

TACHE
Board Meeting
Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, 2008
Del Mar College, Board Room
Corpus Christi, Texas

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Maggie de la Teja at 8:50 a.m.

Attending: Maggie de la Teja (Austin Community College), George Reyes (Austin Community College), David Porras (Texas Tech University Health Science Center), Matilda Saenz (Mountain View College), Yolanda Vargas (St. Philip's College), Linda Contreras Bullock (University of Houston-Clear Lake), Ruben Saenz (Brookhaven College), Ramiro Rodriguez (Laredo Community College), Julie Arias (West Texas A & M University) and guest, Javier Olguin (Eastfield College).

Absent: Gus Cedillo (University of Texas at Arlington), Joseph Villescás (University of Texas-El Paso), and Daniel Rodriguez (Palo Alto College)

Welcome and introduction

Dr. Leonard Rivera, TACHE Del Mar Chapter President welcomed the TACHE Board.

Chapter members stated that they were pleased to host the Board and that they had something they would like to present.

Jose Rivera, Del Mar College VP Student Development, welcomed Board to Del Mar College on behalf of the Del Mar College Board and President of Del Mar College.

Maggie asked that we introduce TACHE Board.

Dr. Rivera and Rosa Linda Reynoso (former Del Mar Chapter president) presented \$500 for TACHE Scholarship initiative from TACHE Del Mar Chapter. \$295 were presented in cash and a \$205 check will be mailed later. This money is donated to meet the \$5000 goal for the matching funds from

Chancellor De la Garza. This money will go to an endowed scholarship for TACHE.

Mementos were presented to the Board members by the chapter.

Board Action Items:

April 11-12, 2008 minutes for Approval:

Moved David Porras, Ruben Saenz seconded.

Discussion:

Comments were favorable to extensive and accuracy of minutes.

Minutes approved.

NASPA Latino College Student Success Institute-Invitation to Collaborate:

A proposal was presented by Maggie. She gave update on invitation from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators(NASPA)) for TACHE to be a cooperating sponsor of the Latino student success Institute. Joseph DeSanto is the NASPA contact. The institute “Strengthening the Pipeline to Support Latino/a College Students” will be held Oct 16 & 17 (Thursday and Friday) at UTSA. Debra Santiago from *Excelencia* in Education, Watson Scott Swail from the Educational Policy Institute, and possibly Maggie, among others, will be speakers. Registration fees: NASPA Member: \$235 (by September 26) and \$275 thereafter; Non-Member: \$435 (by September 26) and \$485 thereafter. Joseph is asking TACHE for collaboration to promote and attend the institute.

Linda recognized several of the speakers and spoke highly of the names identified as well as name of possible speaker.

Maggie asked for a motion. Julie moved to collaborate with NASPA. Linda seconded. David called the question. The motion passed unanimously

Maggie will follow up.

TG Scholarship Grant Proposal-Update:

Julie requested that it be tabled until Matida returned in the afternoon.

TACHE Scholarship Fund:

\$2,740 has been currently raised for the fund. Maggie reviewed the total from the Del Mar Chapter. Total donated by the Del Mar Chapter in cash was \$295, and a \$205 check from the chapter will be forthcoming. Ramiro donated an additional \$100 resulting in \$3,340 as the total with the \$500 donation from the Del Mar Chapter. David reported that he is setting up a separate account so that we can keep an accurate account to match the \$5000 goal for the scholarship fund. Maggie would like to see the total of \$5000 raised by end of September. David reported we need \$1,660 to meet our goal. Maggie looks forward to meeting goal. Maggie would like to see \$10,000 from the TACHE budget be applied (matched) for the endowed scholarship to total \$20,000 (\$5,000 we raise; \$5,000 matched by Chancellor de la Garza and \$10,000 matched from the TACHE budget).

Javier Olguin suggested that the annual conference have a portion of the money raised to support the scholarship fund. Maggie said she would pass this on to Gus. She also talked about the importance of naming the scholarship fund in the future.

Julie suggested that we develop an administrative structure to the awarding and selection process for award recipients.

Maggie reminded that the regions were to report at this meeting on the guidelines for the scholarship award selection process. This would be reported to the Board. She recommended that the regional representatives collaborate during the time we have for this quarterly meeting to draft the guidelines.

Legislative Agenda Items:

Maggie requested that we wait on Ruben and Matilda to discuss the Legislative Agenda items. Maggie said she has asked Jude Valdez for the October meeting to assist in finalizing a TACHE legislative agenda.

Maggie reported that there is currently discussion about the 10% Plan including reducing the percent of students who can enter based on the 10% Plan. There is also a movement for an additional flagship university.

Julie asked if this a Latino issue. She asked if the flagship university related to the 10% plan. Flagship is an issue as to which university to designate as such. Demographics and regions were discussed by David, Julie, Maggie, George and Linda. Texas Tech, UT-El Paso, University of Houston, UTSA, UT-Pan Am and UT-Kingsville were some of the universities identified as possibly vying for flagship university status.

Javier noted that he thinks both the flagship university and 10% Plan are important issues.

Yolanda agreed that UTSA is a central location and should be considered for flagship status.

Maggie asked for other legislative issues of interest.

Julie commented on HB 1403 (updated by SB 1528) and its continuation.

