

Financial Aid Advisory Committee Annual Report

Report Period: December 2017 – November 2018

Zelma DeLeon, Committee Chair



Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board



Summary of Tasks Completed

- Discussed and assisted with the new January 15 priority deadline for state programs.
- Provided input for the SB 887 student debt letter which helped the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) craft and finalize a template that is in statute and rule.
- Continued work of the Data Collection Subcommittee with THECB to implement the new Financial Aid Database (FAD) process/report and validation/certification to consolidate reporting.
- Continued to discuss recommendations to align retention of state aid documents with federal aid retention timelines (3 years).
- Provided recommendations for the THECB to have a web based portal to update user information similar to the Department of Education, instead of utilizing three different platforms.
- Provided feedback on legislative proposals impacting financial aid for the 86th Session of the Texas Legislature.



Recommendations to the Board

- Continue to work with the THECB by providing feedback and recommendations
- Continue the work of the Data Collection Subcommittee
- Continue to create and utilize FAAC subcommittees to review and identify topics
- Continue to provide feedback regarding legislative proposal recommendations
- Continue support of tuition set aside funds
- Provide institutions access to students' complete state financial aid history