Financial Aid Advisory Committee (FAAC)

Time of Meeting: March 2, 2023 Location: Virtual Meeting



AGENDA

03-02-2023

- I. Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Meeting- Rachelè Garrett, Chair
- II. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Dec. 9, 2022- Rachelè Garrett, Chair
- III. Presentation: Diversity-D. Ingram, Associate Director, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- IV. Presentation: Fall 2022 Student Financial Wellness Survey- Jeff Webster, Director of Research and Carla Fletcher, Senior Research Analyst, Trellis
- V. Update: Prior FAAC Business-DeChá Reid, Senior Director, THECB
- VI. Update: External Relations- John Wyatt, Senior Director, THECB
- VII. Update: THECB Financial Aid Strategic Priority- Charles Conterò-Puls, Assistant Commissioner, THECB
- VIII. 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
 - IX. Update: Data Collection Subcommittee- Dede Gonzales, Subcommittee Chair
 - X. Update: Legislative Subcommittee- Arnold Trejo, Subcommittee Chair
 - XI. Update: Texas Association for State Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA)-Dede Gonzales, TASFAA President
- XII. Update: High School District- Lisa Schoenbrun, El Paso ISD; Shonna Norton, Wichita Falls ISD

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- XIII. Update: Office of Student Financial Aid Programs- DeChá Reid, Senior Director, THECB
- XIV. **Discussion Topic:** Proposed Rules that Impact Financial Aid Programs DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB
- XV. Discussion Topic: 2024-25 FAFSA Delay-Rachelè Garrett, Chair
- XVI. Feedback for Future Meetings- Rachelè Garrett, Chair
- XVII. Adjournment- Rachelè Garrett, Chair

Financial Aid Advisory Committee December 8, 2022, Meeting Notes (To be approved at the March 2, 2023, meeting)

	Committee Members Absent
Rachelè Garrett, Chair Gaby Leon	Victoria Chen
Denise Welch, Past Chair Lynda McKendree	Scott Lipinski
DeChá Reid, THECB Rep Holly Nolan	Gilbert Zavala
	Gilbert Zavaia
Jackie Adler Shonna Norton	
Reginald Brazzle Sal Ramirez	
Dede Gonzales-TASFAA Rep Thomas Ratliff	
Bridgette Ingram Joseph Ruiz	
Cecelia Jones Joseph Sanchez	
Rachel Joseph-Student Rep Tevian Sides	
Melet Leafgreen Arnold Trejo	
Lynda McKendree	
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Agenda Item 1. Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Meeting	Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required
Summary:	
**See handout for agenda item 1 for more information	
Agenda Item 2. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on September 8, 2022	Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required Yes – minutes approved
Summary:	
 No corrections were identified. **See handout for agenda item 2 for more information. 	
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Agenda Item 3. Presentation: TXWORKS	Vanessa Malo, Assistant Director Workforce Education, THECB
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required No
Presentation Summary: **See handout for agenda item 3 for more information.	
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Standing Item

Update Summary:

Provide an update on TXWORKS being counted as EPA for other federal programs given that it is using a needed component for eligibility.

Agenda Item 8: Update: External Relations	John Wyatt, Sr. Director, External Relations, THECB
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required No

Standing Item

Update Summary:

- 88th Legislature will convene in a little over a month.
- Governor Abbott and Dan Patrick won their re-election.
- Dave Fleming to return as Speaker.
- TX Legislature will have some familiar faces because of the election.
- New Chairman of House Committee
- Will not have a Senate of Higher Education Committee, Higher Education will be a subcommittee.
- Texas is in good financial health. There is a surplus of funds; there is not an exact dollar amount until the Comptroller releases their budget. There is a constitutional limitation on the amount that can be spent from surplus and a lot of good recommendations on how best to spend it (infrastructure, retirement system, property tax...)
- THECB submitted LAR and 153 million to support grant recipients and support the innovative federally-funded grants (Transfer Grants and Texas Scholar)
- Enact the Community College Commission need the report to send out increase in funding for TEOG to serve 70% of eligible students to align it with TEXAS Grant population; greater flexibility of serving students; new program for dual credit students and partnerships with work-based learning.
- In the pre-filing stage on bills
- The volume of higher ed bills is low at this stage.

^{**}See handout for agenda item 8 for more information.

