

**Student Financial Assistance
U.S. Department of Education**

**TEACH Grant Program Negotiated Rulemaking Team
January 8-10, 2008**

Meeting Summary

Welcome

David Bergeron, Director of Policy and Budget Development for the Office of Postsecondary Education, and later in the meeting, Diane Auer Jones, Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, welcomed the members of the TEACH Grant Program Negotiated Rulemaking Team (Team) and thanked them for agreeing to assist the Department in developing regulations to implement the newly-created TEACH Grant Program.

Introductions

All members, who were present, both primary negotiators and alternates, introduced themselves.

Overview of the Negotiated Rulemaking Process

The facilitators provided an overview of the negotiated rulemaking process. They explained that the Team's discussions will focus on developing consensus regulatory text for the Department's proposed rule to implement the TEACH Grant Program.

Review and Adopt Protocols

Team members discussed, revised, and adopted organizational protocols, which will govern the Team's activities throughout the negotiated rulemaking process.

Petitions for Membership

The Team approved nominations for seven additional members, two primary negotiators and five alternates, in accordance with their organizational protocols.

Overview of the TEACH Grant Program

The Department provided an overview of the TEACH Grant Program, which is designed to fill the nation's need for teachers in particular subjects at high need schools. The grant program includes a service requirement. If the service requirement is not satisfied, the grant converts to a loan.

Workshop-Style Review of Issues

Based on a set of in-depth questions provided by the Department, the Team discussed all issues related to the TEACH Grant Program within the categories of: 1) Institutional

Eligibility, 2) Program Eligibility, 3) Student Eligibility, 4) Service Agreement / Conversion of Grant to Loan, 5) Repayment, and 6) Conforming Changes.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Logistics

The second meeting of the TEACH Grant Team is scheduled for January 22-24, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, each day. The third and final meeting is scheduled for February 6-8, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm on the 6th and from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on the 7th and 8th. Both meetings will be held at the 8th Floor Conference Center, 1990 K St. NW, Washington, D.C.

Next Steps

Prior to the next meeting, the Department will provide the Team with draft regulatory text that reflects the workshop discussions of this meeting. The facilitators will distribute the approved protocols, Team contact list, Agenda for the Jan. 22-24 Meeting, and Draft Meeting Summary of the Jan. 8-10 meeting.

Attendance

Present:

Carmen Berkley
Maureen Budetti
Judy Corcillo
Janet Dodson
Mary Dorrell
Scott Fleming
William Graves III
Donna Harris-Aikens
Tammy Halligan
Terry Hartle
J. Robert Hendricks
Jim Hermes
Nell Ingram
Janis Lariviere
Cedric Lawson
Cyndy Littlefield
Gail McLarnon
Thomas O'Neill
Bernard Pekala, Jr.
Joseph Pettibon
Sandra Robinson
Ellis Salim

Beth Stack
Jane West
Howard Bellman, Facilitator
Susan Podziba, Facilitator

Not Present:

Herbert Brunkhorst
Patrick Moore
James Rice