BIOGRAPHY:

Mr. Norm Bedford currently serves as the Director of Financial Aid at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). He was appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in 2008 to serve on the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. This committee is an independent and bipartisan source of advice and counsel on student financial aid policy to both Congress and the Secretary of Education. His appointment expires in September 2012.

Mr. Bedford has worked in the financial aid profession since 1989. Prior to joining UNLV, he worked in financial aid for Bowling Green State University, Eastern Illinois University, and The Ohio State University.

While living in the Midwest, Mr. Bedford remained active within the Ohio and Illinois Associations of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He has provided numerous training sessions at conferences on a variety of financial aid topics and has been a member, chair, or co-chair of many committees. He was also a two-time National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) trainer regarding the federal work study community service program, consortium agreements, and professional judgment.

Mr. Bedford holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Resource Management from The Ohio State University. He also holds a Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling from Eastern Illinois University for which he wrote a quantitative thesis entitled, "An exploration of the financial aid application errors committed by students diagnosed as learning disabled."