

Notes from 10/3/19 EC Meeting

Present: Joe Uhler, Ryan Hennessey, Ryan Lovell, Kim Falco (For Yolanda Silva), Noah Recker, Vicky Beard, Michelle Watkins, John Mast, Rory McKenzie

From 10am-10:20, we will be meeting with Shawn Mena and Danny Rosales (EPISD speech coordinator) to discuss TFA State 2020. Shawn talked to the EC about hosting TFA STATE. Shawn was a speech/debate coach in the past as well as TFA President.

1. Lay out the budget: \$15,000 (first, a check is needed for \$10,000 to the school for meals, custodians, meals, the nurse.) They will turn in receipts at the very end.
2. TFA Store location was decided.
3. 2 half days for Thurs/Fri. Shawn will discuss with her superintendent. You do not have to get a request from the state anymore. She requests not to have that extra debate round b/c they must clean up before spring break and must pay custodians/security time and a half. However, she is willing to do whatever.
4. Judges: handled by the EC. How many hotel rooms do we need? Need 5-6 comp rooms. Shawn will reserve 20-25 hotel rooms and provide a shuttle, which Shawn drove the last time State was hosted in El Paso. She will set up parents to do it this time. One 15 passenger van will make multiple trips.
5. How many local judges do you need? As many as you can hire. They need to fill out judge app online. Shawn and Danny will volunteer if needed. Suggestion: create a pro-grow for theatre teachers to judge IE's. Shawn will ask the community college students for IE's.
6. Two main buildings will be used, so it's about a 10 min walk between the two. Lights and security will be there. Very safe. A big parking lot nearby can be lit but will need generators, which cost extra money. They will have a golf cart for adults with mobility issues.
7. Double Tree: tournament hotel: 100 rooms are already blocked. Comp hotel rooms: Richard Pineda-speaker for Breakfast of Champions. What is the budget? 50 people, under \$20 per person. Time is: 8-9:30am.
8. Door Prizes: TFA merchandise and gift cards.
9. Food Trucks for Thurs/Fri as well as across the street too. Chic-Fila and Jimmy Johns inside school
10. Awards: send to Franklin asap. (they were driven up to El Paso two weeks in advance last El Paso TFA State). EC is currently taking bids. Shawn has a recommendation locally. Joe will provide Shawn with a list of awards.
11. Awards Assembly: set in Coronado Auditorium which holds 1,000 people. If need bigger, it will cost more.
12. Work weekend: we need 11 rooms. Fri-Sun (2/28-3/1)
- 13. Downtown Double Tree Hotel: Schools MUST let hotel know that you have a charter bus for parking.**

14. Programs: Franklin can create one. TFA has 2 own printers and Brent can work with Franklin's tech person to set up and connect everything. Need the ability to scan ballots for the Warm Room.
15. TShirts will be done by El Paso (Franklin).

The EC then met with Cindi Timmons about World Schools Debate

1. Regionally balanced committee and with 10 prepared motions. Tournament choose from this.
2. Judge training is going well. Highly suggest this be done.
3. Give out the Norms for impromptu (on the TFA website.)
4. State: schedule last year went well. 5 teams regularly qualld, then 20 with region meets. So 25 competed and state. Judge training went well at State. Need a room for judge training. Keep with debate schedule. Runs quickly; doesn't tend to run over.
5. Prep Space for State: traditionally opp-preps in the room; prop-outside the room. It would be nice to have a separate room. Kim Falco: said there wouldn't be enough room to have a separate room.
6. Tabulation: easier to do on Tabroom. Joy: will need a SEPARATE computer to tab with. (Last year, Cindi ran WSD on Tabroom.)
7. How to get to state: modified qualifications for state. Currently, more schools are now offering WSD. Point System is working well with 10 teams. Problem is: teams that keep getting to finals get the most points, always win, so fewer are qualling for state, or taking longer to qual.
 Maybe lower the points to qualify for state to be fair to all schools-a suggestion from Cindi. Maybe diff remedies for diff regions? Suggestion: look at student numbers rather than school numbers.
 Region 1, 3, 5 maybe a regional meet? The EC can pilot something like this. We all want all regions of the state represented at TFA State.
8. Cindi's summary: WSD is growing and improving. & Texas is doing well at Nats as well.
9. A WSD ballot should be put on the TFA website.

EC General Business Mtg:

1. Brian Alford joined us: he will be the Parli for tonight.
2. Discussion about the order of tonight's agenda: The EC amendments will be first. 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 14, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,9,10,13,15,17-24). Then just follow the printed order from the program.
3. Discussion on WSD for IQT individual points rather than team points. Different from CX & PF. Suggestion by Rory: Lack of uniformity. We can make it 8,6, 4 for all debate events. Duo-10-24 points. Noah suggested a leg system like in the past.
4. Question about Parli Procedures directed to Brian from Joe Uhler for tonight's mtg.
5. Discussed the EC amendments.

6. Joe Uhler read his speech to the EC.

7. Ryan Lovell discussed 1 prelim round for ALL IE's then immediately to finals at Bushland/Atascosa Oct 29th. All ie's are limited to 18. Objective: to encourage smaller schools to host. This is a PILOT ONLY. Vote: Yes: Michelle, Vicky, John, Joe, Rory, Ryan H. Abstain: Ryan Lovell, & Noah Recker No: none. Pilot is Passed for this one time only.