

Date of Meeting: June 1, 2023

Time of Meeting: 9:00am

Location: Barbara Jordan State Office Building, Room 2.006

AGENDA

06-01-2023

- I. Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Meeting- Rachelè Garrett, Chair
- II. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Mar. 2, 2023- Rachelè Garrett, Chair
- III. Update: Prior FAAC Business- DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB
- IV. Update: External Relations- John Wyatt, Senior Director, THECB
- V. Update: THECB Financial Aid Strategic Priority- Charles Contèro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner, THECB
- VI. Update: TASFA Subcommittee: House Bill 3 (FAFSA/TASFA Graduation Requirement) and House Bill 2140 (On-line TASFA); – Bridgette Ingram, Subcommittee Chair, Claudette Jenks, Director and Leah Smalley, Assistant Director, THECB
- VII. Update: Data Collection Subcommittee- Dede Gonzales, Subcommittee Chair
- VIII. Update: Legislative Subcommittee- Arnold Trejo, Subcommittee Chair
- IX. Update: Texas Association for State Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA)- Dede Gonzales, TASFAA President
- X. Update: High School District- Lisa Schoenbrun, El Paso ISD; Shonna Norton, Wichita Falls ISD

- XI. Update: Office of Student Financial Aid Programs- DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB
- XII. **Discussion Topic** Recognition of members stepping down- Rachelè Garrett, Chair
 - A. This topic will discuss the FAAC members whose term ends.
- XIII. **Discussion Topic:** Recommendation on Proposed Nominees for 2023 FAAC-DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB
 - A. This topic will discuss the proposed 2023 FAAC member recommendations.
- XIV. **Discussion Topic:** State Priority Deadline- Charles Contèro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner, THECB
 - A. This topic will discuss the impact of the 2024-25 FAFSA not being available until December and to gather FAAC recommendation on whether an alternate financial aid application deadline is necessary for 2024-2025 academic year.
- XV. Transition of Leadership- Rachelè Garrett, Chair
- XVI. Feedback for Future Meetings- Melet Leafgreen, Chair
- XVII. Adjournment- Melet Leafgreen, Chair

Financial Aid Advisory Committee
 March 2, 2023, Meeting Notes
 (To be approved at the June 1, 2023, meeting)

