

**Dameion Lovett
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University of South Florida**

Statement of Candidacy FASFAA President-Elect:

I greatly appreciate the nomination from my peers to run for the position of FASFAA President-Elect. I have been an aid officer for the past 22 years at the University of South Florida. As financial aid professionals, one of our jobs is to help our students realize the dream of higher education. Being able to provide support and partnership to schools as they assist both traditional and non-traditional students is a privilege that cannot be taken for granted. In my current position at USF, I am responsible for a vast amount of services, including management of our financial education office as well as document intake and outreach for the main financial aid office. I have served on numerous committees and presented at FASFAA, SASFAA and NASFAA.

During this time, I have realized that there is always something we can learn in the financial aid profession. I see FASFAA as both a teaching and learning organization. Our shared experiences provide us with a breadth and knowledge that is often unsurpassed. Financial aid touches so many different areas of our institutions, I think we sometimes forget just how much we know because it's "part of the job" to know everything about our campuses. I also believe in the power of being successful through partnerships. The adage, "two heads are better than one" is appropriate and applies to the work FASFAA does to ensure there is collaboration in its training and outreach efforts. Our strength as a profession lies with our ability to work with others from all areas. FAAs are the best lemonade makers in the world!

FASFAA must also be a strong partner with SASFAA and NASFAA in advocating for financial aid programs at the state and federal levels. We all have personal stories we can share of students whose lives have been affected by the financial aid they received or did not receive. As we are all members of a helping profession, I believe our roles representing you on the board is to provide support our members by providing an open and inclusive environment.

I also volunteered my time to serve as an advisor to the students of the USF chapter of Enactus, mentoring over 150 students that created educational outreach projects to better the lives of others in the community. One of the team's lasting projects, the "Suit-A-Bull" lending store provides suits to students free of charge for interviews and professional events. The team has been nationally recognized as has won 28 awards from 2005-2019.

I am fully committed to the duties and responsibilities of this position. I also extend my appreciation to my supervisor, staff and institution for their support. It is an honor to work with such dedicated professionals. I am resolved to do everything possible to help each member as well as contribute to the success of FASFAA's goals **to develop and maintain professional standards of financial aid administration, to promote cooperation and communication among its members, and to promote and endorse student financial aid programs that are consistent with good professional practice.** Thank you.

Aid Administrator Organization Service:

SASFAA New Aid Officers Workshop Site Committee—1999
Presenter, FASFAA Conference, “Using Technology in the Financial Aid Office”—2000
FASFAA Conference Site Committee-2002
College Goal Sunday Host Site—2007-2010
Member, SASFAA Diversity (20/20) Committee—2009-2011
Presenter, FASFAA New Aid Officer Workshop, “Student Confidentiality in the Financial Aid Office”—2012
Presenter, FASFAA Workshop, “Financial Literacy From a School’s Perspective”—2013
Presenter, NASFAA Conference, “Consortium & Contractual Agreements”—2013
Presenter, FASFAA Conference, “Tampa Bay Loan Consortium”—2014
Presenter, FASFAA Conference, “It Can Be Done! Establishing a Financial Literacy Program on Campus”—2014
Presenter, SASFAA Conference, “Tampa Bay Loan Consortium”—2014
Presenter, NASFAA Conference, “Developing a Strategy and Strategic Partnerships for Student Debt Management, Financial Literacy, and Default Aversion”—2014
FASFAA Region IV Representative (Elected Position)—2014-2016
Presenter, FASFAA Region IV Workshop “DACA and Dreamers at USF—2015
Presenter, FASFAA Annual Conference, “The 5 W’s of Student Loan Default”—2016
Presenter, FASFAA Region III & IV Workshop “Student Loan Debt: Good or Bad?”—2016
FASFAA Outreach/Financial Literacy/Default Prevention Coordinator (Appointed Position)—2016-2017
Presenter, FASFAA Student Borrowing, Financial Literacy and Cohort Default Rates Webinar—2019

Professional Appointments:

Campus Director of Financial Aid, University of South Florida, 2016-present
Associate Director of Financial Education & Outreach Programs, University of South Florida, 2013-2016
Assistant Director, Intake & Outreach Programs, University of South Florida, 2002-2013
Outreach Coordinator, University of South Florida, 1999-2002
Senior Financial Aid Officer, University of South Florida, 1999

Education:

B.A. Psychology, University of South Florida, 1996
B.A. Sociology, University of South Florida, 1996
M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction, Concentration in Student Affairs, University of South Florida, 1999

