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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON STUDENT FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE**



**MR. ALLISON G. JONES AND MR. NORM BEDFORD RE-ELECTED
CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Washington, DC— On September 29, 2010, the members of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance unanimously re-elected to one-year terms Mr. Allison G. Jones as chairperson and Mr. Norm Bedford as vice chairperson. The Advisory Committee was created by Congress to provide advice and counsel on student aid policy to Congress and the Secretary of Education and make recommendations that will result in the maintenance of access for low- and middle-income students. Its members are higher education and student aid policy experts and are appointed by Congress and the Secretary of Education.

Mr. Allison G. Jones was appointed by the Secretary of Education in June 2007 and reappointed in July 2008 to serve a term that expires in September 2011. He is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support in the Office of the Chancellor at California State University (CSU). Mr. Jones coordinates support to 23 campuses at CSU in the areas of K-12 academic outreach, admission, enrollment management, financial aid, educational opportunity programs, student services, student health, transfer services, disabled student services, and remediation. Prior to joining CSU, he served as Director of Financial Aid and Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at the University of Redlands. By California legislative appointment, Mr. Jones serves on the Scholarshare Investment Board, which helps California families save for college. Mr. Jones received his bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Redlands.

Mr. Norm Bedford was appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in 2008 to serve a term that expires in September 2012. Mr. Bedford currently serves as the Director of Financial Aid at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). He has worked in the financial aid profession since 1989. Prior to joining UNLV, he worked for Bowling Green State University, Eastern Illinois University, and The Ohio State University. While living in the Midwest, Mr. Bedford remained active within the Ohio and Illinois Associations of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He has provided numerous training sessions at conferences on a variety of financial aid topics and has been a member, chair, or co-chair of many committees. He was also a two-time National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) trainer regarding the federal work-study community service program, consortium agreements, and professional judgment. Mr. Bedford holds a BS in family resource management from The Ohio State University. He also holds an MEd in guidance and counseling from Eastern Illinois University for which he wrote a quantitative thesis entitled, "An exploration of the financial aid application errors committed by students diagnosed as learning disabled."

Mr. Jones and Mr. Bedford expressed their gratitude to the members and staff for their continued support and stated that they looked forward to continuing to work with Committee members in the months ahead. As Mr. Jones noted, "It is very rewarding to be able to serve on the Advisory Committee with such a distinguished and knowledgeable group of individuals who are passionate about access to postsecondary education for low- and moderate-income students." For additional information about the Advisory Committee, please visit our web site at: www.ed.gov/ACSFA.

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An independent committee created by Congress to advise on higher education and student aid policy**