Linda talked about the federal DREAM Act and its effects for those with undocumented status. She encouraged us to be aware. Ramiro spoke in support of the Texas and federal legislation related to undocumented students.

Maggie noted that she is hopeful the issue of undocumented students will be part of the 34th Annual TACHE Conference.

Yolanda presented a report related to the state's attendance law. She read from the report circulated by Rudy Rodriguez and the need for a change in compulsory attendance law. The change being advocated is to raise the mandatory attendance age from 16 to 18.

Maggie commented that because of the financial penalties for non-compliance, an increase in the mandatory attendance age to 18 would place an additional financial burden on the student and their parents. Parents often take the brunt of the burden when their children refuse to attend school although community service could be a substitute for a financial penalty.

Javier recommended that the issues should be defined and stated so that it can be articulated at the legislative level. The conference planning committee is discussing a forum be set up for legislators to visit TACHistas at the capitol to articulate the issues and the effects of legislation.

Yolanda addressed the issue of the high cost of books and the buy back procedure. A proposal is currently being considered to establish a tax exempt status for textbooks in higher education.

Maggie also identified the THECB Closing the Gaps for Latino/a Students Task Force and the legislative issues work it has done, including recommending changes to THECB rules for the Doctoral Loan Incentive Repayment Program.

She also addressed a recommendation about the HB 400 schools. These are school with high drop out rate and low % of sending students to college. State identifies these schools and a plan would be required to increase the college going rate and completion of high school. The Task Force has also recommended increasing Latino faculty and administrators. Other recommendations include P-16 initiatives.

Ramiro pointed out the retirement rates of Latino faculty and that we are losing ground in numbers of Latino faculty.

Linda said she is still advocating at her institution at UH-Clear Lake for a greater presence of Latino faculty. She continues to bring up this issue. She reported that things have not changed. 15% of students attending identify themselves as Latino and only 4% of faculty are identified as Latino faculty.

Yolanda talked about her institution and the lack of top Latino/a administrators. The San Antonio TACHE Chapter brought it to the chancellor's attention. His solution was to divide the office of Vice-chancellor into two positions. This has brought him into media attention. The concern is that appointments are made rather than postings of vacancies. His rationale is that his board has given him permission to do this.

Maggie said she wanted to continue discussing legislative issues when Ruben and Matida rejoined the group. She called for a break at 10:35 a.m.

When returning will discuss Treasurer's report and Budget development.

Reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Treasurer's Report & 2008-09 Budget Development:

David presented our FY 08-09 proposed budget, and our current budget will be discussed tomorrow as he is waiting to receive that report from our accountant.

He reminded us of the fund balance which comes from our operating funds, and we include whatever amount is needed to balance the revenue and expenses to end up with a balanced budget. Matilda will report on communication. Javier reported that membership costs should remain the same

Proposed FY 08-09 Budget

ESTIMATED REVENUES

FY'08-09	
Conference	\$50,000
Membership	26,000
Fund Balance	17,670
TOTAL	\$93,670

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Communication	\$12,000
Website Cost	6,200
Misc Investment	0
*Administrative	38,000
Membership	7,120
Chapter Activities	1,750
Regional Activities	3,000
Postage	100
Travel/Hotel/Meals	6,000
State Conference	5,000
*Fellowship/Faculty Awards	14,500
TOTAL	\$93,670

NET INCOME \$0

*Administrative (\$38,000): Gus requested \$25,000 for a TACHE office to be established for 2009 when he becomes president as well as \$3,000 travel and \$1,000 supplies. Maggie requested \$2,000

travel and \$500 for supplies. That totals \$31,500. The remainder is \$6,500 and that was earmarked for the Accountant payment.

Fellowship/Faculty or Other Awards (\$14,500): 4 Fellowships @ \$2,000 each = \$8,000; 3 NCCHC fellows @ \$1,500 each = \$4,500; \$2,000 for Faculty or Other Award(s) (optional).

Maggie reported that part of her travel funds will be spent to represent TACHE at the Summit on Education Reform and Hispanic Education Attainment to be held on September 11, 2008 in Washington D.C. The Summit is being sponsored by the Office of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans as part of its Partnership for Hispanic Family Learning. Last year the TACHE Board approved TACHE being a partner in that initiative. Travel expenses will include hotel and some per diem. This will be a one-day summit.

TACHE will look good financially once we receive the Treasurer's Report since about \$38,466 was deposited in the TACHE statewide account after Maggie closed the 33rd Annual TACHE Conference account in mid-May 2008. There was a good accounting for the 33rd conference of where the revenues were generated and spent.

Additionally, the 33rd Annual TACHE Conference produced the pledge from Chancellor de la Garza to match up to \$5,000. David will set up a separate account for those funds. David will discuss the Financial Statement tomorrow.

David reported that a template was developed to makes it easier to go through the budget development process. This proposed budget will be up for approval tomorrow.

Linda and others expressed their appreciation for the report and how it operates. Appreciation was given to David and his work as Treasurer.

Non-Action Items:

Vice President for Membership Report:

Javier reported and provided membership data by individual and institution. Individuals who have paid and who did not attend the conference have been identified as individual members. Javier recommended that Daniel, VP of Membership establish a template for requesting membership.

Linda reported that the College of the Mainland has already committed and paid for this year.

