

Birds of a Feather Networking Sessions

Birds of a Feather (BOF) Networking Sessions are informal gatherings of like-minded individuals who wish to discuss a certain topic without a pre-planned agenda. BOFs are a great place to meet other members of the community with similar interests.

Each session will have an institutional representative from the financial aid community to help facilitate the discussion. ED staff will be available as a resource during discussions in each session.

BOF1. Bursars and Business Officers

Session Description: In this session, bursars and other school staff will meet to discuss issues important to their business offices, including cash management rules and *Title IV* financial responsibility standards.

U.S. Department of Education Presenter:

Marie Fitzpatrick

Day 3, Thursday, 4:20–5:35 p.m. Room C2

BOF2. Experimental Sites Initiative: Creating and Expanding Work-and-Learn Opportunities using Federal Work-Study Funds

Session Description: In this session, schools participating in the experiment will have an opportunity to ask questions about the experiment. The Department will discuss application status updates, implementation plans, and reporting and evaluation requirements.

U.S. Department of Education Presenters:

Tamy Abernathy, Michael Cagle, Warren Farr, David Rhodes

Day 1, Tuesday, 3:55–5:10 p.m. Room D2

BOF3. Experimental Sites Initiative: Second Chance Pell

Session Description: Schools participating in the Second Chance Pell experiment will have the opportunity to share institutional best practices, discuss challenges and opportunities, provide feedback, and exchange ideas related to the experiment. This experiment is not currently accepting additional schools for participation, but conference attendees interested in learning more about the Second Chance Pell experiment may attend.

U.S. Department of Education Presenters:

Michael Cagle, Warren Farr, Kerri Moseley-Hobbs, David Rhodes

Day 2, Wednesday 3:30–4:45 p.m. Room D2

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BOF4. Minority-Serving Institutions: Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs)

Session Description: In this session, financial aid stakeholders at HBCUs and PBIs will share best practices, discuss current challenges and opportunities, provide feedback, and make suggestions for future initiatives. FSA’s Minority-Serving and Under-Resourced Schools Division staff will monitor this session.

U.S. Department of Education Presenters:

Larry Eadie, James McMillan

Day 1, Tuesday, 3:55–5:10 p.m. Room C4

BOF5. Minority-Serving Institutions: Tribal Colleges and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNHSIs)

Session Description: In this session, financial aid stakeholders at Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions will share best practices, discuss current challenges and opportunities, provide feedback, and make suggestions for future initiatives. FSA’s Minority-Serving and Under-Resourced Schools Division staff will monitor this session.

U.S. Department of Education Presenter:

Alicia Harris

Day 3, Thursday, 4:20–5:35 p.m. Room C4

BOF6. Minority-Serving Institutions: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)

Session Description: In this session, financial aid stakeholders at Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions share best practices, discuss current challenges and opportunities, provide feedback, and make suggestions for future initiatives. FSA’s Minority-Serving and Under-Resourced Schools Division staff will monitor this session.

U.S. Department of Education Presenter:

Raul Galvan

Day 2, Wednesday, 3:30–4:45 p.m. Room C4

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BOF7. Community Colleges

Session Description: In this session, community college financial aid professionals will share best practices and discuss current challenges and opportunities. FSA's School Experience staff will monitor this session.

U.S. Department of Education Presenter:

Al Pratt

Day 3, Thursday, 4:20–5:35 p.m. Room D2

BOF8. Graduate and Professional Schools

Session Description: In this session, financial aid professionals from graduate institutions will share best practices and discuss current challenges and opportunities. FSA's School Experience staff will monitor this session.

U.S. Department of Education Presenters:

Joel Harrell, Annmarie Weisman

Day 2, Wednesday, 3:30–4:45 p.m. Room C2

BOF9. Proprietary Institutions

Session Description: This session will provide an opportunity for financial aid professionals from proprietary institutions to collectively to share best practices and discuss current challenges and opportunities.

U.S. Department of Education Presenters:

Cynthia Hammond, Greg Martin, Annmarie Weisman

Day 1, Tuesday, 3:55–5:10 p.m. Room F2

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BOF10. Audits of Institutions Receiving *Title IV* Funds

Session Description: Program staff and the OIG Non-Federal Audit Team will invite schools and auditors to discuss issues related to annual audits of institutions receiving *Title IV* funds, including current challenges and suggestions for future revisions to audit guidance. This would allow both proprietary schools and non-profit colleges and universities to weigh in on changes to the compliance supplement and audit guides.

U.S. Department of Education Presenters:

Amy Bales, Danny Jones, Chris Miller, Mark Priebe, Matthew Straw

Day 2, Wednesday, 3:30–4:45 p.m. Room F2