



Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education
Board Meeting Minutes Draft
Friday and Saturday, June 11-12, 2010
Hosted By Texas Tech University – Lubbock, Texas

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9 a.m. Friday, June 11, 2010

Welcome/Introductions- The TACHE Board was welcomed by Dr. Juan S. Munoz, VP Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity & Community Engagement at Texas Tech University.

The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m. by President Arias.

In attendance: Julie Arias, Rene Chavez, Linda Contreras Bullock, George Reyes, Maria Aguirre Acuna, Rosa Linda Reynoso, Dr. Criselda Leal, , David Porras Jr., Dr. Eduardo Servin and Belinda Saldana.

Not in attendance: Dr. Antonia Kilpatrick, Gus Cedillo, Dr. Daniel Rodriguez.

Also in attendance: Maria Guerrero, TACHE Executive Assistant

Board Action Items:

Approval of Minutes

- Porras moved and Leal seconded a motion to approve the April 16-17, 2010, minutes as amended with edits. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Porras reported \$177, 801.86 in the general account and \$21,970.78 in the CD account. He noted that although the third quarter had ended in May, the CPA did not have enough time to compile the report. When Porras receives that report, he will send it out. Discussion followed regarding the distribution of fellowships and faculty awards.

- Porras moved and Servin seconded a motion to transfer \$10,000 from the general account into the scholarship CD account. Motion passed.
- Leal moved and Aguirre Acuna seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Break at 10:52 a.m.

Non-Action Items:
Secretary's Report

Saldana reported what regions had submitted reports and which had not.

Vice President for Membership Report

Arias read the report submitted by Rodriguez. Current individual membership is 223 (this is new members since April 2009). There are 94 Institutional members for a total of 317 Individual members. There are 40 -AGI members. She noted that effective September 1, 2010, Institutional and Individual memberships will be effective for one year, beginning September and ending in August of the following year.

Vice President for Communications Report

Servin stated that the rough draft of the Noticiario should be out shortly. This is the Noticiario issue that comes out after the conference. The amount printed is usually 500 copies which costs approximately \$1,000 per 500. Discussion followed regarding how many issues to print. It was mentioned that the Noticiario should be mailed to all members. A review of the guidelines for submitted articles was reviewed.

- Saldana moved and Leal seconded a motion to purchase a camera not to exceed \$300. Motion passed.

The camera will be monitored and purchased by the TACHE Executive Assistant. Discussion was held regarding having a TACHE "store" on line with some items to sell to promote TACHE.

- Servin moved and Reyes seconded a motion to set aside \$1,500 out of the general account for seed money to purchase TACHE promotional items to sell at the conference. Motion passed.

Immediate Past President's Report

Arias reported that Gus was not available due to family health issues. Arias stated that Cedillo has a list of suggested speakers for the next conference to include Senator Judith Zaffirini and Dr. Bill Flores, President, University of Houston-Downtown. Arias stated that Cedillo reminded the board to work on the conference agenda this summer.

President-Elect's Report

Leal noted that conference information is already on the web regarding dates and hotel selection. It was noted that Leal had returned the \$5,000 seed money to Porras. Leal needs to take the TACHE Board minutes dated 2-19-10 in order to show she was elected

President-Elect. This will enable her to open an account with Wells Fargo account. Porras can transfer money directly to the account.

Leal noted that she had requested feedback for suggestions regarding the conference theme. Discussion followed on several possible conference themes. The board suggested the following theme:

Engaged. Empowered. Educated

Leal also reported that she and Del Mar College employees met with the Austin Community College chapter leadership regarding the upcoming conference. The local chapter is interested in hosting a “Fun Run” fundraiser at the conference. The event will promote a wellness theme at the conference as well. Next week Leal will begin to schedule conference committee planning meetings by phone. Leal asked that the board start to recruit people to be on our conference planning committee. She noted that Texas Tech VP Dr. Munoz suggested some guest speakers for our conference such as HACU president Dr. Antonio Flores, Lionel Sosa and others.

President’s Report

Arias reported that one of first things the board needs to address is the hiring of a consultant to redesign the website since the previous designer cannot commit at this time. Arias appointed Saldana as chair of the website committee. Discussion on the website followed. The current website will be used to allow members to register for the conference and will not be cancelled until the new one is functioning. Arias also noted that a thank you letter would be sent to the University of Houston-Clear Lake and Texas Tech University for hosting recent TACHE Board meeting. Further discussion about the upcoming conference continued. Arias reminded the group that many of the details are to be decided by the conference committee chair.

Old Business

TACHE Manual –Maria Aguirre Acuna

It was noted that Saldana contact Yolanda Vargas regarding updates to the bylaws to obtain the information electronically. Aguirre Acuna will form a Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

- Porras moved and Leal seconded a motion to have the constitution committee perform a general review of the Constitution and Bylaws for recommendations regarding changes to be made. Motion passed.

Leal discussed the idea of a leadership program to develop leadership within the TACHE organization.

- Porras moved and Contreras Bullock seconded a motion to have a one day leadership day in Corpus Christi preceding the board meeting (on a Thursday). Motion passed.