Committee Members in Attendance Via <u>Virtual</u> Meeting Connection		Committee Members Absent
Rachelè Garrett, Chair Denise Welch, Past Chair DeChà Reid, THECB Rep Victoria Chen Dede Gonzales (TASFAA Rep.) Bridgette Ingram Cecelia Jones Melet Leafgreen Gaby Leon Scott Lapinski	Lynda McKendree Holly Nolan Shonna Norton Sal Ramirez Joseph Ruiz Joseph Sanchez Lisa Schoenbrun Tevian Sides Gilbert Zavala	Jackie Adler Rachel Joseph (Student Rep.) Thomas Ratliff
Agenda Item 1. Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Meeting		Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: No		Formal Decision/Action Required No
Agenda Item 2. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on December 8, 2022		Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: Yes		Formal Decision/Action Required Yes - <i>minutes approved</i>
Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No corrections were identified. **See handout for agenda item 2 for more information. 		
Agenda Item 3. Presentation: Diversity 101		D. Ingram, Diversity Awareness Chair, Southwestern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
Handout Provided: No		Formal Decision/Action Required No
Presentation Summary:		
Agenda Item 4. Presentation: Fall 2021 Student Financial Wellness Survey		Jeff Webster, Director of Research, and Carla Fletcher, Sr. Research Analyst, Trellis
Handout Provided: Yes		Formal Decision/Action Required No
Presentation Summary: **See handout for agenda item 4 for more information.		
Agenda Item 5. Update: Prior FAAC Business		DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB
Handout Provided: No		Formal Decision/Action Required No
<i>Standing Item</i> Update Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding EFA for TXWORKS Internship Program, TXWORKS does not count as EFA. For more information about the TXWORKS Program, you can email Vanessa Malo at vanessa.malo@highered.texas.gov 		
Agenda Item 6. Update: External Relations		John Wyatt, External Relations, THECB
Handout Provided: No		Formal Decision/Action Required No
<i>Standing Item</i> Update Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Legislature has been in session for two months. Committees have been appointed in both chambers. Higher Education will function as a subcommittee in the Senate with Senator Brandon Creighton as the chair. Representative John Kuempel is the chair for the House Higher Education Committee Major funding and policy items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both chambers have introduced their first draft appropriation bills; introduced bills keep financial aid programs funding levels even with previous biennium. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ THECB has requested additional financial aid assistance through Texas Grant, TEOG and TEG to keep those grants at the same service level as the last biennium so the same percentage of students can be served through those programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senate Finance Committee & House Appropriations Committee meeting to discuss the budget proposals. ○ HB8- Legislation to enact the recommendations made by the Community College Finance Commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looking at how to fund community colleges & keep them affordable. ▪ Recommendation: an increase in TEOG funding so that the TEOG program could serve 70% of eligible students (currently only serves approx.. 25-28% of eligible students). ▪ Funding for this was included and will only happen if legislation is passed. • Other bills to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB34 and SB35- Texas Promise Grant bills (Sen. Zaffirini). • SB902- codify in statute Texas Leadership Scholar Programs (Sen. West) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ THECB included \$25 mil in funding for the program in its legislative appropriations request. • HB 1192 & SB371 – TASSP – bills intended to provide flexibility around the number of required participation years in the ROTC program (Rep. Turner & Sens. Eckhardt & Campbell) 	
Agenda Item 7. Update: THECB Financial Aid Strategic Priority	Charles Contero-Puls, Assistant Commissioner, THECB (presented by DeChà Reid)
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
<i>Standing Item</i> Update Summary: The work is in the final stages of review & more updates are to come.	
Agenda Item 8. Update: TASFA Subcommittee House Bill 3 (FAFSA/TASFA Graduation Requirement) and House Bill 2140 (Online TASFA)	Bridgette Ingram, Subcommittee Chair; Claudette Jenks, Director, Strategic Advising and Leah Smalley, Assistant Director, THECB
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
<i>Standing Item</i> Update Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TASFA Subcommittee will meet on 3/3/23. 	
Agenda Item 9. Update: Data Collection Subcommittee	Dede Gonzales, Subcommittee Chair
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required No
<i>Standing Item</i> Update Summary: **See handout for agenda item 9 for more information	
Agenda Item 10. Update: Legislative Subcommittee	Subcommittee Chair
Handout Provided: N/A	Formal Decision/Action Required N/A
<i>Standing Item</i> Update Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates to provide. 	
Agenda Item 11. Update: Texas Association for State Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA)	Dede Gonzales, TASFAA President
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
<i>Standing Item</i> Update Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board meeting to discuss strategic plan for the next three years. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Issues Committee drafted a letter (found on TASFAA website) to outline association’s legislative goals, sent to the Commissioner, the Senate Higher Education Subcommittee, the House Higher Education Committee, and several legislators who have filed financial aid-related bills. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four Goals, three align state policies with federal policies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Satisfactory Academic Progress ▪ Selective Service ▪ Drug Offenses ▪ TEOG Matching • Regional Trainings are ongoing. 	
Agenda Item 12. Update: High School District	Lisa Schoenbrun, El Paso ISD; Shonna Norton, Wichita Falls ISD
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
<i>Standing Item</i> Update Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about the delay of the 2024-25 FAFSA. 	
Agenda Item 13. Update: Office of Student Financial Aid Programs	DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
<i>Standing Item</i> Topics of Discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant Application and Payment Portal (GAPP) 2. New Staff Hires 3. Released and Upcoming Announcements 4. Upcoming and Past Deadline Dates <p>Grant Application and Payment Portal (GAPP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAPP is a modernized platform that will integrate 14 out of 20 of the financial aid programs which consist of grants, work-study, loan repayment, exemption, and scholarships. • The system will allow institutions to approve user access, upload documents (e.g., program participation), request payments, monitor program spending, send communication directly to THECB staff, and submit authority to transfer requests. • The goal is to go live with a few programs in Fall 2023. The proposed programs are: Work-study programs, Educational Aide, and Bilingual Education. • More information and training will be released introducing the improved payment platform. <p>Financial Aid Personnel Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THECB has been busy with hiring and promoting internal staff. To date, we had: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Hires: 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 Manager II for our Workforce Aid (Loan Repayment) team ▪ 1 Program Specialist III for our Institutional Aid (Operational) team ▪ 2 Customer Service Reps for our Student Aid (Loan Origination) team ○ Vacancies: 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 Programs Specialist III for our Institutional Aid (Operations) team ▪ 1 Customer Services Rep III for our Workforce (Loan Repayment) team <p>Released Memos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1, 2023 – Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) FY2024 Award Amounts Memo [PDF] • February 24, 2023 – 2022-23 (FY 2023) FORWARD Loan Program Guidelines Memo [PDF] • February 22, 2023 – NEW LOAN PROGRAM: FORWARD Loan Program Memo [PDF] • February 21, 2023 – Financial Aid Database (FAD) FY 2023 Update Memo [PDF] • February 16, 2023 – Texas State Financial Aid FY 2024 OPT-IN/OPT-OUT Form Memo [PDF] • February 2, 2023 – Texas Transfer Grant Program Spring 2023 Reimbursement Request Memo [PDF] • January 26, 2023 – Financial Aid Database (FAD) Manual - FY 2023 (2022-23) Memo [PDF] • January 25, 2023 – Good Neighbor Program FY 2024 (2023-24) Memo [PDF] • January 19, 2023 – Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant and Texas Educational Opportunity Grant FY 2024 Award Amounts Memo [PDF] 	

