

Round-table discussion of Four-Year Private Institutions, January 27th and 28th, 2023

The round-table discussion of four-year, private institutions was held on January 27th and 28th, 2023, and was attended by a total of eight on Friday and five on Saturday. The first topic of discussion centered on the ethics of AI and different ways students and faculty could use it as a tool. During the meeting, attendees also discussed problems with young adjuncts and the extent to which the music executives should help them meet basic work expectations, such as replying to emails and showing up for class. Additionally, they discussed the declining enrollment in music education majors and the factors that may be contributing to this trend.

On the second day, conversation centered on scholarships, how they are tiered and funded, and whether basketball bands use scholarships or pay students. They also discussed student fees and where the money goes.

Overall, the round-table discussion did not necessarily solve problems, but the attendees were glad that they could leave the meeting feeling like they were all in this together. They believed that the discussion and sharing of different perspectives were valuable in understanding and addressing the issues at hand. They concluded that it is important to continue to have these conversations in order to find solutions to the challenges facing four-year, private institutions.