



*Unified Student Loan Policy*

**POLICY UPDATE PROPOSALS  
APPROVED  
AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING JANUARY 17, 2008**

TO: CM Governing Board Representatives

FROM: Kim Elston and Brenda Grady, Co-Chairs  
*Common Manual* Policy Committee

RE: *Common Manual* Bulletin Language  
[Batch 146: Proposals 992 - 995 and 999 - 1001]

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In its January 17, 2008, meeting the *Common Manual* Governing Board approved 7 policies from Batch 146 (proposal numbers noted above). Policies 991, 996, and 997 were deferred by the Policy Committee for additional research and consideration. Policy 998 was withdrawn from Batch 146 and was re-issued in Batch 147.

These approved policies may now be implemented based on their individual effective dates. Policy 994, which was drawn from the November 1, 2007, Final Regulations, includes a trigger event based on the Policy Committee's analysis of the most beneficial and trackable trigger. Should the Department publish a trigger event that differs from the trigger event contained in policy 994, the *Common Manual* guarantors will publish additional guidance to assist school and lender clients in complying with Department guidance.

Updates for these policies will be published in three separate forums for reference:

- Common bulletin language will be distributed for publication in about 10 days.
- The revised policy text will be incorporated into the next version of the *Integrated Common Manual* (ICM). The ICM is available on many guarantor websites and is also available on the *Common Manual* website at [www.commonmanual.org](http://www.commonmanual.org).
- The revised policy language will be included in the 2008 paper version of the *Common Manual*.

If you have any questions about the enclosed proposals or any aspect of the *Common Manual* process, please contact Kim Elston at 405-234-4487 or [kelston@ogslp.org](mailto:kelston@ogslp.org), or Brenda Grady at 336-727-9666 or [bgrady@usafunds.org](mailto:bgrady@usafunds.org).

Enclosures: Policy Proposal Transmittal (1)  
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