Upcoming Memos

- March 6, 2023 – [FY 2023 Authority to Transfer \[PDF\]](#)

Upcoming deadlines

- March 3, 2023 – 2023-24 Texas State Financial Aid OPT-IN/OPT-OUT Form
- March 15, 2023 – [FY2023 Good Neighbor Program Nominations \[PDF\]](#)

Past Deadlines

- February 28, 2023 – Spring 2023 Texas Transfer Grant Reimbursement Request
 - As a reminder, the purpose of submitting your reimbursement data sooner is so the agency can assess the amount of spring funds available for reallocation to other schools that may need additional funding.

Agenda Item 14. Discussion Topic: Proposed Rules that Impact Financial Aid Programs

DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB

Handout Provided:

Formal Decision/Action Required

These proposed rules will be adopted at our April Board Meeting.

Proposed Rule(s)	Proposed Amendments
19 TAC §22.1	In 22.1, the definition of "expected family contribution" is amended to reflect that the phrase refers to the applicable federal methodology.
19 TAC §§22.22 - 22.24, 22.28, 22.29	In §22.22, two redundant definitions are repealed since the items are explained elsewhere in the subchapter. In §22.23, the timing of data submissions is clarified to ensure that allocation activities can occur in a timely manner. In §22.24(8), eligibility criteria are provided for exceptional TEG need. In §22.28, a clarifying reference to §22.4 is added. In §22.29, outdated language is removed, with appropriate clarifying language. Section 22.29(c) is also removed since the language is being proposed separately as a new §22.30.
19 TAC §22.30	In 22.30, this new section will establish language currently in §22.29 as a separate rule for greater clarity.
19 TAC §22.49	In 22.49 will implement new standards regarding the aggregate and annual loan limits.

Another proposed rule change that we are interested in getting feedback on would impact community colleges.

Before we submit a request for a proposed rule change, we were hoping to get your input on whether you think the Coordinating Board should consider calculating two maximum TEOG amounts: an in-district amount and an out-of-district amount.

The statute does not distinguish between in-district vs. out-district: [TEC 56.407\(a\)](#) indicates, “the amount of a grant under this subchapter for a student enrolled full-time at an eligible institution is the amount determined by the coordinating board as the average statewide amount of tuition and required fees that a resident student enrolled full-time in an associate degree or certificate program would be charged for that semester or term at eligible institutions.” This can be interpreted as both in-district and out-of-district students are residents.

However, our rule for calculating the maximum grant is based on in-district resident tuition and fees. ([19 TAC §22.261\(b\)\(2\)](#)). We understand that this can lead to some funding challenges at some community colleges, since out-of-district resident tuition and fees are usually several thousand dollars more than in-district resident tuition and fees. TEOG requires institutions to ensure that any TEOG recipient is receiving grant funds to cover tuition and fees. Many community colleges do not have significant institutional funds to draw from to cover the difference between the maximum TEOG and a student’s out-of-district resident tuition and fees, and thus they may avoid offering TEOG to out-of-district students.