Agenda Item 9. Update: THECB Financial Aid Strategic Priority	Charles Contero-Puls, Assistant Commissioner, THECB
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required No
Standing Item Update Summary: **See handout for agenda item 9 for more information.	
Agenda Item 10. 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

Standing Item

Update Summary:

- The projected completion of the online TASFA development is currently the end of January.
- We are in the process of setting up institutions of higher education with access to download the TASFA files and the daily report from MOVEit, which will be tested with institutions in January – March.
- The internal team is currently testing both the application submission process and file batch process to both IHEs and the ISDs.
- We will send an updated file layout to institutions in January to prepare for file transmission testing.
- We are working with our Marketing and Communications team to develop outreach to all institutions regarding these
- A dedicated TASFA webpage is being built on the agency's new website.
- As we identify the question updates for the 2024-2025 FAFSA, we will be revisiting the online TASFA to include all elements institutions will need to calculate the Student Aid Index (replacing the EFC).
- We will convene the TASFA subcommittee in the early part of February to discuss revisions to the 2024-2025 application for both paper and the online version

Committee address concerns with communication of a mid-semester launch, alignment with the new FAFSA Simplification

Agenda Item 11. Update: Data Collection Subcommittee	Dede Gonzales, Subcommittee Chair
	Formal Decision/Action Required
Handout Provided: Yes	No

Standing Item

Update Summary:

• The committee recommended staggering the FAD deadline dates for sector or volunteer for early submission.

Agenda Item 12. Update: Legislative Subcommittee	Arnold Trejo, Subcommittee Chair
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No

Standing Item

Update Summary:

- Working with TASFAA Committee Chair Dr. Murr on recommendations
- Communication to legislators on the priorities on the association and committee
 - Bring the state SAP policy in alignment with federal.
 - Advocate TEOG policy in alignment with TEXAS grant (i.e., Pell Grant)
 - o Eliminate the Selective Service Requirement to align with federal.

Agenda Item 13. Update: Texas Association for State Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA)	Dede Gonzales, TASFAA President
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No

Standing Item

Update Summary:

- Spring Regional Training has been sited: Houston, El Paso, Lubbock and Rio Grande
- Host joint SWASFAA with TASFAA
- Board meeting next week
- Will ask GoingMerry to present at February Board Meeting
- Requesting ways that TASFAA can best assist institutions

Agenda Item 14. Update: High School District	Lisa Schoenbrun, El Paso ISD; Shonna Norton, Wichita Falls ISD
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
Standing Item Update Summary	

None to report

Agenda Item 15. Update: Office of Student Financial Aid Programs	DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No

Standing Item

Topics of Discussion:

- 1. THECB Redesigned Website
- 2. FORWARD Loan Program
- 3. Released and Upcoming Announcements
- 4. New Staff Hires

Update:

- THECB is in the process of performing a soft launch of a newly redesigned website. The color scheme and the navigation from page to page is very different. We are still working on a few areas before we have a full launch. Home - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 2. FORWARD Loan Program is a new loan program that is scheduled to launch on January 15, 2023. The Future Occupations & Reskilling Workforce Advancement to Reach Demand (FORWARD) Program provides alternative educational loans to Texas students who are unable to meet an institution's cost of attendance (COA).
 - a. Eligibility Requirements

The student must: Be classified by the institution as a Texas resident.

- Be registered with Selective Service or be exempt.
- Meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements set by the institution.
- Receive a favorable credit evaluation or provide a cosigner who has good credit standing and meets other requirements
- Be pursuing a High-Demand Credential
- Eligibility for the program ends two years from the start of the semester in which the student received the first loan through the Program.
- b. Additional enrollment requirements:

- If enrolled in a degree program, must have completed at least 50% of the required coursework prior to receiving a loan through the Program.
- If enrolled in a non-degree program, the program's duration must be less than two years.
- If enrolled in master's degree coursework, the master's degree must be part of a combined baccalaureate-master's program approved by the institution of higher education.
- Loan Amounts:
 - Annual: Cost of attendance less other financial aid and family resources
 - Aggregate: Cannot exceed manageable student loan debt as determined by the Texas Higher **Education Coordinating Board**
 - An origination fee will not be assessed for all approved FORWARD borrowers.
- Interest Rate:
 - Interest begins to accrue on the outstanding principal from the date of disbursement using simple
 - Loans are not eligible for interest subsidy, but the interest is not capitalized.
 - Interest is currently at a fixed annual rate of 2.00%.
- Additional Information:
 - Where can they learn more about this program? Rules have been written for the FORWARD loan program and are in public comment period. Once Rules are finalized and approved, they will be available to schools. Also, information such as Fact Sheet, Program Comparison Chart, and Program Guidelines will be program resources for schools. More information can be found after rules are adopted: Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter C and the Texas Education Code, Chapter 52.
 - What are the eligible high-demand credentials for the launch? Nursing/Patient Care, Teaching, Transportation/Logistics, Energy (223 separate CIP codes under these four disciplines)
 - Are CIP codes specific to certain schools? How will schools know if they exist at their school? The CIP codes are not specific to certain schools.
 - Who at the institution is responsible for confirming eligibility? Whoever currently certifies CAL loans would more than likely be responsible for confirming eligibility. However, we don't think we would stipulate who is responsible for confirming eligibility at the school. That should be a school decision.
 - How will they be notified when a certification is ready? A CSV file will be uploaded to their folder in MoveIT.
 - How do schools certify? School certification will occur in HelmNet.
 - When will training be provided? TBD
 - Will there be resources available to help navigate through the program (i.e., eligibility, loan management, returning funds, FADs, etc.) and when will those be released? Fact Sheet and Program Comparison Chart are currently in development. It is our understanding that FAS will be creating Program Guidelines for FORWARD. In addition, information will be on the various Agency websites. A soft launch of the program is scheduled for the Spring semester, a more robust launch later in the Spring for the Fall semester start.
 - When will additional credentials be added? No set timeframe but assume new credentials will be added prior to the Fall 2023 semester. We would not anticipate new credentials mid-semester but it could happen.
- Recent Memos:
 - 12/06/22 Bilingual Education Program 2022-2023 Biennium Report Memo [PDF]
 - 11/28/22 Texas Transfer Grant Pilot Program FY 2023 Available Spring 2023 Memo [PDF]
 - 11/18/22: Institutional Financial Aid Calendar Spring 2023 [PDF] c.
- 4. Alert
 - It has been reported that the State Net Price Calculator is not working. We are looking into the issue and will report when the portal is functioning again.
- **Upcoming Memos**
 - a. FY2023 FAD Manual
- 6 Upcoming deadlines:
- a. FY2023 TASSP Nominations from Legislators-12/31/2022
 b. FY2022 Bilingual Education Pierreit
 - FY2022 Bilingual Education Biennium report-1/1/2023
- Past Deadlines
 - FY 2022 State Campus Based report and TPEG Guidelines-10/28
 - i. Missing 8 reports
 - ii. Missing 31 TPEG Guidelines
 - Certification Deadline date for FY22 FAD Cycle Three-12/5/2022
 - i. 65 schools have not certified by the deadline.
 - 9 schools have not submitted a file at all-we are here to assist

Agenda Item 16. Discussion Topic: 2022 FAAC Annual Report	DeChà Reid, Senior Director, THECB
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required

Discussion Summary:

**See handout for agenda item 16 for more information.

This report will be presented at our January Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics.

Agenda Item 17. Discussion Topic: NASFAA's SAI Modeling Rachelè Garrett, Chair **Formal Decision/Action Required Handout Provided: No**

Discussion Topic Tabled until March 2023 meeting

Agenda Item 18. Discussion Topic: 2023 FAAC Meeting Dates and Location	Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required Yes, motion approved

This meeting needs to present the 2023 meeting dates and locations.

- Motion: Denise Welch Second: Dede Gonzales
- Committee members passed the proposed dates for 2023.

Proposed dates.

- March 2 Virtual
- June 1 In-person (committee members departing) September 7 In-person (new committee members' first meeting)
- December 7 Virtual

Agenda Item 19. Discussion Topic: Feedback for Future Meetings	Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
Apply Texas	
Agenda Item 20. Adjournment	Rachelè Garrett, Chair
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required No
Motion to Adjourn: Melet Leafgreen	

Second: Cecelia Jones

Adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Reminder. Announcement: Expense Reports Rachelè Garrett, Chair

Financial Aid Advisory Committee (FAAC)

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Student Financial Aid Programs Proposed Rules

Please find below proposed rules published in the Texas Register on January 27, 2023. The links will take you to more information for the relevant rules.

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.

AGENDA

FAAC Data Collection Sub-Committee Meeting Feb. 23, 2023: 9:30-11:30am

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

Click here to join the meeting Or call in (audio only)

<u>+1737-222-7309</u> United States, Austin **Phone Conference ID:** 212 410 823#

Update on Online TASFA

This topic will provide an update on the progress of the online TASFA.

Virtual Meeting-Leah S.

Update Online TASFA:

- We are continuing to refine the Online TASFA and are progressing with our internal and external user acceptance testing.
- There is not a solid date for the release of the online TASFA, however we are working on a communication to go out the financial aid community about the updates.
- Test files are still with the developers, but an updated file structure will be released with the notification.
- Met with Vendors to discuss updates and reassure them that there is no expectation that vendors will be ready for the online TASFA on the initial release.
- 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 of the application.
- Working on the signature page that will allow for touch screen or to draw their signature.
- Updating the file format into fixed length but will have a CSV version to view but not to import; the CSV file will have the column titles included.

- Planning demos for all stakeholders to see the new online application.
- For 2024-25, starting the process to see how the delayed FAFSA will impact the online and paper TASFA.