New Board Member Search Committee – Linda Contreras Bullock

Contreras Bullock is going to ask for ideas from all the chapters for potential leadership. It was noted that positions to be elected are VP for Communications, President Elect and maybe Secretary, as well as regional representatives from the Plains, South and North East Regions.

Resolutions-

Discussion followed regarding the Resolution from the El Paso Chapter. It was decided that Arias would work with Saldana and compose a letter to the U.S. Department of Education regarding a review of the Ability to Benefit Rule and its impact.

New TACHE Website-

Discussion followed on the new website design and the suggested navigation bar, including the question on who would oversee the website committee on a long-term basis.

- Porras moved and Leal seconded a motion to consider a new TACHE Board position for VP for Technology. Motion carried.

Duties of the VP for Technology would be to oversee the TACHE website and its utilization by the State Board. Discussion followed regarding the ability to appoint the VP according to the Bylaws. The VP for Technology board position will be presented and voted on at the next TACHE Conference by the membership. Arias will appoint a committee chair to handle technology at this time.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m.

Retention of a nonprofit attorney that can assist the TACHE State Board

The board discussed previous meeting decision to retain a nonprofit attorney that can assist the TACHE State Board. There were no suggestions at this time.

Porras also announced that the administration at his campus would like to assist in inviting other medical institutions to join TACHE.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

9 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2010

Regional Representatives Reports:
Far West, Central, Northeast, Gulf Coast, Plains, South

Saturday, June 12, 2010

The meeting reconvened at 9:06 a.m.

The board began with a discussion of the leadership day and Arias requested ideas as to who would be a good facilitator for this day.

Regional Representatives Reports:

Far West, Central, Northeast, Gulf Coast, Plains, South Central

Central - Reyes reported that San Antonio is still in need of leadership but is actively conducting some scholarship activities. Reyes reported that he still had not heard from Waco. He reported that Austin Community College Chapter had a May election and now has new officers. He also discussed that new committees have formed. He noted that ACC TACHE held its 5th annual garage sale. There was over \$1,800 raised. He noted that ACC TACHE met with Leal regarding the upcoming TACHE conference. They will assist with technology, hospitality and the Fun Run. Arias asked Reyes to please thank the ACC chapter for assisting in assisting with the upcoming conference.

Reyes noted that the ACC chapter continues to offer the “Sobre Mesa” series where guest speakers give presentations on special topics.

Far West - Arias noted that we were in receipt of the report submitted by Rene Chavez which included a draft of a letter and resolution for TACHE board to consider regarding discrimination against non-English speaking Hispanics and other minorities based on a June 2006 decision to raise the acceptable test score to determine qualification for Federal Financial Aid in English to non-English-speaking Hispanics.

NorthEast – There was not report submitted from the North East Region, and the Board has not received any of their reports since February.

Gulf Coast- The region recently held two conferences - one at College of the Mainland “Live your Dream” open to all Latino students. Contreras Bullock reported that 70 students attended and that she was the keynote speaker. The other was the “Hispanic Career and Leadership Conference” with 80 students attending. Lone Star College is interested in being active. Contreras Bullock has reached out to them.

Plains – Aguirre Acuna reported that the Plains Region is in a state of flux according to the chapter president, Martin Lopez. Lopez will discuss other possibilities for the Plains Region with Arias at a later date.

South - Reynoso reported that the Laredo Community College TACHE chapter has elected officers. She asked about seed money for the Laredo chapter and mentioned that the local chapter members are working on their constitution and bylaws.

Reynoso noted that the Del Mar chapter is having a fundraiser for their Book Scholarship. The chapter will recognize four students, including a GED graduate. The DMC Chapter will be hosting a Board of Regents Luncheon in July. They recently held elections for two positions in the chapter. Upcoming events include the TACHE State Board meeting Sept.24-25, and activities related to the College’s 75th anniversary celebration.

Arias noted that financial reports from the Chapters cover the period from September 1, 2009 - through Aug. 31, 2010. Financial Reports are to be turned in no later than September 30, 2010.

Arias reviewed a "To Do" list as follows:

1. She noted that the Noticiaro is almost ready for print, Reynoso is editing and will add a few items including the locations of the Board meetings. 2011 conference information will be added. Publication deadlines will also need to be added.
 2. Arias would work with Saldana and compose a letter to the U.S. Department of Education regarding a review of the Ability to Benefit Rule and its impact.
 3. Aguirre Acuna will form a bylaws committee to review and amend current bylaws and constitution and hopefully have this completed by September.
 4. Maria Guerrero will get a list of members from Rodriguez and forward to the board as soon as possible. She will order business cards and get them to board members by July 15. The number of cards will be 50 per member.
 5. Website updates will continue to happen. If you see updates that need to be changed, send them to Maria Guerrero.
 6. Servin will update the awards forms and will forward to board members to distribute.
 7. Dr. Jude Valdez will be invited to attend the meeting in Corpus Christi to advise on the legislative agenda.
 8. \$10,000 will be transferred to the scholarship CD, and up to \$300 will be used to purchase a camera by Maria Guerrero. \$1,500 will be set aside for promotional items to include the cost of the business cards.
 9. Thank you letters to hosting institutions will be sent and an invitation will be sent out to health science centers to join TACHE.
- Porras moved and Leal seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.