We are proposing to re-write our rule to calculate both an in-district maximum and an out-of-district maximum to provide institutions with greater flexibility in the utilization of their funding to support the goals of the TEOG program. What are your thoughts on this proposal?

If the TEOG appropriation increases that have been proposed by the Community College Finance Commission are approved, having an out-of-district maximum may be essential to ensuring institutions can execute the increased funding level.

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Agenda Item 15. Discussion Topic: 2024-25 FAFSA Delay	Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
Discussion Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on how institutions are approaching marketing & high school outreach related to the delay. 	
Agenda Item 16. Feedback for Future Meetings	Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
Feedback Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative recap on various Financial Aid changes that may be occurring during the legislative session. Further 2024-25 FAFSA discussion to see if DoE has provided any guidance by June 1. 	
Agenda Item 17. Adjournment	Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to adjourn made by Denise Welch Motion to adjourn seconded <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.</p>	
Reminder. Announcement: Expense Reports	Rachelè Garrett, Chair

April 27, 2023 FAAC Data Collection Sub-Committee Meeting

AGENDA

FAAC Data Collection Sub-Committee Meeting

April 27, 2023: 9:30–11:30am

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

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Phone Conference ID: 212 410 823#

<p>Update on Online TASFA</p> <p>This topic will provide an update on the progress of the online TASFA.</p> <p>Update Online TASFA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We are continuing to refine the Online TASFA and are progressing with our internal and external user acceptance testing.○ There is no official launch date, but will be available this summer.○ TASFA webpage is built along with the application; waiting for final approval on the e-signature.○ Batch process has been tested internal and externally from members of the TASFA committee○ Goal is to deliver test files to all institutions and training webinars○ Will do smoke screening testing for four weeks.○ For 2023-24, we suspect that many students have already applied so the number of students may be small which will help with the refinement○ For 2024-25, starting the process to see how FAFSA will impact the online and paper TASFA. Will be comparing the ISIR and FAFSA layout to determine what changes need to be done with the TASFA. The paper application will continue to be released by Oct. 1.	<p>Virtual Meeting- Leah S.</p>
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<p>Committee Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question: Did the testing that has been done, were vendors incorporated? What type of testing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Testing included was the file being processed correctly ○ Created a second file format (CSV) ○ Created a tool that has macros built-in and sparse out the data ○ Vendors have not created an import process of the data yet; have not worked directly with vendors but have kept them up to date on the process. ○ Question: How is THECB supplying the data based on the new graduation rule? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ THECB is working with UT who handles the ApplyTX to import data into the Counselor suite ○ Question on the online application for schools that have it? How is that data provided? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools can continue to use their own application until notified by THECB that the new online application has launched. 	
<p>Update on FAD Data Submission Portal</p> <p>This topic will provide an update on the progress made on the modernization project and future changes to FAD.</p> <p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are on target to open the new Financial Aid Database (FAD) - Data Submission Portal for Cycle Two that opens on June 7. ○ For security purposes, Financial Aid Directors or the person who we has access to FAD Data Certification will be given access to the Data Submission application. ○ THECB wants to propose eliminating cycle one starting with the 2023-24 FAD year. What are your thoughts? ○ Below are the proposed cycle dates: <p>2023-2024 Reporting Cycle Dates</p>	DeCha R.

Reporting Cycle	First Day to Submit	Deadline to Submit Initial FAD File*	Deadline to Validate or Certify FAD File	Submission Requirements
First	June 12, 2024	June 26, 2024	Aug. 7, 2024	Deadline to validate student data.
Second	Sept. 25, 2024	Oct. 9, 2024	Nov. 13, 2024	Deadline to reconcile state program totals and certify student data.

Committee Comments:

- Look at changing the deadline date to a Tuesday or Wednesday
- Provide the added data elements based on what occurs in Legislation.

Update on Office of SFAP:

This topic will provide an update on the activities happening in the Office of Student Financial Aid Programs.

