Proposed Changes to the Association and Commission Dues Structure

Dues paid by member schools contributed $1.3 million to the combined revenue of ATS and COA of about $5.1 million in fiscal 2012–2013. The dues are split 25 percent to the Association and 75 percent to the Commission. All of the Commission’s revenue comes from dues supplemented by fees charged to member schools, while dues constitute only 9 percent of the Association’s total revenue. As a result, the dues are understood primarily as support for the work of the Commission.

The ATS Board of Directors and COA Board of Commissioners jointly recommend that member dues be increased by 10 percent, effective with dues billed for the 2015–2016 academic year. This increased revenue will be realized by changing the dues formula as follows for FY 2016:

1. Schools will pay member dues calculated as
   a. .0025 of total expenditures less scholarship between $0 and $2,150,000; plus
   b. .0003 of total expenditures less scholarship between $2,150,000 and $5,000,000; plus
   c. .00015 of total expenditures less scholarship above $5,000,000.

2. The minimum annual dues will be $1,000.

3. In subsequent years, the tier thresholds will be increased annually by the lesser of US CPI or 3 percent.

4. Total and scholarship expenditures are as reported by the institution in the preceding year’s Annual Report Form F-1 Finance section.