Notes from Financial Aid

First, I would like to thank Catherine Mooney for providing me a venue to address some of the changes that are happening in Financial Aid and Veteran Services. I will also be presenting at upcoming Division Dean Meetings so you may be receiving some of this information twice (or more); however better twice (or more) than never at all.

Student Does Not Begin Attendance

Schools are required by Federal Regulation (34 CFR 668.21) to return federal funds for students who received such funds, but never began classes. A student is considered not to have begun attendance if a school is unable to document the student’s attendance in any class. What is changing as of July 1, 2008 is that we now have 30 calendar days to return these funds to the Department of Education.

This requires close communication between departments at our school. The regulations state that we must make certain that we have procedures in place to notify the financial aid office when aid eligibility is affected.

In order to accommodate this regulation, I have been working closely with Catherine Mooney, Chris MacDannald and a number of other individuals to get the right programming in place. You will now see a “Drop No Show” button on your Drop Roster. As soon as you are sure that you have a student who is enrolled, but will clearly not be attending (perhaps for most of you this will be after the first two weeks of school – or whatever your Drop date is); you will need to mark this box so that we know this student is a “No Show”.

Your cooperation is critical. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please don’t hesitate to contact either Catherine or me at 954-5118.
**BOG On-Line**

We now have our BOG fee waiver on-line and your students can get to it either by going through the student portal, the financial aid website or the admissions and records website. What we want to stress is that even though this is an easier application than the FAFSA – the FAFSA can be worth thousands of dollars more in aid. We have staff available to assist students in filling out this application and this is one of the main purposes of the electronic enrollment services lab. We offer on-going workshops for those that need the help.

**Temporary Location**

The Financial Aid & Veterans Services administrative offices have moved to 5405 Pershing for the next eighteen months or so. We needed to find a temporary location so that the library remodel could begin; however we look forward to joining all of the Student Services troops once the Gateway building is complete. However, please note that the students will continue to be serviced at Holt 101 unless they need to set up an appointment to meet with one of us over here at Pershing.

**Financial Aid & Veterans Services Website & Contact Information**

For a complete listing of our services and staff, please be sure to visit our websites which are updated frequently. Thanks again for all that you do, I look forward to servicing you and your students for many years.

http://finaid.deltacollege.edu/

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Sincerely,

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Director of Financial Aid & Veteran Services

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
- Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790)