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Dear Colleagues:

As the new President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. As you may have read, Shelley Nickel and I have switched assignments with Shelley assuming my previous responsibility as Director of the Office of Planning and Budget and I coming to GSFC. I am very excited to be here and I am looking forward to working in partnership with the membership of GASFAA to further the educational opportunities of Georgia citizens.

GSFC has accomplished a great deal in the past few years and I look forward to building on that work while working closely with each of you to make GSFC the premier agency for student financial aid in Georgia.

In the near term we are focused on serving your needs during the 2005 peak season. Along with that, several other important initiatives are either well underway or will begin soon that include the following:

- Full launch of GAcollge411 in September 2005;
- First launch of GSFAPPS in fall 2005;
- Enhanced default prevention and training programs; and
- Re-activation of the GSFC Financial Aid Advisory Board.

I hope to see you in Macon at the fall 2005 GASFAA conference. In the interim, if there is anything that I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

With warm regards,

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