Javier reported that we are currently capturing approximately 1/3 of the Texas institutions.

There was a discussion of how institutional members identify the 5 allowable TACHE memberships. Also there was discussion by Javier of emphasizing the TACHE web site and other vehicles to increase the institutional membership. Javier talked to regional reps and provided a list of members who attended the past conference. He recommended that this would be a good beginning point to identify membership to increase activity at regional and chapter levels.

Maggie requested an update from Javier on the new server and the work he is doing on the TACHE website. She also asked about White Lion service since last year Javier had various challenges with them. Javier said that we will begin slowly and to identify what type of website we need so that we can identify how we can run the site economically.

Javier reported on system purchased to advance the communication of TACHE information.

He discussed server work completed, server work in progress and web page for distribution list. This will provide more flexibility with less expense.

Javier addressed Maggie's concern about the service by White Lion. Javier said that they are getting better at serving us but they have become expensive and suggested we should continue to establish an independent server.

Maggie discussed the Texas Apply fundraising effort by the THECB College for all Texans Foundation (CFAT). The foundation is promoting the sale of specialty license plates and most of the proceeds will be used to provide scholarships. Commissioner Paredes has asked if TACHE can assist to get the word out about this fundraising campaign.

Ramiro moved to assist in the effort to send via our distribution list and promote as otherwise possible. George seconded motion.

Linda asked how the THECB CFAT would identify scholarship recipients. She also asked if TACHE would be involved in the selection process. Linda said

that she was concerned about who would receive the funds and asked if Latino students would be receiving these scholarships.

Maggie reported that the commissioner did ask for TACHE collaboration in matching scholarship funds in the future. No process has been established for the scholarships but we can inquire about that in the future.

Julie reported on other Go Texas campaign in which several components actually lost funding. G-Force and Go centers were established and coordinators were given 1/2 time employment and mini-grants. After promising this, the THECB did not allocate funds. \$240,000 of funding was not seen.

Maggie reported that she had heard the funds appropriated for the Go Centers had run out.

Ramiro called for question. Majority voted in favor and motion passed.

Maggie will distribute the promotional fliers tomorrow for each board member to distribute at their institution to promote the effort. She will also give everyone copies of the April 2008 *Noticario* to also distribute.

Maggie called for a recess for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

Maggie called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Maggie brought Matlida and Ruben up to speed from the morning meeting.

Revisited the Estimated Revenues and Expenses and adjusted the amounts.

Maggie stated we would review/approve the proposed 2008/09 budget and Treasurer's report once the Treasurer's report arrives (probably tomorrow).

TACHE Grant Proposal:

Julie provided update on TACHE Proposal to Texas Guaranteed Public Benefit Grant. She identified 5 questions up for discussion.

Julie looked at New Mexico State proposal that received funding. Much of the proposal had matching funds by several other resources.

Julie said we need to agree on what we want to accomplish with this grant.

Maggie has received a report from THECB related to the need for Latino and

African American doctoral students in Texas. She recommended that she and Julie work together to identify the goal and the target for the proposal. Julie shared data related to the need based on percentages of population and graduates from different ethnic groups. Latino/as are still behind.

Ruben brought up the idea of a summer academy to promote doctoral programs and how to apply for doctoral degree programs as well as funding sources available to assist them. Matilda reported that some graduate programs have even discouraged applicants to Texas institutions. The recommendation was to increase awareness.

Julie addressed the items listed:

Will this project will provide fellowship aid to students and/or research to benefit students

Aid to students

What is our target (undergrad, access or graduate students)

Graduate students

What is our plan of operation (who will administer and how will we administer)
Julie stated there is no allowance for indirect costs however we could propose to hire someone.

Suggestion was to advertise at conference, provide summer academy and provide access to resources for PHD programs.

Determine the amount we would request-Julie recommended requesting \$100,000.

Determine finally how this project might be sustained.

Maggie addressed how the program would be sustained. She identified things we already are doing in our support in Fellowship and support for graduate institutes (e.g., National Community College Hispanic Council Fellowship Institute). Perhaps we could indicate that TACHE could develop a model program that could be administered in the future by an existing agency. Maggie will be setting up a meeting with Julie, Matilda, and THECB to discuss partnering with them on this grant proposal.

Maggie will send out the THECB report she referred to about doctoral programs in Texas that she shared with Julie and Matilda just prior to this meeting.

The proposed number of students was given at 20 as a model to present to other grant providing organizations.

Secretary Report:

**TACHE Secretary's Report
July 11-12, 2008**

George submitted the minutes for April 11 & 12 Board Meeting. Currently we have not received the written reports from the Far West, Northeast and South Regions. George has submitted the February 16 Board meeting minutes for posting on the TACHE web site. In following up with the request for TACHE stationary, George has requested information from Javier Olguin to identify the process in ordering stationary.

Maggie commented that as she had communicated by email, the Far West Representative, Joseph Villescas, recently resigned his position. We will need a replacement and please recommend names to be considered.

Vice President for Communications Report:

Matilda made a request of regional briefs for El Noticiero. She would like to identify highlights of 33rd Annual TACHE Conference that Maggie provided and hopes to have information for 34th Annual TACHE Conference.

Ruben provided update on the 34th Annual TACHE Conference committee's decision not to use Calls for Proposals. Gus felt that the focus should be toward legislative issues. All programs would be related to issues presented.