Topics of Discussion:

- Update on Legislative session
 - **Texas Commission on Community College Finance: HB 8** by VanDeaver/SB 2539 by Creighton would fully implement the TXCCCF recommendations, including a transition to outcomes-based funding and creation of a dual credit scholarship program for low-income students.
 - HB 8 has been sent to the Senate. We expect Senate Education (SEC) to vote on the bill as soon as there is an agreed upon substitute.

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- Both House and Senate budgets include a \$650 million contingency for this legislation.

- **Texas Leadership Scholars Program:** SB 902 by West/HB 1590 by Burns would codify the Coordinating Board's existing Texas Leadership Scholars Program.

- Both SB 902 and HB 1590 have moved to the second chamber.

- Both House and Senate budgets include \$20 million to fund this program.

- **Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP):** HB 1192 by Turner/SB 371 by Eckhardt would allow students to participate in TASSP for each year they complete ROTC training at a Texas IHE.

- SB 371 has been referred to House Higher Education (HHEC), and HB 1192 is in House Calendars.

- Both House and Senate budgets include an additional \$8 million for TASSP.

- **Texas First Expansion:** SB 2294 by Creighton/HB 4434 by Kuempel would expand the Texas First program to include all public IHEs, rather than only research and emerging research universities.

- HB 4434 and SB 2294 were both passed to engrossment on April 24th.

- **Healthcare Workforce:** SB 25 by Kolkhorst would expand the current nursing faculty loan repayment program (NFLRP) to include part-time faculty and allow THECB to set the maximum award amount. The bill would also revamp existing statutory provisions for nurse scholarship and loan repayment programs that haven't been funded for many years.

- SB 25 has been referred to HHEC.

- Senate budget includes a \$25 million contingency rider for these two programs, and both the House and Senate budgets also include an additional \$7 million for the NFLRP.

In addition, we are also following these items:

- **Transfer grants:** Both SB1 and HB1 have a rider allocating \$10 million annually to create a transfer grant program

- Competency-based grants: HB4005 has passed the house and SB0462 has passed out of committee in the Senate. Sen. Creighton is sponsoring a contingency rider to fund the program.
- TEOG: HB8 more than doubles the amount of TEOG funding and the Commissioner is interested in making TEOG available to students enrolled in continuing education certificates
- FAST Exemption: HB 8 includes Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) which is basically a guaranteed exemption funded by the state for educationally disadvantaged students (i.e. eligible for free or reduced lunch) taking dual credit courses.
- Mental Health: Funding for the program is increasing from roughly \$1million annually to \$14 million annually.

We have the potential for half a dozen new aid programs, as well as major modifications and funding increases for another half a dozen programs

- **Update of state programs:**
 - Texas First Scholarship and FORWARD Loan process
 - Texas First Scholarship: There are 10 eligible schools that can participate in the Texas First Scholarship program. The program has been added to the 2022-23 FAD year. One of the main question we have received is how to pay students and what is the process? Institutions will pay the student up front and be reimbursed after the school reports funds on the FAD report. We plan to send out a fact sheet and schedule a meeting with the eligible institutions in the coming weeks to go over the certification and disbursement process. TEA is working on adding the diploma to the academic record and THECB is working on creating a form to determine which students will graduate under the Texas First diploma in order to provide a certificate of state credit.
 - FORWARD Loan Process: At this current time, we received over 100 applications for both 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. The challenge is schools completing certification in order for THECB to review for manageable debt. We have been able to approve an application and deny a few based on

exceeding the manageable debt threshold. It is too early to report what we have learned until we have more applications to review. We are focusing on helping schools with the certification process.

- Transfer Grant and Texas Leadership Scholarship-future funding
 - Transfer Grant: As I stated in the Legislative Update, this program has a rider allocating funds however we will know closer to mid-May if \$10 million is the final amount. The Transfer Grant program may be administered differently than this past year. We will provide details as we learn more.
 - Texas Leadership-This is the same as Transfer Grant, where funding has been allocated and the program may have some slight changes. More information will become available as we see bills pass.

- **Update on Approved Proposed Rules**
 - CAL Manageable Debt and other rules impacting TEG have been approved by the Board. This means that CAL will undergo the same manageable debt calculation like FORWARD beginning with applications that are submitted on or after 9/1/23. Institutions that use Commonline to certify loan applications will be impacted.

