



2010-2011 Annual Report

ADEA Section on Student Affairs and Financial Aid

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Section Activities

Section activities included an interim meeting held jointly with the Dental School Admissions Officers, October 28-30, 2010, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting was held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled ADEA Fall 2010 Meetings. The Section also shared programming and a Members Forum (AFASA) at the ADEA Annual Session in San Diego.

Membership and Attendance

1. Total membership for the Section as of past ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition:
Unknown
2. Total attendance at the past Section Program and Members' Forum: 80+

Meeting Minutes

2011 AFASA Members' Forum Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 13, 2011, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Manchester Grand Hyatt, Room: Moshen AB San Diego, CA

Sandy Flash called the meeting to order and introduced Anne Wells and Chonte James who provided updates from the ADEA central office:

C. James – attend Moving Toward Paperless Process session tomorrow.

A. Wells:

- Announced session by ADEA Center for Educational policy and research: Trends in Dental Education – 3 things people should know. Includes discussion of student loan debt.
- Presented history of AFASA section and announced 2 listservs: afasa@listserv.adea.org includes members of both sections as well as other faculty and students who are interested but may not be part of ADEA; afasa2@listserv.adea.org for the working group (members of the AFASA section). If sign roster, will be added to afasa2 listserv. Reiterated that listserv is for student affairs, admissions and financial aid.
- New website: - enter through ADEA website as member to access under resources. www.goadeaafasa.org Includes, traffic rules, statistics, contact information, etc. Email C. James or A. Wells to request additions to the site.

New Dental Schools:

- East Carolina University
- Midwestern in Illinois
- University of Southern Nevada (Roseman) in Utah, first class in fall 2011
- LECOM in Florida, Bradenton, FL, 2012 Entering Class
- University of New England, no date for first class yet
- AT Still University, Kirksville, MO

Media Reports of new schools:

- Marshfield, WI
 - University of Utah
 - University of New Mexico
 - Texas tech, El Paso, TX
 - E Tennessee State U
 - AT Still in CA
 - LECOM campus in PA
 - U of Virginia
 - U Arkansas
- ADEA Dashboards – access data from applicant analysis. It is a web interface between user and database. Allows greater manipulation of data by user. Password protected website only available to ADEA members. Access will be given to SOD Deans who can then give access to person at their schools. Two sessions will be held: one on student surveys on Monday, 3/14; Laura Siaya presenting.
 - ADEA future of advanced dental education: A. Wells and Eugene Anderson very involved in this for past year. Grew out of National Boards switching to P/F and concerns of Program Directors concern about how to make admission decisions without board scores. A year ago, ADEA administered survey about admissions practices to Program Directors. ADEA convened group of educators representing specialties and ADEA to meet 2 times (last May and October). Look at how ADEA can help this community make better decisions about admissions. Moving forward with project in conjunction with PASS. Some enhancements being made to PASS as result of discussions: incorporation of ETS/PPI (Educational Testing Services Personal Potential Index) – assessment of non-cognitive characteristics developed by ETS in conjunction with GRE. Very well researched and shown to be valid and reliable. This will be done through a pilot project (made a required part of the PASS application). Evaluators selected by applicant. More details will be provided in a program on Tuesday at ADEA/FADEA next steps. Professional evaluations will be optional, applicants can submit up to two evaluations now since PPI evaluations will be used. Evaluators and applicants can be given specific information on the type of qualities that the program would like assessed.

PPI measures 6 constructs: knowledge and creativity, communication skills, teamwork, resilience, planning and organization, ethics and integrity.

- In conjunction with fall meetings there will be a fourth advanced dental education summit. Fall meeting will be held 10/20-10/22/11 in San Antonio, TX. Council of Advanced Dental Education has invited AFASA to participate in one of their sessions to talk about best practices in admissions.
- Upcoming Financial Aid issues: provision in new federal Financial Aid legislation that certificate programs must provide data on how graduates of program benefit from program. This may impact specialty programs (although provision was designed for

programs at vocational level). ADEA has contacted the Secretary of Education asking that postgraduate dental specialty programs be exempted from legislation. Goes into effect July 1, 2011. More updates will follow.

- 2010 Admissions Officer Survey Results. A. Wells provided brief overview of results. Full results are posted on www.goadeaafasa.org website. Please visit site for details.