Matilda would like to have regional submissions by July 20.

Ruben noted that Gus's issue is that the legislative session will be critical related to issues on Top 10% and the Noriega Bill (HB 1403). Also issues from the THECB related to common GPA and funding for higher education. All concerns about the conference should be address to Gus.

Matilda referred to the April minutes in which she identified items such as the scorecard and other issues that have occurred from the regions.

Maggie will provide copies of the April 2008 Noticiario when we resume on Saturday.

Maggie returned to the Legislative Agenda Items and updated Ruben and Matilda.

The THECB Latino Task Force is scheduled to meet on July 29 with the MALC.

Maggie brought up the issue of formula funding recommended by THECB. The commissioner has recommended that a portion of the funding for public institutions of higher education be changed from the 12th day contact hours currently used be changed to the end of the semester contact hours. He also wants hundreds of thousands of dollars extra to be funded for Texas public colleges and universities. He does not want this proposed change in funding to be a hardship to individual institutions. He also recommended performance incentive funding based on percent of students completing degrees and certificates and transfer rate. Commissioner Paredes hopes to see that institutions do a better job at educating students and having the students complete a degree or certificate.

She asked for comments. Discussion of community college students and the needs that these students present was addressed. Better tools need to be developed to address student retention. Matilda discussed the open-enrollment institutions and the number of those that exist presently. Maggie provided and shared the summary of the commissioner's proposal. Maggie also discussed how these changes would affect Latino students and institutions that serve this population. Maggie has been researching community colleges that are serving Latino students. She will provide the group with the data once she has completed the compilation.

Linda is concerned that Latino students are not academically prepared. They will go to open enrollment schools. There is lack of support when they arrive.

Maggie addressed that more support is needed. Maggie asked the group as to how the Commissioner's proposed funding recommendations have been received at their institutions.

Ramiro talked about the successes with retention at Laredo CC. He also addressed the need to look at those who have not completed. Maggie expressed a need to see what Laredo is doing right and duplicate those environments.

Julie talked about West Texas A&M University and was curious about the retention numbers from CC. Ruben predicted changes to institutions in Texas: Community colleges will be institutions of higher education and take all students from high schools. CC's will be the going institution and predicts free tuition and offer free tuition.

Maggie noted there is some competition between advanced placement courses and dual/early college start high schools. The Closing the Gaps will be accomplished through community college education.

Maggie addressed the 10% plan and that it may be changed which would negatively impact Latino students.

Ruben discussed the upcoming census and the definition of minority, majority reversal. Also the definition of who is Hispanic.

Maggie said that Jude Valdez is willing to attend our October TACHE Board meeting in Amarillo to help us finalize a legislative agenda for TACHE.

Break was called at 3:15 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Past President Report: No report

President Elect Report: Gus was unable to attend the board meeting, but emailed a report to board members.

Office of President-Elect

by: Gustavo F. Cedillo

Quarterly Board Meeting Report: July 11, 2008

Doroteo Franco – He is also from the El Paso Community College District. He came in Margaret's stead to our board meeting in Laredo, last year. He indicated at such time that perhaps in the future he would want to join us on the board. Perhaps this is the time to seek him as regional rep.

Scholarship partnership with THECB – This would be an excellent opportunity for

TACHE to partner. However, we must learn precisely what the details of the partnership are so that we may avoid spreading ourselves (scholarship resources) so thin. I have my THECB license plate.

Conference 2009 - First, many thanks to all the Northeast colleagues and some good TACHistas from Austin, San Antonio and other areas of the state who have so graciously committed to help put together another phenomenal conference. The 2009 conference planning continues to progress very well. As mentioned previously, this conference planning committee is... “putting together the most dynamic, unique and unprecedented event ever”. It all starts with the prelude event the Mighty, Mighty, Almighty Northeast’s 3rd convocation, scheduled for Friday, October 10 (Texas/OU weekend). TACHE Nor’eas Regional Rep. Mr. Ruben Saenz will share details about the convocation. This convocation will spring boarding us into the main event(s)...the Super Bowl and our 34th annual TACHE conference scheduled for February 1-4, 2009. *!Y que rebentón!*

In a nutshell, plans for the pre-conference are to have Hecho en Texas: Panorama of Chicano Literature, a book signing by Hecho en Texas Authors & Art Exhibit plus a culminating Super Bowl Watch Party and a TACHE-OKE pachanga for those that want to try their singing talents after a drink or two, which by the way is the only pre-requisite to the singing. Confirmed to open the conference is a long-time friend to TACHE, the Honorable Rick Noriega. In addition, we have Jose Angel Gutierrez (unconfirmed) as a luncheon keynoter, Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, Findings of the MALC Higher Education Committee Hearings, THECB Report on the Latino Task Force Initiative, awards banquet and the Nor’eas initiated...*Bailando al TACHE-tón*. Also, a visit to the Capitol where we plan to hear from representatives and senators representing each of the 6 TACHE regions on Higher Education Initiatives, President’s and Dignitaries Reception.