- **Update on Allocations for 2023-24 & 2024-25**
 - THECB plans to release the 10-day data for preliminary allocations starting in early May. The data will go to the Financial Aid Directors. The programs for review will be the three grant programs, Educational Aide, and Work-study.

- **Update on the progress of the Grant Application and Payment Portal (GAPP)**
 - GAPP is a modernized platform that will integrate 14 out of 20 of the financial aid programs which consist of grants, work-study, loan repayment, exemption, and scholarships.
 - The system will allow institutions to approve user access, upload documents (e.g., program participation), request payments, monitor program spending, send

communication directly to THECB staff, and submit authority to transfer request.

- The goal is to go live with a few programs in Fall 2023. The proposed programs are: Work-study programs, Educational Aide, and Bilingual Education.
- More information and training will be released introducing the improved payment platform

- **Proposal for 2023-24 Loan Period Dates:** What is the best dates to use for 2023-24?

Proposed HelmNet Academic Period (Loan Period) Dates:

Fall 2023 (08/28/2023-12/15/2023)

Full Year 2023-2024 (08/28/2023-05/13/2024)

Spring 2024 (01/15/2024-05/13/2024)

Additional Information: The student can select “Other” and enter their own dates. The school can also change any dates entered by the student on the school certification page.

- **Financial Aid Personnel Activity**, we have been pretty busy with hiring and promoting internal staff. To date, we had
 - New Hires: 2
 - 1 Customer Service Reps for our Loan Repayment team
 - 1 Program Specialist for our Institutional Aide
- **Released Memos:**
 - [03/09/23 Texas Application for State Financial Aid \(TASFA\): 2023-24 File Layout Revised Update Memo \[PDF\]](#)
 - [03/06/23 State Financial Aid FY 2023 Authority to Transfer Funds Process Memo \[PDF\]](#)
 - [03/01/23 Tuition Equalization Grant \(TEG\) FY 2024 Award Amounts Memo \[PDF\]](#)
 - [02/24/23 2022-23 \(FY 2023\) FORWARD Loan Program Guidelines Memo \[PDF\]](#)
- **Upcoming Memos**
 - FY 2024 and FY 2025 10-day data
 - 2024-25 Program Participation Agreement Announcement
 - 2023 FAD Cycle 2-Opens

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer 2023 Institutional Calendar ○ Upcoming deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Authority to Transfer Request-7/1/2023 ○ Past Deadlines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None <p>Committee Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None 	
	<p>Discussion Topic: FAS Webcast and Training</p> <p>This topic will gather feedback from the committee to collect ideas to cover during the monthly FAS webcast.</p> <p>Committee Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will pass along information to other staff members on needed training ideas. 	Leah S.
	<p>Discussion Topic: Future Topics</p> <p>Engage the committee in discussion on what topics they would like to see covered in future meetings.</p> <p>Committee Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upcoming Allocations ○ Net Price Calculator Update 	DeCha R.

Recommended new 2023 Financial Aid Advisory Committee members:

Rebeca Moreno-Adorno
Assistant Director of Performance and Analytics
Texas Christian University
(Term ending 2026)

Mary Escobar
Associate Director, Financial Aid
Angelo State University
(Term ending 2026)

Amy Wilson
Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships
Sam Houston State University
(Term ending 2025 to serve the remainder of unexpired term due to Reginald Brazzle vacating his position on the committee)

Beth Tolan
Assistant Vice President for Financial Aid
University of North Texas
(Term ending 2026)

Heather Fountain
Associate Director
Texas A&M University
(Term ending 2026)

Jackie Kelley
Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships
Kilgore College
(Term ending 2026)

Tonya Richardson-Dean
Director of Financial Aid & Veterans Services
Trinity Valley Community College
(Term ending 2026)

Michelle Hill
Director of Student Financial Aid
Alamo Colleges District
(Term ending 2026)

Erica Denae Ramos
Financial Aid Officer & College Prep Counselor
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
(Term ending 2026)

Denise Welch President-ElectTASFAA
(Nominated for a one-year term as the TASFAA representative.)