



# AACRAO

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*Advancing Global Higher Education*

# AACRAO and Federal Relations Update



# AACRAO who are we?

- <http://aacrao.org/home/about>
- <http://aacrao.org/home/about/aacrao-demographics>
- AACRAO Leadership – please vote if you are an AACRAO member!







# FERPA on-line training

- AACRAO developed an online interactive FERPA training that can be implemented into learning management systems such as Moodle, Blackboard, or Edmodo.
- Pilot schools will be selected after a public call for volunteers and AACRAO hopes to make it available by mid 2017.
- AACRAO will also gather feedback about the viability of a variety of payment and delivery options.



# The Future of the ERP

- AACRAO members drafted a white paper shared at the Tech/Transfer conference last July where major vendors presented sessions on the topic.
- Future sessions on the subject are under development.
- Goals include:
  - understanding the current landscape of ERPs and SISs and their impact on AACRAO professionals
  - Exploration and evaluation of what is on the horizon
  - Identification of key questions/considerations as campuses evaluate their options while developing and sharing practical tools and resources for the AACRAO membership



# Veteran's Compliance and Reporting

- AACRAO, the Department of Defense, Student Veteran's of America, and the National Student Clearinghouse have developed a proposal to streamline the veteran's compliance reporting process.
- The Clearinghouse would create an interface with the VA system so that it could report on behalf of institutions similar to how it provides other federal compliance reporting.
- See "*Trending Topics*" on the AACRAO web site to learn more.
- Also note, the Department of Veteran's Affairs has postponed the publication of four-year school data in their Scorecard after many institutions raised concerns about the accuracy of the data. They are now working to align their process more closely with a "schools graduation success".





# State and Regional Association Technology support

- AACRAO has a proposal with MemberClicks under development to provide an association management software solution designed for small associations such as AACRAO state and regional associations.
- The software includes many of the basic functions of association management such as a web site, member database, dues and member renewals, email communications and event registration.
- If NEACRO is interested in learning more, contact AACRAO IT Director Greg Osburn [gosburn@aacrao.org](mailto:gosburn@aacrao.org).





# AACRAO Public Policy and Education Agenda Update

- Draft changes presented at 2015 Annual Meeting
- Additional edits incorporated
- Proposed changes published for review in Sept.
- Final edits incorporated
- Public Policy and Education Agenda presented to AACRAO Board for approval
- Public Policy Advisory Committee



# AACRAO Update

## Other Updates and Announcements

- AACRAO Core Competencies and Proficiencies
- Lumina Grant: comprehensive student record pilot
- 60 Second Surveys
- IES Changes



# AACRAO Update

## Upcoming Meetings

- 2017 Winter Institute for International Transfer Credit, January 23-26, 2017, Alexandria, VA
- 2017 Annual Meeting, April 2-5, 2017, Minneapolis, MN



# Federal Budget Update

- Congress approves, President Obama signs two-year budget and debt limit agreement
  - Deal raises discretionary caps by \$80 billion for defense and domestic spending in 2016 and 2017
- FY 2016 Omnibus Spending Bill
  - Legislation boosts some student aid and federal research funding
- FY 2017 Budget Update





# HEA Reauthorization

- Potential timeline
- Meeting with Senate HELP Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
- House advances HEA-related bills
  - Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (H.R. 5528)
  - Accessing Higher Education Opportunities Act (H.R. 5529)



# HEA Reauthorization

- House advances HEA-related bills (cont.)
  - HBCU Capital Financing Improvement Act (H.R. 5530)
  - Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (H.R. 3178)
  - Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (H.R. 3179)
  - Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act



# FERPA

- House floats Student Privacy Protection Act
- Education Dept. releases draft guidance on the disclosure of student medical records
  - Advised colleges to handle student medical records under FERPA similarly to those governed by HIPAA
- AACRAO submits comments on draft guidance
  - Outlines key issues and urges ED to reconsider proposal to apply HIPAA standards to student education records



# Hot Topics

- In the Courts
  - Fisher II, Immigration, Gainful Employment
- DOL Overtime Rule
- ED State Authorization Rule
- ED Guidance on Transgender Students
- ED Guidance on Criminal Records in Admissions
- 2017-2018 FAFSA
- Pilot Programs to Expand Financial Aid Eligibility





# Questions?