We will have at least two time slots for concurrent sessions. Topics under careful consideration are: Crisis in the Ranks: Improved, Static or Worse? By Ed Apodaca; Higher Education Careers: Moving Up the Ladder, by TBA; Immigration Reform: Impact and Implications for Student Populations, by Dr. Alejandra Rincón; the PreK-16 Pipeline: Successful Models for Closing the Gaps, by TBA; Recruitment: Effective Strategies for Chicano/Latino Students, by TBA; and Retention: Effective Strategies for Chicano/Latino Students, by TBA. Demographic Changes and their impact on Higher Education, by TBA. These concurrent sessions will repeat in at least 2 different time periods. Lastly, the Nor’eas again has taken the lead to consider webcasting key presentation on a pay-per-view \$\$\$.

Legislative Coalition – The work continues after two meetings in San Antonio. As of our last meeting on June 10, MALDEF had not filed to intervene in the Fisher case. However, we did learn that other like-minded organizations hold an interest in the work we are doing. In addition, we have also learned that there is a political that appears to favor our concerns in: preserving the top 10% law, investing in tier one university development, increasing state funding for scholarships, repealing deregulation, and lower and freeze tuition and placing a higher priority on higher education. Of course, the Noriega student’s in-state tuition issue is something we also wish to preserve. *!Tan, tán!*

Gus did not provide past president report but provided a President Elect report.

He discussed the vacancy of Joseph Villescas. Gus mentioned Doreteo Franco as possible substitute. Also additional persons were mentioned.

Conference 2009

Thanked all Tachistas from Austin, San Antonio and other areas in helping with the conference planning.

TACHE Northeast Regional Representative, Ruben Saenz will share details about the convocation.

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Maggie asked for inclusion of student strand at the 34th Annual TACHE Conference. Ruben confirmed that there would be a student strand. Maggie also wanted the Board to take efforts to insure that more students attend as that is the goal the current board set.

Ruben asked to present his planning related to the convocation on Texas/OU weekend, October 11. He reported that there will be an official committee of the legislative caucus at this convocation. They are planning on an official hearing chaired by Representative Alonzo. There will be a fee for attendance to the conference.

Currently there may be a fee for luncheon of \$35-\$50.

Next meeting July 18 and he hopes to finalize the, who, what, when, where of the convocation. The coalition will also be a part of this. There will be acknowledgements of those attending from the NE chapter. This will be an invitation to new employees to the area institution.

Planning it for 9:00 am till 2:00 p.m.

The chapter is also working on the 34th Annual TACHE Conference as well.

Legislative coalition

June 10 MALDEF had not yet filed to intervene in the Fisher case. There are politician that are in favor of our concerns of preserving the top 10% law, investing in tier one universities development, increasing state funding for scholarships, repealing deregulation, and lower and freeze tuition and placing a higher priority on higher education. Also the Noriega student's in-state tuition

Ruben also added that Representative Alonzo will be looking into providing a meeting room at the capital. This would be financed by sponsorships from external organizations.

President's Report:

TACHE PRESIDENT'S REPORT July 11-12, 2008



Total revenue generated from the 33rd Annual TACHE Conference was about \$121,510. Total expenses for the conference were about \$65,169. The balance contributed to the TACHE account was \$56,341 minus the seed money of \$5,000 equals \$51,341. The TACHE account already had in it \$17,875 mostly from conference registrations that was reported at our April 2008 board meeting. In May 2008, a check for \$38,466 (rounded up) was deposited in the TACHE account essentially closing out the conference account. The 33rd Annual TACHE Conference was very successful as to the program, keynote speakers, sponsorships, and registrants.

During the 2008 presidency (the last five months), we have accomplished several tasks. We set two main goals for this year: *1) increasing the number of student participants at*

*the 34th Annual TACHE Conference from about 50 to 100; and 2) strengthening regional TACHE chapters. We have also updated the www.tache.org website to include a streaming of conference photos; posted the 33rd Annual TACHE Conference full program and the April 2008 *Noticiario*; funded three Chicana/os to participate in the 2008 National Community College Hispanic Council Fellows Institute; fundraised \$2,740 to be matched up to \$5,000 by Dr. Leonardo de la Garza, Chancellor, Tarrant County College District; approved creating an endowed TACHE Scholarship Fund; purchased an independent computer server for TACHE being worked on by our consultant to enhance our communication capability with our regions and membership; and we have begun the planning of the 34th Annual TACHE Conference, *Sí Se Puede: Addressing Demographic Realities in Higher Education*, to be held February 1-4, 2009, in Austin, Texas.*

We have also approved TACHE being a non-profit sponsor of the September 18, 2008, MALDEF 24th Annual San Antonio Awards Gala. TACHE has been invited by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) to be a sponsor of the first Latino Student Success Institute to be held October 16 and 17, 2008, at UT San Antonio. As president of TACHE, I have recently been invited to attend the “Summit on Hispanic Education Reform and Education Attainment” sponsored by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans to be held September 11, 2008, in Washington, D.C. for its partner organizations, of which TACHE is one.

The THECB Closing the Gaps for Latino/a Students Task Force has been actively working to identify legislative issues relevant to Latino student access and success. Issues being studied include the Uniform Recruitment and Retention Plan, P-16 Councils, HB 400 schools, Dual Credit Programs, Increasing Latino Faculty and Administrators, the Doctoral Incentive Loan Repayment Program, the College for Texans Campaign, and the Commissioner’s recommendation to base funding on completed contact hours.

Provided information on revenues generated.

