Exec Council Report 12.13.21

* DOE reached out to Linda Athern-Foster to partner with NYSFAAA on FAFSA filing events
* EASFAAA exec council is in Feb in NJ
* New chair needed for Novice, Renee Nunciato has increased responsibilities in her current role and looking for (co) chair
  + Mercy College not taking visitors so Novice will be virtual for another year (2022)
* Elections for Secretary, 1st VP, and 2nd VP will begin in March, start considering these positions now
* Membership increased in 2021 vs 2020
* FB discussion page is up and running, currently 71 members
* Statewide Training committee meeting soon to develop Spring schedule
* Advocacy Day is Feb 1st and 2nd
  + Schedule will be released soon
  + Initiatives to be supported:
    - Increase in TAP (minimum from $500-$1000)
    - NTI from $80,000 to $110,000
    - Eliminate Excelsior/ETA
    - Support resources needed for HESC
    - Increase in Opportunity programs to $8,400 from $7,000 for HEOP
    - Eliminate Disparity in Access for TAP awards
      * Use IND/DEP schedules and income cutoffs
    - Align state to federal use of PJ, beyond death/divorce
    - Protect Bundy Aid
  + Encourage Regional leaders to choose 1 or 2 local legislators to meet in 2022 (Karen McMahon, Williamsville, on Higher Ed Committee)
  + Asked Chris Barto to attend future meeting
* HESC Updates:
  + 22-23 FAFSA link to TAP app has been fixed
  + SSL in early 2022, need student IDs
  + Issue with Roster 5 for FA21, no IVP
    - Paid in error, student received email
    - Schools were notified of impacted student(s)
    - No update on SP22 Excelsior
    - Students can still complete NYS payment app for ETA/Excelsior
    - SUNY/CUNY will have webinar to handle those that weren’t able to attend due to vaccine mandates
    - More information to be released regarding Hochul initiative *Nurses for our Future,* HESC to assist with payments
* Conference 2022 will be held in person in Lake Placid
  + Start talking to administration now for funding opportunities
* Overall positive survey results for Conference 2021
* Taking bids for Conference 2023