OTA Board Meeting
April 9, 2020
1:00 – 3:00pm
Zoom

Agenda

Call to Order: 1:02pm

Roll Call:

- Present: President-Michelle Benoit, Past-President-Roseann Rivera, President Elect-Christine Riehl, Secretary-Becky Attaway, Treasurer/Technology Rep -Matt Bisek, Alumni Partner-Chris Mahan, Government Relations-Freddy Gompf, District 1-Merideth Peyton, District 2-Janet Basney, District 4-Emily Price, District 5-Ariel Zimmer Suel
- Absent: District 3-General Johnson

Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2020

- Motion made by: Matt Bisek
- Seconded by: Roseann Rivera

Approval of Agenda:

- Motion made by: Christine Riehl
- Seconded by: Becky Attaway

Board Reports

President – Michelle Benoit

- Welcome to Emily Price, ETS advisor at Southwestern Oregon CC, who stepped in to fill the role of District 4 Rep! Policy Seminar was successful despite being virtual this year. We met with staffers from all seven Oregon Members of Congress and they were receptive to our asks. We held two OTA member forums on Zoom to share concerns and resources related to serving students virtually. 30 members attended the collegiate-level forum and 32 attended the pre-college forum. We will hold two additional forums in the coming weeks. Matt created a Google doc for OTA members to share resources. With the conferences being canceled, we will focus our efforts on the strategic plan goals that were updated last August under Roseann's leadership.

Past-President – Roseann Rivera

- $2000 deposit for Salishan-Salishan will refund/roll over. Currently working with Salishan on these details.

- Supplemental Grant $40,000- Does anyone know what we can do with these funds?

- These funds can be carried over

President-Elect – Christine Riehl

- Meeting w/ students on Zoom working well

- Tracking down few programs to join COE

Secretary – Becky Attaway

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Treasurer – Matt Bisek

- Balances as of 4/9
- Operating Fund Balance: $37,238.14
- Scholarship Balance: $5623.27
- US Bank Total: $45,253.71
- Membership Total: 34/44 processed
- Donations Acceptable Online
- Scholarship Awards Issued

Alumni Partner – Chris Mahan

- Nothing to report

Government Relations – Freddy Gompf

Virtual Policy Seminar

·   700 TRIO professionals and alumni participating

·   225 virtual meetings held with House and Senate offices

·   Stay in contact with their Congressional offices about the fourth COVID-19 stimulus recovery bill.

The CARES Act was signed into law on March 27

·   Includes $12.5 billion to colleges, based mostly on their share of students with Pell grants.

·   At $6.25 billion for direct emergency aid to students, including "grants to students for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care."

·   Colleges can use up to $6.25 billion broadly to "defray expenses for institutions of higher education."

We are asking Congress to:

- Provide $250 million to increase TRIO capacity by 15% across all TRIO programs, translating into serving an additional 330,000 low-income, first-generation students, students with disabilities, veterans, and unemployed adults. This includes a request for $32 million for EOC to increase program capacity by 50% and $54 million for the Talent Search program to increase capacity by 25%.
- Provide $200 million immediately to all TRIO programs for technology and Internet so students can complete coursework online and connect to support staff; and
- Tighten broad waiver language in the COVID-19 Phase 3 legislation Congress passed last week, to prevent repurposing TRIO funds.
- TRIO Funding: Where We Are and What Needs to Happen Next April 13 at 3:00 p.m. ET

Technology Rep – Matt

- No Report

District 1 – Meredith Payton

- No major updates. I have heard back from a few district one folks but everyone is pretty busy trying to figure out how to move forward with their programming. There are two UB programs in district 1 that are trying to figure out UBSA programming and two TS programs problem-solving how to get two contacts from their caseload. Will send out another email to my district at the end of the month proposing Zoom sessions, giving updates on our state officials, and providing any resources I can find. Also, is my term up this year? I thought about reaching out to some folks to gauge interest in being the district 1 rep.

District 2 – Janet Basney

- No report

District 3 – General Johnson

- No report

District 4 – Emily Price

- No report

District 5 – Ariel Zimmer Suel-

- 18 layoffs due to Covid-19

- Summer Bridge

- Intake procedures-Intake form sent out to new students. The responses are sent to the assigned advisor. Appointments are on Zoom with students and advisors share resources for campus ect…

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Committee Reports

2020 PDC

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2020 SLC

- No large funds spent on WOU side

- Individuals that registered are receiving refunds

Awards

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Unfinished Business:

Strategic Plan Committees

- TRIO Fellowship - Spoke with Erik Ruch and he is on board with the changes. Will schedule a meeting with Erik and Jon Graves to write the supplemental questions for the application next fall. Matt and Erik are developing questions around TRIO achiever.
- **District Town Halls-**Use town halls to check in with all programs due to Covid-19 and report to COE. Grant objectives, budget, ect…Send climate survey possibly.
- 1. Climate survey or not, 2. What information are we seeking? 3.Federal work-study paid for projected hours? 4.What do they need or want from OTA? Janet- will reach out to Jumpstart town halls in District 2, Ariel for District 5
- **Strategic Partnerships**- P2: ECMC, Trauma Informed (staff and students). Toolbox about resources-Roseann, Michelle, and Christine will meet separately to develop a plan and report back at the next board meeting.

New Business:

- Celebrating TRIO participants (graduation, scholarships, etc.) in light of COVID-19. OTA Scholastic Achiever-Possibly have students send in picture with bio…
- OTA Scholarship fundraising-
- OTA Board member nominations – President-elect, Treasurer, District Reps 1, 3, & 5, Technology Rep-Virtual Business Meeting to Vote.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:01p.m.

Next Meeting: May 14, 1-2pm