

VASFAA FOCUS Committee 2011-2012

- 1) Assemble committee—will include members from differing school segments including 4-year public, 4 year private, community colleges and for profit. Meetings for the most part will be in conference calls, or in person when fiscally possible. *Update: Committee members to date include Martin Miles, Director of Financial Aid Hampton University (Private school). Henry DeBose, Vice President of Enrollment, Virginia State University (Public school). Kendra Allen, Associate Director of Financial Aid NOVA (Community College) Marcia Johnson, Director of Financial Aid, Strayer University (For Profit). Liza Richardson, Ad large.*
- 2) Will poll other committee chairs to examine possible synergies (i.e. training, early awareness opportunities) to leverage possible joint execution of undertakings. *Target Date: October 1.*
- 3) Pilot a partnership with Project Discovery and a high school guidance department to enhance communication regarding training of counselors are changes in financial aid. (I.e. IRS matches, net price calculators, changes in the FAFSA) *Target Date: November 1*
- 4) Search for/partner with ‘best of breed” analytics/default aversion entity to provide possible resources to mitigate cohort default rates at Virginia HBCU’s. Hold training seminars and include the Department of Education. Create a ‘best practices” depository for the HBCU community. Hold a symposium for “under-resourced” institutions on analytical strategies to deal with the 3yr CDR. *Update: Met with Larry Coles, Department of Education, Under-resources/HBCU division. Mr. Coles is willing to partner with VASFAA on the symposium. Meet with Dr. Carlo Salerno, Bridgespan ESM. He is willing to be a speaker/presenter on leveraging data to avoid defaults. Advise a focus group.*
- 5) Search for/partner(s) with “best of breed” employment/interview training/preparation entities to level the playing field job access and lessen default probability. *Update: Met with Charlie Libretto from “Higher UP” to discuss entities doing training.*
- 6) Enhance communications with the VASFAA community about challenges veterans envisage as they enter the higher education environment, and how we can best serve them. *Update: Goal is to meet with Virginia’s Wounded Warriors. Target Date: December 1st*
- 7) Create partnerships with entities whose core competency is serving people with disabilities. (Liza Bruce has agreed to assist me in this regard). *Target Date: December 1st.*