Maggie reminded the board that we set two goals for this year: increase the number of students who attend the conference (more than 50 attended in 2008) and strengthening regional chapters.

Maggie talked about the posting on the website of streaming photos from the 33rd Annual TACHE Conference. Also the full conference program is also on the web site.

The National Community College Hispanic Council Fellows Institute have 3 TACHE funded participant, one from Laredo CC.

Maggie indicated the TACHE Scholarship fundraising effort will continue. In April we purchased independent server for TACHE for increased communication for regions and chapters. We also have approved TACHE

sponsoring a table at \$1,500 for the MALDEF 24th Annual San Antonio Award Gala on September 18. We will talk tomorrow to identify those Board members who can attend. TACHE has been asked to be a cooperating sponsor of the NASPA first Latino Student Success Institution to be held Oct 16 & 17 in San Antonio. Maggie will be attending the Summit on Hispanic Education Reform and Education Attainment. She went over the funding of this.

Maggie has volunteered as part of a group to draft legislative issues for the THECB Closing the Gaps for Latino/a Students Task Force. Issues include uniform Recruitment and Retention Plan, P-16 Councils, HB 400 schools, Dual Credit Programs, Increasing Latino Faculty and Administrators, the Doctoral Incentive Loan Repayment Program, the College for Texans Campaign and the Commissioner's recommendation to base funding on completed contact hours.

Maggie brought up the possibility of asking for the Lumina Foundation for funds to sponsor a reception for award recipients to get a greater attendance and to show up on time. Ruben also has addressed incentives to get more people to the awards banquet.

He asked that her proposal be addressed to the conference planning committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4: 40 p.m.

Meeting resumed and called to order at 9:30 a.m. July 12, 2008.

Maggie called the meeting to order. She asked for the Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report:

David proceeded with the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2008, received from the Mendoza Accounting firm.

Assets:

Cash in Bank	\$	134,952
Investments-Certificate of Deposit		10,000
Advance to Conferences		8,000
Fixed assets refer to the server fee		3,569
Total Liabilities and Net Assets:		156,521

A question was asked about “Supporting Contributions, \$1,565”. David stated that the \$1,565 is probably the TACHE Scholarship Funds raised. David said he would open a separate account for those funds.

Matilda recommended that we include hours spent and in kind items that are contributed to TACHE.

Maggie asked about State Conference revenue stated as \$61,434. What is that? Maggie and David questioned this Financial Statement because at the April board meeting, we received a Financial Statement indicating TACHE had Net Assets at the End of Period (February 29, 2008) of \$147,556. In late May 2008, David deposited about \$38,466 in the statewide TACHE account from the closing by Maggie of the 33rd Annual TACHE Conference account.

There is approximately \$30,000 difference seemingly not accounted for in this Financial Statement for period ending May 31, 2008, and she requested that David inquire about this discrepancy with Rick Mendoza.

David agreed that the financial statement was not correct and he will follow up with the accountant.

David also questioned the costs of Website Cost. He was aware that there were more expenses over \$336. Ruben added that the banking practices often are slower and deposits and expenses are often delayed.

Yolanda asked about the postage cost and questioned that this was not the amount budgeted. Ruben responded that this was for El Noticiario.

Maggie requested that we table the Treasurer’s report on the Financial Statement and to have David report at the October meeting. Ruben commented that the amounts are healthy and commended the hard work of the past TACHISTAS to get us to this point.

Yolanda moved to approve the 08/09 budget as proposed and included previously in the minutes.

Linda seconded the motion.

David reviewed the discussion from the previous day.

Maggie asked about the fund balance and the total expenditures.

Maggie asked for someone to call the question

Ruben called for the question

Board approved unanimously.

David commented that this was the earliest that we have determined the budget and again Ruben congratulated the Board for this completion.

Ruben asked about the server and a consideration to set aside money if there is a need for a replacement or maintenance.

Maggie requested that the electronic reports be sent to George within two weeks so that we can complete the minutes.

Regional Representative Reports:

Central Region Report:

Central Regional Report
Submitted by Yolanda Vargas
TACHE State Board Meeting
July 12, 2008
Corpus Christi, TX

San Antonio Chapter Report:

The TACHE San Antonio Chapter held their May meeting at the Alamo Community College District Office and Chancellor Bruce Leslie was the special guest speaker. The group addressed specific concerns, including diversity at the administrative level as well as specific hiring issues that did not promote the TACHE mission. This meeting also allowed for a Q&A time and included the chair of the ACC board. The chancellor has agreed to continue a dialogue with TACHE regarding educational and employment opportunities for Hispanics. Since this May meeting, the chancellor made his first appointment of a Latino/Latina Vice Chancellor since he began his tenure in San Antonio. We are pleased with the opportunity for this important dialogue.

May 2, 2008, the TACHE SA Chapter held their annual Cinco de Mayo awards scholarship night. This special event included a Baile and Dinner and was a great success. State President Maggie de La Teja was our special guest speaker and she was also able to raise some money at this event for the State TACHE Scholarship. Thanks to many donors, the TACHE SA Chapter awarded 14- \$500 dollar scholarships that evening. For the 2008-2009 year, ten of the students will attend schools in the Alamo Community College District, two will attend UTSA, one will attend St. Mary's University and one will attend OLLU. Thanks to all the SA Chapter TACHE members for making this a great success!

