus to make a difference and to share what they would like to be doing on campus.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully Submitted, Marie Johnson, VASFAA Secretary