

TICUA Policy Update February 15, 2008

Senate Lottery Subcommittee to Meet

The first meeting of the Senate Education Subcommittee on lottery scholarships was announced this week. The Subcommittee dealing with bills impacting the recurring lottery revenue will meet Wednesday, February 20 at 3:00 p.m. To date, there are 49 bills to be considered, although bills may be added to calendar prior to the meeting. Included in the list is SB0611 which served as last Session's lottery omnibus bill.

Student Loan Bill

Senator Roy Herron and Representative Dennis Ferguson have introduced a bill to limit inducements related to student loans. The bill is fraught with problematic language that could have devastating consequences for financial aid offices. It appears that the bill has its roots stemming from the New York and subsequent Tennessee investigation on student loans. Tennessee Attorney General Robert Cooper has yet to announce any findings related to his investigation of TICUA members. A full briefing of the bill will occur next week during the Tuesday afternoon State Policy Session of the TICUA Annual Meeting.

TICUA Annual Meeting: Strategies for the Future

Next week marks the 52nd TICUA Annual Meeting. TICUA Member Presidents will commence the meeting on Tuesday morning February 19th. The day will conclude with the TICUA Gala Reception honoring US Senator Lamar Alexander. The meeting will conclude the next morning with a private breakfast for Presidents and then personal visits with legislators for those who can stay.

Union University Resumes Classes

TICUA member President David Dockery of Union University announced this week that the campus will resume classes on Wednesday, February 20. This date marks only two weeks and a day after the devastating EF-4 tornado ripped through the campus.

“It is absolutely amazing to think that we will be able to start classes within two weeks of this devastating story,” Dockery said. “We are so excited about seeing our students return to class. I can't say enough about our faculty and staff and the amazing work they have done to enable us to be ready to move forward with the spring semester schedule.”

To find ways to assist Union in their recovery you can visit www.uurecovery.com