Former TACHE SA Chapter President Rudy Ortiz received Professor Emeritus status posthumously at a ceremony on May 20, 2008 at the Alamo Community Colleges Board meeting. His family and many TACHE SA Chapter friends proudly attended this ceremony and honored the memory of a great TACHE leader!

The TACHE SA Chapter had a busy and successful year and President Belinda Dominguez wishes to thank the leadership of the TACHE State Board as well as Sophia Ortiz, VP, Rosa Maria Gonzalez, Treasurer, Felipa Lopez, Membership Chair and Martha E.S. Buchanan, Web Site Chair for their great work this year!

Austin Community Chapter Report:

The Summer 2007, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 semesters were filled with many activities.

Garage Sale Fundraiser for Scholarships:

We started Summer 2007 with the 2nd Annual ACC TACHE garage sale. The purpose of the garage sale was to raise funds for ACC TACHE scholarships. Shari Rodriguez, chair of the Garage Sale Committee, worked with many of our ACC TACHE members to successfully coordinate this event which raised over \$1,800 for scholarships. The garage sale activities included a silent auction and the sale of sausage wraps & snacks.

33rd Annual TACHE State Conference:

The 33rd Annual TACHE State Conference was held in Austin, TX from February 13-16, 2008. The ACC TACHE chapter worked closely with chair Dr. Maggie de la Teja and the TACHE State Conference Planning Committee to plan this exciting event.

Several ACC TACHE members served as Chairpersons for various committees: Domingo Alba was chair of Local Arrangements, Chuck Estrada was chair of the Entertainment Committee, Ana Broadwater & George Reyes were co-chairs for On-Site Registration, Juanita Mendez was chair of the Vendors Committee, Dr. Richard Armenta and staff from the Office of Student Success were responsible for all Media/Technology support to the state Conference, and Maggie de la Teja and Javier Olguin were co-chairs of the Hotel committee.

Many of our members also attended the TACHE State Conference. So much was learned from the various speakers and presentations! All agreed that they left the conference motivated and excited about carrying on TACHE's goals and missions.

TACHE State Conference Fundraiser:

Thanks to a generous donation by ACC President Stephen Kinslow to the TACHE State Conference, the ACC TACHE chapter was able to have a table at the Vendors area to hold a fundraiser to raise money for ACC TACHE scholarships. We sold t-shirts and coffee mugs with the TACHE logo, held a very popular 50/50 raffle ticket (winner takes 50% of ticket sales), and held a silent auction. The fundraiser raised about \$1850 for scholarships.

TACHE BAILE Alegre

Grammy Award winner Ruben Ramos and the Mexican Revolution played at the very successful 2008 ACC TACHE "El Baile Alegre." Before the dance began, ACC TACHE and ACC's El Centro, Dr. Mariano Diaz-Miranda, Director, was proud to work with Alfredo Santos, Editor and Publisher of *La Voz de Austin* newspaper to honor Austin's 25 Most Influential Hispanics. The dance included salsa lessons, a silent auction, snacks, and a raffle. After expenses, the baile netted almost \$6,000. The Baile Committee was chaired by Shari Rodriguez. Dr. Virginia Fraire, chaired the Marketing Committee that made possible the signature poster created by DJ Weakly, husband of Bette Weakly.

Speakers:

Several of our meetings included guest speakers and allowed the attending members to receive professional development credit:

1. *Closing the Gaps* by Dr. Donetta Goodall, Vice President, Academic Transfer, General & Developmental

Dr. Goodall spoke about closing the gaps for our Hispanic students, and closing the gaps between staff that work with students and the students. Dr. Goodall encouraged ACC TACHE members to help Hispanic students succeed and to help them access resources and help them identify what resources are available to them at ACC.

2. *Immigration and College Registration* by Carol Duss, ACC Supervisor of International Students.

During this presentation, ACC TACHE members learned about Bill 1528 and the plight of undocumented students when applying for college. Ms. Duss also discussed the current rules for undocumented students applying to ACC and the status of the DREAM Act.

3. *Challenges in Recruiting Chicanos* by Ramón Dovalina

Dr. Dovalina spoke about current problems in recruiting Chicano students. He presented several ideas for the faculty, staff, and administration to use when working with Chicano/Latino students.

Hispanic Student Success Reception:

Many of our members helped plan the Hispanic Student Success Reception held on October 3, 2007. This successful event was chaired by Vida Forest y Salazar. The students who attended the reception had the opportunity to meet with people that could answer their questions on programs, financial aid, advising, and other ACC services. The students had direct access to people and resources that could help them succeed at ACC and beyond. Free textbooks, gift cards, and movie tickets were raffled throughout the event.

San Antonio chapter is working with President Leslie to address the issue of diversity. Dr. Lina Silva was selected as Vice Chancellor of Student Success for Alamo Community College District. Dr. Leslie has been publicly called upon about the diversity issue. He asked for support from TACHE but Belinda felt that we needed to be in the background.

The San Antonio chapter awarded 14, \$500 scholarships at their banquet. Rudy Ortiz

Posthumously receive a service award. Maggie was guest speaker for the banquet.

