FAFSA Changes & Impacts to SU

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What is "FAFSA Simplification"

- The FAFSA Simplification Act (Act) was enacted into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act.
- This is the largest change in Title IV in over 40 years!
- Consent required to transfer tax data Direct Data Exchange (DDX)
- Major changes to aid formulas, including Pell Grant
- Improves student/parent application experience







<u>Summary of a Few of the</u> <u>24-25 FAFSA Changes</u>

- Delayed release: FAFSA will be available in December 2023 instead of the normal October 1 release date
- EFC to SAI (Student Aid Index)
- Changes to Pell formula:
 - -Tied to family size, poverty line in state of resident, Adjusted Gross Income
 - -Number in college no longer included in formula

How This Impacts SU

- PeopleSoft process and data files-(this will require significant SU aid system changes)
- New category for professional judgment appeals, creates a lengthy and manual review process
- Significant delay in FAFSA processing
- Delay in financial aid award letter notifications
- Learning curve for the financial aid staff to implement all the processing changes and to be able to educate students, families and community
- SU should anticipate impacts to overall institutional aid, yield in recruitment and current student persistence

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Questions?

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