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ASPIRE 2016 Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order and Assignment Parliamentarian

- Kelly Buck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, March 23rd and Rob Rust was assigned parliamentarian. Quorum is established.

Introductions

- Members present were: Kelly Buck, Cory Chenoweth, Brandon McLean, Theresa Rader, Amanda Shroyer, Matt Sargent, Joe Jessup, Dan Benge, Rob Rust, Jeannie Origbo, Lauren Stites, Aspen Herndon, Chelsea Weston, Joe Rutherford, Twila Old Coyote, Marsha Hammett, Michelle Christianson, Tammy Gordon, Amy Verlanic, Peter Donaldson, Janet Zupan, Dan Hammon, Alyssa Kelly, Heather Hibbard, Darlene Samson, Amber Paulson, Anna San Diego, Will Richards, Sheila Bartmess, Taryn Quayle, Julian Collins, Michael Leadercharge, Shirley Valley, Jena Meyer, Conan, Rob Micken, Nicole Nygren, Danetta Fisher, Dugan Coburn, (apologies for anyone I may have missed)

Minutes

Dan Benge motioned to send meetings out via email. Seconded

Treasurer's Report

- Will likely make \$1000 over projection for conference.
 - Theresa Rader Applying for spraggins grant to continue anymeeting and also for TRIO history of Montana. Would like to compile, publish the history of TRIO in Montana. COE Board reviews grant applications quarterly we should hear before June 1st. Spraggins cannot be used to travel for conferences.
- Question: Can grant money be carried over to use on larger projects.
- Answer: Spraggins used to be competitive. COE Discovered that some of the regions had huge coffers. Oscar changed rules so all states who meet match can be funded. Review now more based on compliance rather than competitive. Looking for advocacy work. So yes, they money could be rolled over. ASPIRE was only region that all states submitted grant proposals. We are doing great work.

COE Update

COE update: Maureen Hoyler Called in. In Jan 2015 president proposed a budget with a \$20million increase for TRIO. In December they gave TRIO a \$60Million increase stated money should be used for existing trio. At policy seminar Linda Bird Johnson stated that all programs (not ETS or EOC)

receive a 3% funding increase. With the 3%, programs will have to serve more students or will provide more intensive services. Increase will come with a June 1st start. COE will be doing webinars to discuss how to report more intensive services. EOC also getting 3% increase and will likely have 35 or 40 new EOC programs. Talent Search raised the cost per student, thus the grants will be larger.

Question: Is there any directive on how programs are beefed up?

Answer: We may not even have to say that. Reporting is still to be determined. Don't worry about complying.

January 2016: Administration wants to take \$20 back from TRIO. This didn't sit well in congress, thus likely won't happen. At policy, TRIO asked for an \$80Million increase to match the number of students we were able to serve in 2005. Senator Tester was democratic lead, Susan Collins of Maine was the republican lead. 38 Senators signed letter supporting TRIO increase. Over 100 reps signed on the house letter. Families, and students should meet with representatives. It's unlikely we'll know what the budget number looks like until after the election, but things look promising for an increase.

This is the year to write for McNair and Upward Bound Grants. COE offering proposal writing workshops for Upward Bound and McNair. April: Chicago, May DC, August ?. Due dates for regular upward bound will likely be sometime around December/January.

Question: Any possibility of proposal writing at conference in San Diego.

Answer: Will ask DOE to do an application development workshop at conference, but not a full workshop.

Reauthorization of higher ed hasn't been happening due to time, but given national scene everything is up in the air as house could shift majorities.

COE doing more professional development for new staff and new directors. Broad training covers human development, budgeting, reporting, etc. Student leadership congress in June.

The national mood is very positive for us (in some ways). Republicans have a number of people who want to make clear they aren't radicals and are supporting TRIO. Democrats have done a better job of listening of what we want, especially Montana.

Presidents report

Skipped due to time. See COE update.

Strategic plan committees

- All new members should consider working on committees.
- Financial sustainability: Discussion on what should we as a state request. Government relations or alumni events, committee meetings.
- Listed all of the committees. Ask those in attendance to sign up.

New Business

Fact books: 15 booklets/program. Some statewide programs may need more. Concerns are that we need to give back to organization. \$100 project membership fees can be paid out of funds. Some money comes back to state. We have 26 members, only 8 have paid so far. Fact books are a great publication for advocacy and PR, please pay your project membership. If you want to know if your project is paid, contact Dan Bengé.

Peter Moved to recess meeting until tomorrow at 5:05 2nd Rader. Recess 6:34.

Meeting called back to order Thursday @ 5:15pm

Dan Bengé has fact books. Be sure your program brings them back. Thanks to Dan, Barb, and Ray. Thanks to Aspen for taking care of state website.

Grant writing competitions: (DAN)

UB, VUB, UBMS are coming up this fall. Workshops coming up. Dan will distribute. If you have UB or TS, you should think about writing for VUB or UBMS as the climate is very friendly at the moment.

Jeannie Origibo nominated as sec/treasurer elect. Elected unanimously.

Looking for emerging leaders at the regional level (pres. Elect, Secretary), many committees at the regional level.

Committee Reports.

Membership committee (Dan Bengé). At the moment we don't have an accurate account of membership numbers, Dan is working it out. Current project members. SKC EOC, Ft. Belknap TS, OCHE TS. Dan will send emails to project directors with project membership information. COE offering \$300 discount to projects whose fees are due before 12/31. (Dan will send info) Institutional membership help with workshops that are free with membership.

Awards/TRIO Achiever

Indian Advocacy. (Joe Jesseppe) Indian education track for MCAN. Mike Jetty/OPI working with OCHE to include Native American studies as part of the MUS core curriculum. Joe and Dougan will facilitate contact between OPI and OCHE.

Govt relations (Dan). Thanks to everyone who attended Policy seminar in Washington DC. Very important to attend the seminar. Capstone of what we do in our program. This experience helps see the big picture of how we advocate for students.

Anna shares her first experience at Policy: Seeing huge numbers from all over the country. Montana was very well represented. Amy gave a couple presentations. Had 30 minutes with staffers from each of the delegation offices. Relationships seem strong. Anna highly recommends.

(Dan) If you are a project director, you need to attend policy. Everyone should try to attend at least once.

(Peter) There is a piece in our current budget for mini-grants that may be used for finances to attend policy.

(Dan) Many programs have really great relationships with relationships with local govt.

Other:

Theresa Rader meet with alumni group real quick.

Meeting adjourned 5:41