S. Flash introduced Suzi Arant from Certiphi Screening to talk about new criminal background check process is going.

Sharon Siegel liaison to Council of Sections made 2 announcements:

- Draft on table for pooling 45% of program funds to allow all sections better opportunity at obtaining funding (max of 3K). Voting will occur at fall meeting. She recommends voting for this.
- Strategic directions developed by council and ADEA for next 3 years. A call for volunteers will go out to serve on committee dealing with this.
- S. Arant gave Certiphi Update. Highlighted some statistics and gave overview of how process works. Asked for feedback to be sent to C. James on how to improve for future. Contact Suzi for details on how to sign up for program. Refer to www.goadeaafasa.org for additional details. Note: November 18, 2011- Deadline to return service agreements to Certiphi.

Discussion from audience: question about when notice sent out. Notice only sent out when official status in AADSAS is offer made. Certiphi correspondence is generic; it does not specify which school it is for. S. Arant clarified that students can release previous report to multiple schools. It can also be sent to 3rd party sites.

A. Wells announced that criminal background checks will be implemented with PASS programs next year.

S. Flash announced moving to business portion of meeting and announced Phil Pierpont, councilor for the section.

P. Pierpont Councilor report: program changes for annual session next year. Programs limited to 90 minutes, but can do part I and part II if need is documented. Call for programs will open on 4/11/11 and close on 6/1/11. Lunch and Learn eliminated – now called sidebar programs (no lunch). He referred members to attend meetings about policies and referendums being made this year. He requested feedback on fund pooling proposal when it is released. He reminded everyone to complete sign-in sheet – importance for continuation of section. Treasurer's report: Admission Officers section fund is \$1,360.81, Student Affairs and Financial Aid section fund is: \$1,861.88

S. Flash moved to elections for both sections. Openings for secretary in both sections:

- For Student Affairs and Financial Aid Secretary: R. Chaviano-Moran nominated Jeanette DeCastro from UMDNJ, Acting Asst. Dean for Office of Student Affairs. S. Flash asked for other nominations. None were forthcoming and J. DeCastro was unanimously approved for position.
- For Admissions Officers Secretary: S. Flash nominated Ritchie Bingham from UMKC, the Director of Dental Admissions. No other nominations were forthcoming. R. Bingham was elected unanimously. R. Bingham was asked to introduce new members. He first reiterated the great resource that AFASA is before welcoming and asking new members to stand and introduce themselves.

S. Flash presented information from Dr. Tsai of the ADA about DAT trending information. There was trouble with presentation, so go to slides at www.goadeaafasa for details.

Dianne Foster introduced James Betbeze to give update from AADSAS Taskforce. He asked members of the task force who were present to introduce themselves so that people could approach taskforce with questions, concerns, etc. The Taskforce was planning a webinar on the paperless process and that the date(s) will be announced soon. The taskforce will also be presenting more information about the reviewers' portal that will go live next year.

D. Foster introduced Linda Reid to provide update from CAAPID/PASS Taskforce. L. Reid presented the following:

- Resembles AADSAS process; but issues are similar to PASS
- Document evaluation challenges due to ways different services calculate GPA
- 2013 criminal background check implementation is possible
- May consider implementation of PPI

A-Client Steering Committee – M. Mitchell discussed ideas for enhancements

A. Wells announced that A-Client will be same for 2012 cycle, WebAdmit will be optional for 2013 cycle, and full WebAdmit will be implemented for 2014 cycle.

Shelia Price provided a criminal background check policy update. Refer to www.goadeaafasa for copy of presentation.

J. DeCastro presented on the process of collecting Student Disciplinary Action forms.

A. Wells made two announcements:

- Letters of Recommendation (letterhead, verification, etc.) will be a topic at fall meeting
- Received word that some schools broke 12/1 traffic rule by offering scholarships to students prior to 12/1/10.

New Business:

Problem of DAT Destroyer was referred to taskforce for consideration.

R. Bingham asked about verifying experiential hours – do people do this? Should it be required? M. Mitchell said his school does a spot check.

D. Foster introduced the officers and thanked everyone.

S. Flash provided the group with an update about the fall meeting:

Date: October 20 – 22, 2011

Location: San Antonio, TX

Potential Topics:

- Reviewers' Portal
- Liaison/ASP WebAdmit preview
- Financial Aid Topic?
- FERPA

- Recommendations
- CODA accreditation standards
- Retention and remediation tools
- International service learning

Suggestions from the floor on potential topics included:

- Legacy applicants
- Scheduling issues (at annual meetings)
- Traffic rule enforcement and PASS
- Resurveying 30 day response rule
- Career resources
- Interview structures, weight, etc. / MMI
- What to do about the possible/anticipated downtrend in applications?

With no further business forthcoming, S. Flash adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by S. Price, Secretary for the Section on Dental School Admissions Officers and J. Betbeze, Secretary for the Section on Student Affairs and Financial Aid.