

# Resource Development and Administration



## Spring 2016 Newsletter

### LSC Grant Summit Draws Capacity Attendance



RDA surveyed its customer base within LSC and found the number one requested support for colleges was ongoing information about finding grant opportunities, pursuing them and managing them once they are awarded. One way to jump-start a flow of information was to hold a system-wide event. That is how the first annual LSC Grant Summit: Show Me The Money was born. It was held at the Conference Center at University Park on April 1 for a full capacity crowd of 80.

Faculty and administrators from throughout Lone Star came to hear from their peers regarding grant successes and best practices. Rand Key, CEO at SO-UP, facilitated a panel discussion about the mechanics of grants within Lone Star. Panelists were Seth Larsen, Office of General Counsel; Stephanie Wright, Accounting; Cyndi Drummond, Director Grant Development and Pamela Wyatt, Director Management and Compliance.

Sessions were recorded and will appear in myWorkshops soon. That will allow any LSC employee to here the session as they need it.

### LSC Grant Advisory Council Formed

Campus and system interest in the pursuit of additional grants and grants at higher funding levels is increasing. To assist with growing the LSC grant portfolio, Lone Star College has formed a Grant Advisory Council (GAC). The GAC will assist LSC in prioritizing grant opportunities, building a grants culture and addressing grant administration items that could impact grant funding.

The GAC is designed to give colleges, workforce and system departments a united voice in Lone Star grants. Representation includes all colleges, academic and non-credit and system departments. Ad hoc members may be called upon for consideration of grants involving specific expertise. Campus representatives are designated by the campus president. System office members are designated by invitation or designation of a Vice Chancellor. LSC GAC members are listed in the banner to the right.

#### LSC Grant Advisory Council

**Michel Zuch**, Dean, CyFair  
**Cathy Stenner**, Interim VP Administration, Kingwood  
**Lana Myers**, Professor, Montgomery  
**Anne Albarelli**, Dean, North Harris  
**Ann Johnson**, VP Student Success, Tomball  
**Katherine Cecil-Sanchez**, VP Instruction University Park  
**Bridgette Sellers**, Dean College Centers, CyFair  
**Austin Lane**, Executive Vice Chancellor  
**Rand Key**, Chief Executive Officer at System Office University Park  
**Christina Todd**, Executive Director, Workforce  
**Marian Chaney**, Associate Vice Chancellor, AIR  
**Leah Goss**, Chief Advancement Officer, LSC Foundation  
**Pat Chandler**, Manager, Lifelong Learning, Career and Technology Education/ Continuing Education  
**Patti Harakal**, Executive Director, Corporate College  
**Stephanie Wright**, Director, Accounting  
**Cyndi Drummond**, Director Grant Development, RDA  
**Pamela Wyatt**, Director Management and Compliance, RDA  
**Elizabeth B. Thompson**, Executive Director, RDA

## RDA Presents at National Conference

The Council for Resource Development (CRD) selected Elizabeth Thompson, RDA Executive Director; Cyndi Drummond, Director Grant Development; and Pamela Wyatt, Director Management and Compliance to present at their national conference in October 2015 in Washington, DC. CRD is the member association for community college fundraising and grant development professionals. Its annual conference attracts grant professionals from across the nation.

The presentation shared best practices in developing and administering a state-wide braided-funding project, the Texas Reverse Transfer Initiative (TRTI). This project has four foundation funders, three primary partners and 27 sub-agreements with community colleges and universities. The funding process took two years to develop. Administration of the project brought challenges not generally present in single-funder projects. TRTI created a large-scale functioning reverse transfer process between colleges and universities across Texas. Once the project is complete, the reverse transfer process can continue without grant support.

Note: Leah Goss, LSC Chief Advancement Officer, is the current CRD Board President.

## Grant Tools for You!

RDA, with the assistance of the GAC, Grants Accounting, Marketing and Communications and Office of General Counsel, has been hard at work to produce tools to assist campuses in assessing grant opportunities and managing funded grants. These tools are posted on the [RDA website](#). Two items are pictured below. A vetting tool will help you to decide whether a grant opportunity is a good fit for you right now. It is called Grant Idea: Initial Consideration. The website also contains links to Compliance Bulletins. These are designed for grant project managers and contain information regarding the management of funded projects. Visit the website at [LoneStar.edu/Resource-Development](#).



## LSC Charley Wootan Scholarship Winners



Nonprofit organization TG awarded LSC \$100,000 in scholarship dollars under the Charley Wootan Scholarship Program. This scholarship program is designed to provide low-income Texas students with funds for tuition and the necessary supports to help them succeed in postsecondary education. TG scholars benefit from intensive advising and become a member of a scholar cohort. TG scholars received a two-year award, with the second year of the scholarship being contingent upon completion of financial literacy modules and good academic performance. Students may divide the maximum \$6390 award over a period of six consecutive terms, based on individual student needs. Scholarship dollars were awarded to eligible students at LSC-CyFair, LSC-Tomball and LSC-University Park. The project is coordinated by Tiffany Magee, Director, Financial Aid Compliance. The eleven scholarship recipients from LSC-Tomball are pictured above.

## Fun Facts

There are over 4,000 accredited colleges and universities in the U.S. which enroll over 15 million students and grant over two million degrees a year. Lone Star College enrolled 83,932 students in the fall of 2015 and conferred 8049 degrees for the 2014-2015 year.

*Source: Higher Education in the United States, State University.com, Accessed March 17, 2010.*

*Source: LSC Fast Facts and data from AIR.*

