
Career College Sector Brief and Representation

Team I – Loans (Lender/General Loan Issues)

Team I is responsible for developing regulations implementing nitty-gritty lender issues such as lender deferments and forbearance, determining borrower eligibility for in-school deferment, and PLUS loan deferments among other issues; but some of these are very important to us as well as they will have a major impact on CDRs. In total, Team I is handling fifteen issues and has met twice thus far—on February 23–25, and more recently on March 30–April 1. A final session is scheduled to be held May 4–6.

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Team II – School Based Loan Issues

Team II is responsible for critically important issues such as cohort default rate calculation, institutional eligibility, default prevention plans, exit and entrance counseling, and preferred lender list and code of conduct policies among the fourteen total issues on the Team II docket. The first negotiation session was February 25–27, with the other two sessions scheduled for April 1–3 and May 6–8.

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Team III – Accreditation

Team III is responsible for developing key revisions to the regulations regarding the accreditation process, including issues such as student achievement standards, distance education, projected institutional growth, and assessment of accrediting agencies by the Secretary among the sixteen total issues. Team III met on March 4–6 and has two more sessions scheduled for April 21–23 and May 18–20.

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Team IV – Discretionary Grants

Team IV is responsible for the development of regulations implementing revisions to Title IV grant programs (other than Federal Pell Grants) such as TRIO programs and GEAR UP, among nineteen total issues. Team IV has met on February 18–20 and March 25–27, and will be concluding on April 28–30.

Sector Involvement

“Since the scope of Team IV’s issues are not as relevant to our students and schools, we are not as actively or aggressively pursuing recommendations in the development of these regulations. Thus, our primary goal for Team IV is to ensure that the regulations do not harm our students and/or set unfair regulatory precedents.”

— Tom Netting
 Akerman Senterfitt, LLC

Team V – General and Non-Loan Programmatic Issues

Team V is responsible for developing a wide range of regulations, including several priority issues for AACCS, including year-round Pell eligibility, 90/10, and the myriad of institutional reporting requirements, in the list of twenty-eight total issues. Team V met initially on March 4–6 and has two remaining sessions scheduled for April 14–16 and May 11–13.

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