

## 2017 Roundtable Report Four-Year Private Institutions

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### **FAFSA**

Because FAFSAs may be submitted in the fall semester, the group discussed whether or not music units planned to change their application and auditions processes. Would institutions move auditions to fall and try to package awards much earlier than before? Apart from one institution, everyone planned to continue as usual, auditioning in the spring and sending award letters afterwards.

### **Church Music**

The group discussed how well church music degrees were doing. Reactions were mixed: some programs weren't having much success while others were. Wayland has had more success since changing their degree to a Bachelor of Arts, as it provides more flexibility.

### **Programs for non-major involvement in music programs**

Baylor has recently started a successful program, designed to increase participation of non-majors (instrumental and keyboard). This program was an expansion of a minor to create a secondary performance major that requires 42 hours. Similarly, TCU is in discussions about a "super minor" in music.

### **University partnerships:**

University partnerships are becoming increasingly important in the current climate of higher education. Beginning in 2016, HSU, ACU, and McMurry have collaborated to form the Civic Orchestra of Abilene. LCU students (music majors only) have plans to participate in the TTU marching band, and McLennan Community College has a similar arrangement with Baylor.

### **Alumni Surveys**

Several of us recognize the need to start surveying recent graduates.

### **Increasing number of students with emotional problems**

Many of us are concerned with students' levels of stress, over commitment, and substance abuse. How can we be proactive? To help address this, Baylor plans to screen the film *Composed* by John Beder, which deals with some of these issues. Afterwards there is a panel discussion.

This is an area in which private institutions can be distinctive. Houston Baptist meets with all majors within the first month of school, preemptively addressing problems students will face

and discussing ways to get help. Also at this institution, guest speakers and performers are asked to tell their personal journeys in an effort to help students see that there are many paths. Other institutions have their faculty relate their personal journeys.

Two books were suggested for further reading:

Dweck, Carol. *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*

Duckworth, Angela. *GRIT: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*

### **Jury Software**

Some institutions are considering adopting online jury software.