

Good Moring Colleagues and Friends

It is indeed an honour for me to be standing here in front of you with the newly elected FAPSA Executive Committee. I want to thank all delegates for putting your trust in us and for giving us this opportunity to lead you for the new term in office. I also want to say thank you to the newly elected EXCO Members for electing me as President of this organisation for this new term. I must however, commend the former FAPSA President, Wayne Muller, and the EXCO team for a job well done, and for making this conference a huge success. The precedent has been set and we as your elected FAPSA Executive Committee have a huge task ahead of us. The good part of this new EXCO Committee is that I have some of my former colleagues on board which gives us a good head start in moving forward in our planning for the next conference. I personally am thankful that Wayne is still on board as I will rely on him to be my mentor and will most definitely seek guidance from him where it is needed. I also want to say a special thank you to our treasurer Vish Naidoo, for his hard work and commitment. Vish is always the one who keeps us on our toes and ensures that we make sure that everything is in place. His excellent financial management skills is part of the reason why FAPSA financials is in such a good standing

To our co-hosts UCT and UWC, I want to personally say thank you to Tasneem and Mike and their staff for a job well done... (Elaborate on the work they have done and commitment they put in to making this conference a success).

Next I would like to thank our sponsors, Intellicard, Edu Loan,5 Strand, Van Schaicks, REHAB and HP on Campus and not to mention NSFAS. Without you this conference would definitely not have been a success and we look forward to ensuring that this relationship between FAPSA and you remain intact to ensure that future conferences are run just as successful as this one.

Now it's back to business and I want to touch on the real reason why we as FAPSA members come together each. Throughout this conference we touched on many sensitive issues, such communication, financial aid offices being accused of fraud, most of all, we come together to always seek a better solution(s) to ensure that life is made better for as Financial Aid Officers within in our own institutions and other institutions within our industry. (Elaborate further). We also have to acknowledge that now entered into new phase with NSFAS now that we have re-established our relationship with them. We as the new Executive Committee now have the responsibility to ensure that this relationship remains intact and assist NSFAS in working together with all institutions.....

I don't want to elaborate too much on everything as I'm sure that our Secretary General will touch of these points in closing remarks and we as FAPSA Members when we discuss our way forward.

In closing I want to say thank for everyone who has attended the conference this year and we as the newly elected FAPSA Executive Committee look forward to serving you as we start our new term in office.

Thank you.

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