

COALITION OF STATE UNIVERSITY AID ADMINISTRATORS

“to avail the state of those talents, sown as liberally among the poor as among the rich, which perish without use if not sought for and cultivated ...” – Thomas Jefferson

2017-18 Steering Committee

February 8, 2018

Chair:

Rachelle Feldman
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill

Dear COSUAA Colleagues:

The 26th annual COSUAA Conference will be held April 28– May 1, at King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort on St. Simon’s Island, Georgia. This year’s theme is “A Tricky Business: Supporting Students in Uncertain Times.” From the protests on campus around free speech, questions about race in admissions and the vulnerability of some of our neediest students, to financial pressures on public institutions, to changes at the Department of Education we have a lot to juggle and a lot to talk about.

Past Chair:

Roberta Johnson
Iowa State University

The COSUAA Steering Committee is working to finalize the conference agenda (a tentative agenda is included with this email) to provide critical information and spark meaningful dialog about the many changes we’ll see in the upcoming year. As always, we will have high quality sessions you expect from COSUAA, including an update from the Department of Education and opportunities to share ideas and issues with colleagues from across the country.

Secretary:

Delisa Falks
Texas A&M University

Treasurer:

Kay Lewis
University of Washington

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: A Conference Registration Form is included with this email. To preserve the conversational setting of our conference, attendance is limited to 60 directors, plus speakers. Our tradition of utilizing a hollow square room set-up encourages open and lively discussions during which we share ideas and learn from each other and our guests. We anticipate conference attendance may quickly reach the maximum of 60 directors. If we have more colleagues register than space, we will give priority to current COSUAA members. We encourage you to register for the 26th annual conference as early as possible but no later than **Friday, March 16, 2018**. Registrations will be confirmed as they are processed.

Jim Brooks

University of Oregon

John McPherson

Ball State University

Jean Rash

Rutgers University

Marvin Smith

Indiana University--Purdue
University Indianapolis

HOTEL: Hotel reservations may be made at <http://www.kingandprince.com/group-reservations.aspx> entering the group **COSUAA18** (case sensitive) or by calling 800-342-0212. The COSUAA room rates vary from \$189 to \$217 per night and the hotel will honor the rate for up to three days before or after the conference for those that wish to extend their stay. The deadline to reserve a room at the conference rate is **March 27, 2018**. The King and Prince sits right on the the beautiful coast of St. Simons Island and is close to a few restaurants. The Brunswick Golden Isles Airport is about 28 minutes away from the Hotel. Other close airports include Jacksonville, FL (1 hour 10 minutes) or Savannah, GA (1 hour 23 minutes.) Uber or Lyft are available from all these airports or you may choose to rent a car.

The COSUAA Conference is the perfect opportunity to learn from other financial aid directors and student aid professionals in a conversational setting. As many of our colleagues have mentioned, “if I had to pick one conference a year to attend, COSUAA would be my choice.” If you have never attended a COSUAA Conference, come see what you have been missing. If you have joined us in the past, we look forward to seeing you again.

On behalf of the COSUAA Steering Committee, we look forward to seeing you at the 2018 conference. If you have any questions, please ask.

Sincerely,



Rachelle Feldman
National Chair 2017-19