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