

TCCAO Virtual Meeting – October 25, 2023 – Minutes

Attendees: Smallwood, Amber; Brown, Dann; Bordelon, Deborah; Adams, Joshua; King, Serenity; Akers, Cindy; Andersen, Amy; Boutte-Queen, Needha; Welch, Brent; Briggs, Jim; Brooks, Matt; Brown, Tamara; Carter, Carmen; Herber-Valdez, Christiane; Jones, Clifton; Chase, Diane; Cude, Kellie; Dorsey, Alicia; Williams, Duane; Fiala, Sam; Gaillard, Anne; Gelsinger, Emma; Goodman, Carl; Holmes, Archie; Jones, Clifton; Palmer, James; Latouche, Jason; Lauderdale, Mitzi; Lemoine, Kevin; Maddan, Sean; Mardsen, Marcy Brown; Martinez-Cosio, Maria; Mayer, Elizabeth; McFrazier, Michael; McIntyre, Lisa; Murphy, Jessica; Quander, Judith; Quazi, Rahim; Daksinamurthy, Rajalingam; Dobbs, Ricky; Shouse, Aimee; Silverman, Stacey; Thorne, Debbie; Von Eschenbach, Warren; Waddell, Jolena; White, Melissa; Wiebe, John; Stearns, Diane; Hayek, John; Topliff, Don; Markman, Art; Troutman, David; Karoff, Rebecca; Smith, Lorenzo;

Welcome

TCCAO President Amber Smallwood called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. She welcomed members for making time to be a part of the community and made remarks about the role of TCCAO within the state of Texas. Members introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report

TCCAO Treasurer Deborah Bordelon provided a report to the membership. She thanked Christy Thomas and Dann Brown at Lamar University for assistance. She thanked the membership for timely submission of membership dues and will be reaching out to those who still need to submit their dues. As of September 1, 2023 TCCAO had a balance of \$32,510.04; we have collected \$8,700.00 in membership dues with a current balance of \$41,210.04. No expenses.

Amber thanked Deborah and Dann for their work. Amber noted that Lamar University is keeping the TCCAO account while we work to provide a more stable approach for the account. Thanked Joshua Adams for keeping membership list updated.

January 23-24, 2024 Retreat Planning

TCCAO Vice President Daniel Brown provided an update on the January 2024 retreat. The retreat is scheduled for January 23-24, 2024. Best opportunity is to return to Austin-Bergstrom airport hotel. The contracted rate will be \$149 per night. 50 participants needed to ensure we don't pay a penalty. Essentially the same contract as last year. Menu selection will come to the officers. Retreat will begin with a reception at 5:30 PM on January 23; Breakfast at 8:00 on January 24. Retreat will conclude by 2:00 or 3:00 on January 24. Topic idea of legal issues and ramifications, panel of general counsels from systems across the state. Business meeting will be during the afternoon. Propose to end meeting with a panel of provosts with a one-hour session on the path to become a provost tentatively titled "So you want to be a provost." Retreat will also include a Coordinating Board update. Dann opened the meeting for feedback from the membership regarding additional retreat topics. Suggestion from membership to have a discussion on ways institutions are incorporating artificial intelligence in to the curriculum. Additional suggestion on TSI and Carnegie classification systems update. Another suggestion to discuss health science center's wanting clinicians in the role of the provost, what are the approaches to what you look for in a provost, background, training.

THECB Updates

Elizabeth Mayer provided remarks on the process of updating rules including updates to forms and building out of web resources. They are coming online and a form development team working diligently to get them launched in the new portal.

Emma Gelsinger provided information on the big lift for creation of the portal. Hopeful it will launch in a few weeks. If you need to submit something time sensitive, it can be submitted through the existing document submission portal. Seen initial data around planning notification rule, many more have been submitted. Shortening time for responses. Reach out to Coordinating Board with any questions. Lunch and Learns are occurring and recordings are available on the website.

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/supporting-our-institutions/academic-program-resources/>.

If the site doesn't work, try another browser. Working with campus teams to ensure appropriate access is given. If anyone needs access, please reach out to Emma Gelsinger.

David Troutman provided remarks on Carnegie classification. ACE releasing information on November 1, 2023 on steps taking to revise classifications. Goal is for the basic classification to be more multi-dimensional; goal with R1 and R2 is to be very transparent with how it is calculated and provide institutions with information needed. Still attempting to resolve social and economic mobility.

Coordinating Board is working with general counsel to operationalize rules for student parents related to the three pieces of legislation that were passed during the legislative session. Working with SPARK initiative to better understand how we ensure the parenting liaison has the tools necessary to be successful in this role. Federal Department of Education has non-binary as a category for gender. THECB is updating state reporting requirements. Coordinating Board is rewriting rules to create a table on TSI to make the rules more transparent. Discussion of SB 17, DEI, and the scope of metrics to consider for inclusion in the THECB study. Ideally will be a thoughtful mixed-methods study. David will send us a two-pager on his approach for input. The membership discussed aspects of the topics presented. TAMU has a thoughtful and comprehensive FAQ on their website about SB 17.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 to allow members to participate in NIH All of Us Research Program presentation.

TCCAO Representatives to TCCNS

Tabled until next meeting due to time limitations.

Discussion on Topics of Interest

Tabled until next meeting due to time limitations.

NIH All of Us Research Program Presentation

Amber Smallwood opened the presentation. This is an introduction with a more robust presentation and panel on November 8, 2023; 9:00 AM. Margaret Farrell is standing up sciences approach to NIH All of Us program. Margaret provided an overview of the All of Us Research Program, how institutions and researchers can become involved. See [Researchallofus.org](https://researchallofus.org) for additional information including publically available data. Amber will send a link for workshop for researchers to learn more about All of Us. Feel free to forward the information to colleagues who may be interested.