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## Information Item

### *Grants and Programs Committee*

#### CSAC/EDFUND Synergy Projects

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With the goal of better serving students and schools, a committee made up of CSAC and EDFUND staff has undertaken efforts to streamline operations and better utilize the available resources.

This update will review the Committees efforts, what has been completed, is currently under development, and future projects under consideration.

**Recommended Action:** For information only. No action is required.

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# CSAC/EDFUND Synergies

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# Synergy Goals

- **Reduce cost, improve efficiency, and increase flexibility**
- **Enhance GDS system for institutions, staff, and students**
- **Provide better service to students**
- **Set the stage for future synergies**

# Completed Synergy Projects

- **GDS Letter printing at EDFUND** 06-04
- **Monitor GDS system jobs 24X7** 02-05
- **Provide network support** 03-05
- **Provide Tier 1 Helpdesk** 06-05
- **APPLE imaging** 06-05
- **Security risk assessment** 06-05
- **Host WebGrants for Students** 09-05

# Recent Synergy Projects Completed

- **Interactive Voice Recognition**
  - **Joint EDFUND/CSAC/Vendor project**
  - **Interfaces with GDS to provide Cal Grant and Chafee information**
  - **Implemented 11-23-05**
- **GPA Imaging Optimization**
  - **Provides students with down loadable GPA forms on the Internet**
  - **Uses Intelligent Character Recognition to process forms for data capture and automatic upload to GDS**
  - **Implemented 12/19/05**

# Synergy Projects in Implementation

- **Host GDS system at EDFUND**
  - FSR approved by DOF Dec 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Reduces Hosting Costs about \$200,000
  - More flexible, responsive support
  - Higher Reliability
  - Scheduled Completion July 2006

# Synergy Projects in planning phase

- **Host CSAC Home Page**
- **Revamp CSAC Home Page**
- **GDS SAS research host at EDFUND**

# Future Synergies Opportunities

- **School-based GDS reconciliation**
- **GDS Real Time Database (Phase I - BCP approved FY 2006-07)**
- **GDS Web services (Phase II FY 2007-08)**
- **GDS Data Warehouse**
- **Improve capability to obtain electronic GPAs from schools**
- **Provide Automated Sears Survey**
- **Web Services FAMS Integration**
- **Financial Aid Portal**

# Synergy Results and Benefits

- **Provides Agile and flexible response to changing business requirements**
- **More responsive to students and schools**
- **Reduces cost for services delivered**
- **Builds relationships and optimizes relative strengths of CSAC and EDFUND staff**
- **Leverages existing in-house EDFUND services to deliver less costly and more responsive services to CSAC**

# EDFUND/CSAC Synergies

**Questions???**

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