



OASFAA Officer/Committee Report

Meeting Date: July 16, 2026

Committee: Vice President 4-Year Public

Chairs/Officer Name: Jennifer Birt

Strategic Plan Goals & Strategies ([PDF](#)):

Topic Area	Goal	Strategies
Operations	C.1	Develop robust communication engagements to promote OASFAA activities, and inform membership of local, state, regional and national news.

Current Year Goals:

- Be a liaison between the OASFAA executive council (EC) and the 4-Year Oregon Public sector, sharing information, and bring the needs of the sector forward to the EC
- Ensure and promote the training needs of the 4-Year Oregon Public sector

Recent Activities:

- On 5/22/2026 provided email update to the 4-Year Public Financial Aid Directors regarding what I reported to the OASFAA EC at OASFAA EC Meeting held on 4/17/2026, and because of that meeting OASFAA Training initiatives and updates, including the following:
 - Spring OASFAA Webinar(s) – **May 26, 2026, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**, cost \$35 for OASFAA Members | [Webinars](#)
 - Summer Drive-In Workshop – Exact Date TBD, looking to hold in-person the week of July 20, 2026, and perhaps at PCC, Sylvania | [Summer Drive-In](#)
 - FA 101/201 | TBD (Oct/Nov 2026)
- On 7/9/2026 sent email to the 4-Year Public Financial Aid Directors requesting feedback about topics to bring forward to the OASFAA EC at the 7/16/2026 meeting. Also, provided them with an update about the Summer Drive-In Workshop - "*Squeeze the Day!*" on Thursday, August 13, 2026 - in-person at PCC, Sylvania | [Summer Drive-In](#) -- we hope to see you there!

Budget:

- NA

Questions/Issues for Executive Council Feedback:

- Would love OASFAA to provide quarterly training (or 3 a year), due to cost and travel distance to the annual conference, cannot send more staff to that event. Looking for more frequency, including Webinar options.
- Concern brought forward about the space between our segment/4-Year Public in OASFAA and the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC).
- One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OB3) changes – training is essential with these changes impacting financial aid processing, including Schedule of Reductions (SOR) and implementation of the changes into our Financial Aid Management Systems (FAMS), and impacts to our policies and procedures, and customer service to deliver these changes to the students and their families. Since training budgets are gutted, perhaps OASFAA can offer

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more Webinars, especially as some schools have additional executive leadership approval requirements to get authorization to travel and for hotel stays.

- Budget concerns and impacts on staff development/training and attendance at training/conference OASFAA events.
- Across the state, the 4-year public sector is navigating budget cuts, program reductions, staffing cuts, in addition to the OB3 changes, including loss of Grad PLUS and limiting of Parent PLUS Direct Loans.
- Specifically, OHSU, continues to navigate the direct blow to the state's medical infrastructure created by HR1: end of Grad PLUS, Medicaid/Medicare restrictions, and grant funding issues from HRSA.

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