

Minutes
HEI Liaisons Conference Call
July 24, 2008
10:00 to 11:30

1. Roll Call

2. HEI Business

a. Governor's Executive Order on in-state tuition for GI Bill recipients and dependents.

What is the policy?

- A brief discussion was provided by Pat McLean on the "Ohio GI Promise" that allows out of state veterans to become honorary Ohioans, eligible for in state tuition.
 - 3 criteria must be met for individuals to be eligible for the "Ohio GI Promise":
 - Individuals have to be eligible for the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 or any prior federal act establishing veteran's educational benefits.
 - Individuals have to be domiciled in Ohio.
 - Individuals have to participate in a form of community service or an internship or cooperative education program.
 - Information and discussion on the third requirement concerning community service is still under discussion.
 - A form will be developed that will have to be complete by recipients, pledging to fulfill their requirement(s). The minimum requirement for community service is a total of 10 hours, but there is no maximum. The hours can be for credit or non-credit, but discussions are still under way.
 - No recording mechanism is currently required by the institution, unless they chose to do so.
 - A list will be determined internally and veteran services on campuses will be contacted to determine what can be considered as eligible.

- On-going communication will be made from the Regents to campuses' veteran services.
- Any veteran who has been deemed eligible for past GI Bill(s) will be determined as eligible for the new GI Bill.
- Spousal and dependent rules at the federal level are still being determined, but if eligibility is determined by federal guidelines, they are eligible.
- Questions arose concerning the timeframe of the federal guidelines development and the timeframe of "Ohio GI Promise" being effective immediately.
 - Specifically, questions raised concerning tuition reimbursement.

How do we report such students in 2008-2009?

- There are no HEI changes for the 2008-2009 year regarding file submissions. GI Promise students will be reported as residents for fee purposes in the SN file.
- A question was raised about individuals in the SE file as being from a different state, but then change to become an Ohio resident for fee purposes.
- How can we (Regents) effectively communicate to campuses and those individuals that need to be informed?
 - All financial aid reporters need to be included, as well as Chief Academic Officers.
 - A recommendation was made to keep residency officers informed on developments made concerning the GI Promise.
 - Direct communications need be made to the Registrar's Office.

Do we tweak HEI in 2009-2010 to identify these students?

- Darrell asked for everyone to think about ways that we can track these individuals in the future.

b. Tuition/Fees and Financial Aid files

Affordability policy update

- Submission window for these files will open in fall of this year (Nov.) and close in spring of next year (March).
- Tuition flexibility is something that is being looked at, which would allow institutions to set their own tuition rates.
 - Are we keeping college affordable?
 - This data will be used to help gage affordability questions.

Review of recent questions and answers

- A question concerning how Pell, ACG, and SMART grants are going to be recorded was raised and Darrell clarified that ACG and SMART should be classified as federal – other.
- Another question concerning how SEOG funds are classified and if a calculation on the split (75%-fed. & 25%-inst.) would be necessary was raised and Darrell reassured that no one would get smacked in the first year of submissions.
 - It can be classified as federal in the first year, but schools are encouraged to split the awards across Federal and state if they can easily do so.
- A question was raised as to how these files will be worked into the audit process?
 - Initially, they will not be worked into the audit process, but not a lot of thought has been given to working these new files into the process.
 - We are not suggesting that we audit the information that is sent in these files.
 - In general, we are thinking about the future of our audits and how we might change our audit process.

c. Course completion data

- A lot of discussion has been made on outcomes and a lot of that discussion has been surrounded around course completions.
- Some campuses have responded about known data integrity issues such as:
 - Law school – OSU
 - Multi-term courses
 - Etc...
- Some comments have been made about course completions data being “noisy”. Course completions data has not been used in this way in the past and problems can arise or issues can be discovered after further investigation.
 - There are known inconsistencies in the course completions data.

- A question was raised about concerning individual's grades being reported.
 - No known conversations have occurred regarding recording individual grades.
- The IUC Finance committee is meeting with a recommendation about being funded in the FY2010-FY2011 biennium on course completions and not course enrollments, causing data issues to have a larger sense of urgency.
- A question was raised about grade inflation regarding funding being allocated on course completions.

d. Student Entrance file expansion

- A question was raised concerning the updates with regards to the new files Edit & Load specs.

We probably need to schedule at least one meeting in Columbus to finish our discussions. When? Big group or small group?

- Darrell recommended an all-day meeting in Columbus to discuss the SE file and the group seemed to be in favor of an all-day meeting.
- A meeting in Columbus will be scheduled for early September and Darrell will check several dates and report back to the group.

On the August call, we will probably discuss the country code and the ACT/SAT fields.