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Theme for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 2019 FAPSA Conference

**#Free Education – The Future of  
FAO's**

## In 2018 we presented the following:

- **The Impact of Free Education for All Institutions (both HEI's and TVET's)**
- **Continuous Challenges faced since the implementation of CAP, and**
- **What the best way forward would be as we compare, what we did in past, and what we doing today?**
- **The conclusion should be, “The Best Practise for Student Financial Aid within the field of service”**

## 2019: The Future of the Financial Aid Offices?

- ❖ **The Role FAO's will play within the years to come**
- ❖ **Will the process be brought back to the FAO's?**
- ❖ **If No, Where do we go to from here?**
- ❖ **Has the CAP system since inception benefitted the sector?**
- ❖ **#Communication?**

## Factors that drastically changed the way we operate within the FAO Sector?

- **The Announcement of Cash Allowances for Books and Meals**
- **The withdrawal of Circular 6 – What does this really mean?**
- **Do we need to reconsider the decision made in relation to Books and Meals for 2019?**
- **How has this affected the economy?**
- **How has this affected student life on campus?**

## How have Book Vendors been affected since the mandate received to issue Book Allowances in Cash to Students?

➤ **Here the reality:**

<b>Institution Name:</b>	<b>No of Students</b>	<b>Total Books Loaded</b>	<b>Amount purchased by students</b>	<b>% Bought to date:</b>
Institution A:	10201	R51 030 000,00	R1 385 757,38	2,72
Institution B:	5011	R25 995 000,00	R933 150,84	3,59
Institution C:	55787	R207 941 069,10	R4 315 751,86	2,08

## A proposed solution for Books and Meals 2020:

- ✓ Ring-fence Books using a card system: R5 000 per student
- ✓ Ring-fence Meals using a card system: R10 000 per student
- ✓ Private Accommodation: Should be equivalent to what is charged at each institution
- ✓ Cash Allowance: R4 400 per student
- ✓ Meals, Private Accommodation and Cash Allowances should be split over a period of ten months

## **Challenges Faced to Today vs Challenges faced back then:**

- ✓ **Communication remains the biggest challenge**
- ✓ **Issues relating to data**
- ✓ **The Close out relating to 2017 & 2018**
- ✓ **The Appeals Process**
- ✓ **Students who signed before appearing as not signed on the updated LAFSOP and NBA Reports...**
- ✓ **The delay in processing payments to Institutions for ring-fenced funding such as Funza Lushaka**
- ✓ **The Payment Process in general....**
- ✓ **The verification of Information received from students**

## **Proposed Way Forward**

- I would like to propose that the process is given back to the Institutions**
- NSFAS needs to clearly define the way forward for FAO's**
- NSFAS and FAPSA EXCO relationship needs to be redeveloped...**
- The Structure of FAPSA EXCO needs to be redesigned**
- Let us engage on these points raised above and ensure that when we leave this conference, that we as the FAO's will exactly know what the Future of the FAO's will be in the near future....**





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**THE END**