

**Student Financial Assistance  
U.S. Department of Education**

**Student Loans Negotiated Rulemaking Team**

**Meeting Summary -- January 14-15, 2008**

**Welcome**

David Bergeron, Director of Policy and Budget Development for the Office of Postsecondary Education, welcomed the members of the Student Loans Negotiated Rulemaking Team (Team) and thanked them for agreeing to assist the Department in developing regulations to implement the College Cost Reduction and Access Act.

**Introductions**

All members, who were present, both primary negotiators and alternates, introduced themselves.

**Overview of the Negotiated Rulemaking Process**

The facilitators provided an overview of the negotiated rulemaking process. They explained that the Team's discussions will focus on developing consensus regulatory text for the Department's proposed rule to implement student loan issues associated with the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA).

**Review and Adopt Protocols**

Team members discussed, revised, and adopted organizational protocols, which will govern the Team's activities throughout the negotiated rulemaking process.

**Petitions for Membership**

The Team approved nominations for two additional members, both alternates, in accordance with their organizational protocols.

**Review Negotiating Agenda of Issues**

A number of possible additional issues were discussed, but the Team did not add any to its agenda of issues.

**Workshop-Style Review of Issues**

Team members participated in in-depth discussions of the Package #1 issues related to implementation of the CCRAA: 1) Income-Based Repayment Plan (IBR), 2) Conforming the Economic Hardship Deferment with IBR, 3) Public Service Loan Forgiveness, 4) Definition of Not-for-Profit Holder, and 5) Harmonizing HEROES Waivers with other Benefits Provided to Returning and Active Duty Military, and the Package #2 issue of

Federal Preemption of State Laws related to Improper Inducements and Arrangements between Schools, Lenders and Other Entities in the Student Loans Programs.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Logistics**

The second meeting of the Student Loans Team is scheduled for February 4 - 6, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The final meeting is scheduled for March 4 - 6, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on each day. Both meetings will be held at the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center, 1990 K St. NW, Washington, D.C.

### **Next Steps**

Prior to the next meeting, the Department will provide draft regulatory text, reflecting the workshop discussions of this meeting, to the Student Loans Team. The facilitators will distribute the approved Organizational Protocols, Team Contact List, Agenda for the February 4 - 6 Meeting, and Draft Meeting Summary of the Jan 14 - 15 meeting.

### **Attendance**

#### **Present:**

Walter Balmas  
George Chin  
Martin Damian  
Dick George  
Anna Griswold  
Anne Gross  
Wanda Hall  
Tammy Halligan  
Phil Van Horn  
Gene Hutchins  
Allison Jones  
Kathleen Koch  
Tom Levandowski  
Deanne Loonin  
Dan Madzellan  
Radhika Miller  
Eileen O'Leary  
Mark Pelesh  
Carl Perry  
Robert Sommer  
Carrie Steere-Salazar

**Adopted - 2/4/2008**

Luke Swarthout  
Rebecca Thompson  
Larry Zaglaniczny  
Howard Bellman, Facilitator  
Susan Podziba, Facilitator

**Not Present:**

Lauren Saunders  
John Curtice  
Scott Giles