

Melet Leafgreen
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY
Representative-at-Large

Modern FA Administrators wear many hats: steward, interpreter, counselor, pseudo tax professional, advocate, and translator. Likewise, in our complex industry, an organization like NASFAA has multiple purposes: advocacy, education and training, research, and policy. As a 20-year veteran of the student financial aid industry, I have a vested interest in furthering each of these crucial missions at NASFAA. I am confident that I can bring perspective from my work in both public and private institution settings, as well as Graduate/Professional school, which will enrich the Board.

I've considered running for the NASFAA Board for many years, but the impact NASFAA has had on my ability to serve students in the last two years increased my interest level significantly. Without NASFAA as a resource and advocate, our collective jobs would have been exceedingly more difficult. For that reason, and due to the deep and abiding respect for my colleagues around the world who share this responsibility with me, and I respectfully submit my candidacy for Representative-at-Large.

REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE RESUME

NAME: Melet Leafgreen, CFAA

REGION: SWASFAA

CURRENT POSITION: Director of Student Financial Aid
From: January 2017 UT Southwestern Medical Center, TX

PREVIOUS POSITION: Associate Director of Financial Aid
From: November 2015 University of Texas at Arlington, TX

PREVIOUS POSITION: Assistant Director of Financial Aid
From: March 2005 Texas Christian University, TX

EDUCATION: Master of Liberal Arts
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, TX - May 2002

Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Weatherford, OK – May 1999

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Public, Grad/Professional (Masters, PhD, MD)

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

NASFAA	2021	Rapid Response Network
	2020-present	Credential Test Development Volunteer
	2015-2016	Journal of Student Financial Aid Editorial Board
	2014-2015	R2T4 Task Force
	2014	Program Integrity Task Force
	2013	Committee of the Year (Prof Dev & Training)
	2013	Leadership Symposium & Legislative Conference
	2013	Co-Presenter, Annual Conference
	2012-2014	Professional Development & Training Committee
	2011	Co-Presenter, Annual Conference
	2010	Co-Presenter, Annual Conference

SWASFAA	2015	Co-Presenter, Webinar Series
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TASFAA	2020	Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee
	2015-2016	Chair, Archive Task Force
	2015	Co-Presenter, Annual Conference
	2013-2014	President
	2010-2015	Board of Directors
	2010-2012	Chair, Newsletter Committee
	2009-2013	Newsletter Committee
	2013	Co-Presenter, Annual Conference
	2012	Presenter, Annual Conference
	2011	Co-Presenter, Annual Conference

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OTHER

2010	Presenter, Annual Conference
2009	Co-Presenter, Annual Conference
2021	THECB Financial Aid Advisory Committee
2018	Presenter, College Board National Forum
2017	Co-Author, article in NASFAA Journal of Student Financial Aid
2013	THECB State Negotiated Rulemaking Committees
2013	Presenter, TG Annual Conference
2012	BOT Loan Program Focus Group (Center for Public Policy Priorities, THECB, TG)
2012	Presenter, TG Annual Conference
2012	PHEAA Default Management Panel
2012-2013	Discover Student Loans Advisory Council
2011-2015	Nelnet Advisor Council
2011-2013	Chair, Council for Student Financial Success in Higher Education
2011	Presenter, TG Annual Conference
2010	Facilitator, TG Default Prevention Dialogue
2010	Co-Presenter, TG Annual Conference
2009	Co-Author, article in Enrollment Management Journal
2009	Presenter, TG Annual Conference
2008	Facilitator, TG Debt Management Servicer Dialogue
2007-2015	Council for Student Financial Success in Higher Education
2007	TG Financial Aid leadership Symposium
2005-2006	Chair, TG Users Group Board of Directors
2005	Nellie Mae Advisory Board
2004-2008	TG Users Group Board of Directors
2002-2018	TCU Campus Mentor
2002-2004	SASEA Board of Directors
2002	SASEA Newcomer of the Year Award
2000-2002	Historian, Southern Association of Student Employment Administrators (SASEA)