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Re: Change to the Data Checks Performed on GSFAPPS

Dear Financial Aid Colleague:

I am writing to make you aware of an upcoming change in the processing of applications for most state programs, including both paper applications and those submitted online via GSAPPS. GSFC's contract with Pearson Government Solutions (Vangent) will be terminated effective June 30, 2009. As such, GSFC will discontinue the electronic validation process that is currently used in conjunction with most GSFAPPS data on June 19, 2009.

Accordingly, students will continue to be required to self certify that the data they submit to GSFC, regardless of the application method, is true and correct. Postsecondary institutions may rely upon the data as certified by the student to make eligibility and award determinations without performing additional data verification. As in the past, any conflicting information between GSFAPPS and information on file at the postsecondary institution must be resolved.

We have been in communication with the Board of Regents, Technical College System of Georgia, and other stakeholders to address the operational impacts that will result from this change. We will release an updated GSFAPPS GAD File Layout and Online GSFAPPS Screen documentation in the coming weeks. Additionally, a major benefit of this change is that schools and students will realize faster application processing times

If you have any questions or comments about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact Tracy Ireland, Vice President of Financial Aid Operations directly at (770) 724-9066 or via email at tracyi@gsfc.org.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Connell