Committee Comments:

- Question: If FAFSA is delayed will the TASFA date change? If the specs from ED come out in the summer, we can update the paper version both in English and Spanish.
- Question: Will the Legislators make changes to the selective service? There have been some discussions on this topic and letters that were sent: https://www.tasfaa.org/legislative-information.

Update on FAD Data Submission Portal

DeCha R.

This topic will provide an update on the progress made on the modernization project.

Update:

- We announced the new scheduled Financial Aid Database (FAD)
 Data Submission Portal for Cycle One that was set to open
 Feb. 22 has now been scheduled to open March 9, 2023. To
 ensure FAD files are validated/certified in a timely manner,
 institutions are required to submit their initial FAD file by the
 deadline listed below (excluding Cycle One). Updates are being
- A webcast will be hosted on March 1, 2023, to provide training to institutions on the new Data Submission Portal.

made to the FY 2023 FAD Manual to account for these changes.

Reporting Cycle Dates

Reporting Cycle	First Day to Submit	Deadline to Submit Initial FAD File*	Deadline to Validate or Certify FAD File	Submission Requirements
First	March 9, 2023	N/A	April 17, 2023	Deadline to validate student data.
Second	June 7, 2023	June 23, 2023	Aug. 14, 2023	Deadline to validate student data.
Third	Sept. 20, 2023	Oct. 13, 2023	Nov. 13, 2023	Deadline to reconcile state program totals and certify student data.

Committee Comments:

- What can THECB do to help schools with meeting deadlines?
 - Reasons that impact schools:
 - There are system conversions that could impact.
 - Staffing resources could impact.
 - Going from twice a year versus three times in a cycle (Cycle 2 and Cycle 3-use validation and certification)
 - Question: Can the agency Look into a financial penalty (that is the difference between cutting funding)? That would be more ideal to encourage schools to meet a deadline date.
 - o Provide a tool for errors to help.
 - Sharing best practices with one another (facilitate collaboration)

Update on Office of SFAP:

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

DeCha R. Leah S. Tanitia C.

Topics of Discussion:

- Grant Application and Payment Portal (GAPP)
- Released and Upcoming Announcements
- Upcoming and Past Deadline Dates
- New Staff Hires

Update:

- Grant Application and Payment Portal (GAPP)
 - GAPP is a modernized platform that will integrate 14 out 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.
- Financial Aid Personnel Activity, we have been busy with hiring and promoting internal staff. To date, we had
- New Hires: 4
 - 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
- Vacant: 2 vacancies
 - 1 Programs Specialist III for our Institutional Aid (Operations) team

 1-Customer Services Rep III for our Workforce (Loan Repayment) team

Released Memos:

<u>02/21/23 Financial Aid Database (FAD) FY 2023 Update Memo</u> [PDF]

<u>02/16/23 Texas State Financial Aid FY 2024 OPT-IN/OPT-OUT</u> Form Memo [PDF]

02/02/23 Texas Transfer Grant Program Spring 2023

Reimbursement Request Memo [PDF]

<u>01/26/23 Financial Aid Database (FAD) Manual - FY 2023 (2022-23) Memo [PDF]</u>

<u>01/26/23 Good Neighbor Program FY 2024 (2023-24) Memo</u> IPDF

Upcoming Memos

- o FY 2023 Authority to Transfer
- 2023-24 TEG Award Amount

Upcoming deadlines:

- Spring 2023 Texas Transfer Grant Reimbursement Request-2/28/2023
- o Opt-in/Opt-out form-3/3/2023
- FY2023 Good Neighbor Nominations-3/15/2023

Past Deadlines

None

Committee Comments:

No comments

Discussion Topic: Changes to rules impacting Financial Aid Programs

DeCha R.

This topic will discuss the changes to administrative rules that were proposed in the Texas Register on Jan. 27, 2023. Submit comments through email to Charles Contero-Puls: Charles.Contero-

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Committee ∘ No co	Comments: omments	
Discussion Topic: 2024-25 FAFSA Delay This topic will discuss the impact of delaying 2024-25 FAFSA and the state priority deadline.		

	 There is a delay with the release of specs from the Department of ED. THECB is looking into the impact of the delay as it relates to TASFA and the state priority deadline date. One area for the schools to consider is how to market the delay of the FAFSA to students and parents. 			
	Discussion Topic: FAS Webcast and Training	Leah S.		
	This topic will gather feedback from the committee to collect ideas to cover during the monthly FAS webcast.			
	Committee Comments:			
	 Will pass along information to other staff members on needed training ideas. 			
r	Discussion Topic: Future Topics	DeCha R.		
	Engage the committee in discussion on what topics they would like to see covered in future meetings.			
	Committee Comments:			
	 Upcoming Allocations 			
	Net Price Calculator Update			