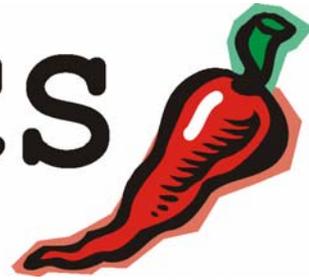


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IPD President, Jerry Noble, Retires after 20 Years

Jerry Noble, President of the Institute for Professional Development (IPD), announced on January 12 his decision to retire after almost 20 years of employment with Apollo Group, Inc. Jerry led IPD to its current record enrollment of over 19,000 students, a client base of 22 institutions, and employees numbering approximately 310 nationwide. His vision and leadership have touched many, many lives, including over 150,000 graduates of IPD-related adult degree programs. However, we wish him a wonderful retirement—he has certainly earned it!

Dr. Ron King Named New IPD President

Dr. Ron King, formerly the IPD Corporate Vice President/Educational and Institutional Relations, has assumed the position of President of IPD. Ron's seven years of experience with IPD provide him with a solid knowledge of the business, which he will blend with his academic experiences from Bradley University, the University of Missouri-Columbia, and Southeast Missouri State University. Ron earned his Doctor of Education in Administration and Law from the University of Missouri, his Master of Business Administration from Southeast Missouri State University, and his bachelor of science (with Distinction) from Arkansas State University. Ron's unique combination of traditional higher education teaching/administrative experience and business management will be put to good use in his new role at IPD. Best wishes, Dr. King!



Dr. Ron King Named New IPD President, continued

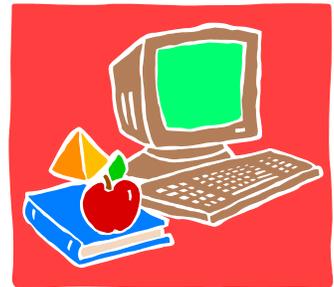
Please remember to update section J of your institution's application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Financial Aid Programs to reflect Dr. King as the contact person for IPD. The pertinent information is as follows:

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Distance Education

The Department of Education (ED) is in the process of analyzing how distance education programs can be administered while maintaining compliance with federal regulations. The current regulations that govern distance education do not address certain components that are crucial in ensuring compliance with federal regulations.

The first report to Congress on distance education programs has been issued. ED has identified the following problem areas:



- ◆ Limitations on the amount of distance education an institution may provide (50% rule)
- ◆ Requirements relating to time, specifically the difficulties in providing aid to students enrolled in distance education programs offered in time frames other than semesters or quarters
- ◆ Lack of flexibility in the systems institutions have available to administer the Title IV programs

In the report, ED recommends that further discussion be focused on the following:

- ◆ Distinguishing among distance education delivery modes, and between distance and on-site delivery
- ◆ Current limitations on the amount of distance education an eligible institution may provide (the 50% rule)
- ◆ Alternatives to the 12-hour rule that would ensure that an adequate amount of instruction is provided by distance education programs
- ◆ Correspondence students, and whether the rules should continue to treat them differently
- ◆ Additional waiver authorities that would enable the demonstration program to more completely test new approaches to administering student financial aid

ED is looking for 35 additional program participants for the 2001–2002 award year. The deadline for application was February 16, 2001.

The University of Phoenix has submitted its application and is awaiting a response from ED. If ED selects the University of Phoenix as one of its participants, it may result in ED fully understanding the different challenges that the University of Phoenix and other institutions with similar programs face in administering distance education programs.

February Teleconference

The February teleconference, which was tentatively scheduled for February 21, was canceled. Additional information will be forthcoming on the next teleconference. Do not miss the next opportunity to discuss current issues with your peers!



Financial Aid Global Distribution List

The Financial Aid global distribution list is available to allow you to consult with one another about the common problems you face and solutions that have provided positive results. To utilize the list, open a regular email and type ipdfinaid@uophx.edu in the TO: section of the message. When the email is sent, it will go to all the members of the list. Clicking "Reply" in response to the email will send the response to all members of the list. Thanks to all who have been utilizing this list, and to those providing timely responses to requests.



Goings On

February Training Session

The IPD Financial Aid training session was held in Phoenix, Arizona, on February 5–6. There were 22 participants from different locations who had the opportunity to enjoy the Arizona sun.

Kristen Vedder and Sandra Gillyard conducted the training. The agenda was slightly different than previous years due to Reauthorization. One of the major changes with Reauthorization was the elimination of Refund/Repayment requirements and the introduction of Return of Title IV funds. The Return of Title IV funds session was interactive, thanks to Carol Strauss, who was able to bring a real scenario for everyone to calculate. Thank you, Carol!

IPD invited all participants to dinner at the "Rustler's Rooste" in Tempe, and the feedback was "Yummy."

Annual IPD Financial Aid Conference

The Annual IPD Financial Aid Conference will be held at Montreat College in Asheville, North Carolina, from June 6–8, 2001. The conference will once again be held in conjunction with the Annual CAAHE Conference. A registration form has already been sent out on the global distribution list. Please complete this form and return it to Kristen Vedder by April 11. Do not miss out on this opportunity to participate in a regulatory update and network with other Financial Aid offices at other CAAHE Member Institutions!!

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Promotions

Moving on up...

Congratulations to Sandra Gillyard on her recent promotion to Senior Regulatory Specialist with Arthur Andersen!



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Do you have information about job openings or upcoming events at your institution that you'd like to share with the other IPD Partner Institutions? Just email the information (including the name of the event or job opening; any relevant dates; and a name, telephone number, or email address of a contact person) to Sandra Gillyard by June 1, 2001, at sandra.gillyard@apollogrp.edu so that your information will be included in the next newsletter.

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