

Minutes: TAMS Two-Year Schools Forum
Saturday, January 29, 2011

Dr. Marylyn Wright, TAMS Two-Year Director, welcomed all in attendance. Participants introduced themselves and supplied their names, institution, phone, and e-mail address on a sign-in sheet.

Those in attendance were:

1. Tammie Burger, Del Mar College
2. Larry Campbell, Blinn College
3. Solomon Cross, Ranger College
4. Marylynn Fletcher, Victoria College
5. Earl Holt, Lone Star College-Montgomery
6. Eric Late, San Jacinto College Central
7. Jim Lee, Coastal Bend College
8. Larry Marta, Tyler Jr. College
9. Todd Miller, Lone Star College-Kingwood
10. Chris Morgan, Collin County Comm. College-Plano
11. Rob Page, McLennan Comm. College
12. Cheryl Rogers, Tyler Jr. College
13. Gail Wade, McLennan Comm. College
14. Marylyn Wright, Trinity Valley Comm. College

Discussions were conducted on the following topics:

- A short survey was distributed for participants to supply information about music faculty workloads and salary computations. Detailed discussions followed with comments that also included NASM recommended policies. The results of the survey were to be mailed to each person who completed the forms.
- A poll was made for information concerning structures, procedures, and costs of summer band camps.
- Much discussion resulted about core curriculum, music core courses, degree plans, and the *Music Field of Study*. Dr. Jim Lee supplied the history of the field of study and the implications for two-year institutions. Dr. Cheryl Rogers added comments that confirmed the field of study was still applicable to Texas mandates. Others commented that it was possible for students who were core complete to acquire a certificate of completion.
- Discussion of the music degree also included that, like work force programs, state support might be jeopardized if a school maintained less than 5 graduates per school year. A report was made that, unlike work force programs, the music degree was under the umbrella of the Associate of Arts degree and it would not likely be in jeopardy if sufficient associate degrees were awarded at the institution.

- A round-table discussion was held about the suggested number of large and small ensembles for music majors at two-year institutions. Concern for quality study and practice times for students, scheduling conflicts, the 130 hr. cap, and the limit of credit hours to be transferred were common concerns at two-year institutions. Solutions for these concerns were addressed. Through the appointed music department advisor, the majority of schools discouraged students from enrolling in more than 2-3 ensembles.
- Dr. Tammi Burger reported that she had resigned from her position at Del Mar. She and her husband will relocate to Central America. Everyone wished her well on her new venture and promised to pass the word of the open position to qualified contenders.
- Comments were made regarding the time allowed for the Two-Year Forum. Some two-year school representatives had assumed that there would be a Friday and Saturday forum. It was reported that a few members had commitments and did not get to participate in the Saturday meeting. Positive reviews, however, were given of the forum and the time spent in commission restructuring. Many commented that the Two-Year School Forum was one of the most valuable parts of the annual TAMS conference for their music executives. Dr. Wright assured participants that the forum would have two sessions restored at the 2012 conference.

After adjourning the meeting, Dr. Wright thanked everyone for their participation. Members returned to the closing general session of the TAMS conference.