



TASSCUBO
Primary Members Minutes
January 29, 2018 at 4 pm

Treasurer's Report

Angie Wright reported that at the end of December TASSCUBO had \$74,258 available and since that time additional sponsorship money has come in. The total available currently is \$147,277 with 305 members in attendance at this conference.

Sponsorships

Carlos Hernandez reported that there are 11 sponsors in attendance. This summer he hopes to add three or four additional sponsors, with 13 or 14 in attendance. Currently there is \$74,000 in sponsorship activity. TASSCUBO started at only \$12,000 in sponsorships. Since Carlos has been in charge of sponsorships, the number has increased from 38 to 74.

Program

Calvin Jamison requested that the primary members try to identify best practices at their institution. Suggestions can include services or products with the service providers. He recommends looking at partnerships, utilization of data or technology in a new way. Calvin reiterated that primary members said they would like to have presentations on best practices, therefore he is requesting suggestions.

Roundtable Discussion

The group went around for introductions and mentioned what their institution was doing about pay raises this next fiscal year cycle (FY19). More than half have not determined what kind of pay raise they will be giving out. Most that have decided were in the 2-3% range.

A discussion also ensued about the fixed rate tuition plans and how much of a differential to put between the fixed rate and the variable rate. UT Dallas said they are moving from a mandatory fixed rate to offering options. One university mentioned a 12% price differential and another mentioned 5%. UH has a strategy to guarantee graduation in four years if they participate in the plan, meet certain academic standards, and take at least 30 SCH a year. No one is including housing and dining in the fixed rate plan. TAMUPV is exploring working with vendors on a rate.

Future Meetings

Calvin reviewed next session dates and discussed ethics training will be offered next summer.

Other

Calvin mentioned that there was a suggestion to help staff council presidents from each university meet once a year in combination with TASSCUBO's reservation, so they can get a good price. The primary members decided against trying to facilitate this group's meeting.

Formula Advisory Committee

Noel Sloan from Texas Tech reported that the committee has made their recommendations. They recommended additional funds for standard growth. In addition, they supported a performance based funding model with a graduation bonus. This bonus should be on top of formula, and the funding should not be pulled from the formula funding. They are looking at compression on the weighted semester credit hour matrix. There may be a change of the departmental operating expenses from semester credit hour allocation to faculty salary.

Legislative Items

The Primary members discussed that there isn't any news on what will happen with hold harmless funding for next year. Only two institutions received new special items this biennium. Members have also not heard what the committee will recommend on elimination of special items.

Alicia Currin reported that she believes the case can be made for HEF to pay for subscription software. She has talked with Laura Deviney and she recommends trying to get it addressed without changing the state constitution. One option is to just call the software a subscription since that is allowed in the constitutional language.

Conference Planning

The group was briefed on the need to provide a better idea on any ancillary meetings that will be occurring in conjunction with the TASSCUBO conferences, such as the System CFO meetings held after the TASSCUBO conference. Alicia asked if it is known additional groups need to meet, to please let Rebecca know so she can ensure there are enough hotel rooms available and obtain better pricing. (Each institution/system will have to do its own contract for its requested rooms/space). We will plan that every other year the LAR workshop and CFO meetings aren't in conflict. Also, would like to know whether it is time to create breakout sessions instead of everyone attending the same session. If this is a request, then additional resources may be needed to help plan the conference. The present format is problematic for some members since they cannot attend more than one of the committee meetings and are missing some of the information. However, holding one of the committee meetings in the AM is too early. It also means there is a hard cut-off to the meeting time, whereas in the afternoon, the meeting can continue as long as needed. They decided to ask the committee chairs what their preference is.

Interactions with TRS

One of the members mentioned problems with reconciling the APS011 with TRS. In their case, where they used to report a single source of funding for the group, now each individual's funding source needs to be broken out, which can cause thousands of individual adjustments. The budget committee is also discussing this topic. Calvin requested that everyone go back to

their payroll offices and send an email to Bob Brown or Calvin Jamison about the difficulties they are having.

Presentations

It was suggested that the logo and names of the sponsor be on the screens when introducing the sponsors. Please send any recommendations for future meeting topics to Calvin.