ACC chapter under the leadership of Dr. Laura Juarez de Ku, held a garage sale and a conference raffle. \$1,850 was raised. Additionally a Baile Alegre raised over \$6,000 for scholarships. Dr. Dovalina, Carol Duss spoke to ACC TACHE. ACC TACHE assisted with the ACC Hispanic Student Success Reception.

Maggie commented that Belinda should be encouraged to continue to take the leadership of the San Antonio Chapter as its President. She commented on the mentor training she provided to Yolanda and the great job Yolanda is doing as regional representative.

Yolanda commented that there are so many colleges in the San Antonio area but most of the activity comes from a few people from only two institutions.

Ramiro asked about the convocation approach to gather more input from other institutions.

Ruben responded that only Tarrant County and Dallas County are the most active colleges. There has been some interest from other institutions.

He subjectively thought that Northeast could do a better job.

He also commented that the pockets of large Hispanic populations have larger representation. Matilda asked if there were institutional Hispanic organizations similar to the organization at UT-Austin Hispanic Faculty/Staff Organization.

Discussion of how to reach out to other institutions and how to approach the leadership of these institutions or TACHE members currently on our list was addressed.

There was agreement that reaching out to individuals would probably be the best approach.

Ruben talked about El Concilio in Dallas and the reaction of people to get off the list of membership.

Ramiro talked about a conference session dedicated to the issue of recruitment.

Maggie spoke of the gains made of TACHE in the Austin CC Chapter. Much of the support from the institution is the goal for the H.S.I. status. Many challenges were highlighted with a new Hispanic Faculty/Staff reception.

Gulf Coast Region Report:

TACHE Gulf Coast/ Houston Chapter Meeting
Submitted by Linda Contreras Bullock
Board Meeting, July 10-12, 2008

The Houston Chapter meeting was held on Thursday, April 24, 2008. Members in attendance were: Velis, Susana; Fred Gutierrez, Priselda Perez; Marty Perez; Ruth Lopez; Sarah Torres, Jose Salazar; Lorenzo Cano, Victor Vega, Delma Loreda, Maria Cisneros, Linda Contreras Bullock, Luis Mendel.

I. Welcome

II. Old Business

- a. Reading of last meeting's minutes
 - Motion to approve last meeting's minutes
- b. Reports from different campuses
- c. Elections
 - President – Priselda Perez, Galveston, College
 - Vice President – Linda Contreras Bullock, University of Houston-Clear Lake
 - Treasurer – Martin Perez, College of the Mainland
 - Secretary – Susie Velis, Texas A & M University
 - Parliamentarian – Jose Salazar, Houston Community College
 - Public Editor – Lorenzo Cano, University of Houston
 - Membership Coordinator, Ruth Lopez, University of Texas

III. Other Old Business

- a. Ruth Lopez will work on updating the website
- b. Jose Salazar will write an article introducing TACHE and work on getting a press release. The executive council will approve the article prior to releasing.
- c. Jose Salazar will choose a committee to work on revising the constitution.
- d. Marty Perez will work on bank account updates and budget.

IV. New Business

- a. Next meeting – Lorenzo Cano will contact Rick Noriega or someone from his office to speak at the next scheduled meeting. The purpose is to educate everyone on the ways to assist immigrant students in obtaining financial aid.
- b. The Executive council would like to bring in guest presenters at each meeting.
- c. Discussion was held about the possibility of hosting a conference or forum for students and professionals in regard to the issues affecting the Latina/o community, the lack of educational attainment, and how to increase the number of Latina/o professionals in the field of higher education. A goal for this would be during Hispanic Heritage Month.
- d. New initiative – design a brochure with information about TACHE’s mission, photos of officers, and general information to use as a marketing tool and present to interested members.

V. Announcements

Linda Contreras Bullock asked for assistance in disseminating Celebrating Our Elders Scholarship Project information. Scholarships totaling \$3500 are available for students who write an essay about a Hispanic elder. Students must be in high schools or community colleges in the Houston area.

Linda reported that Officers represent UH-Clear Lake, Texas A&M, HCC, UT-Galveston, and other institutions.

It’s rather spread out but it provides a vehicle for recruiting more TACHISTAs from the various institutions. Press release is forthcoming and a review of the constitution. Linda asked for guidance in other chapter constitutions.

Ruben said that the Benson Library has the archives of El Noticiario. He commented that we need to utilize the web and putting chapter constitutions on-line. Luis Cano is working toward getting speakers and presenters for the chapter meetings. Working on activity for Hispanic Heritage Month. The chapter is developing a brochure to promote membership in TACHE.

The UH-Clear Lake LULAC chapter disbanded and Linda moved the remaining treasury funds to TACHE chapter. She also reported that she received a grant for...

Maggie encouraged a template for TACHE member ships brochure for continuity and to avoid re-inventing the wheel. Linda recognized Ruth Lopez, Jose Salazar, Precilda are young and up and coming and is hopeful that we can get them involved with TACHE.

Maggie announced that Donetta Goodall recently hired as Vice Chancellor for the Lone Star Community college district and is familiar with TACHE.

Plains Region report:

Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education
Plains Region Update

July 12, 2008

1. New Leadership

- Martin Lopez will assume the presidential role in our Panhandle Chapter.
- Amarillo College has named Daniel Esquivel (former Chapter President) Dean of the Hereford Campus for Amarillo College.

2. G Force Funding

West Texas A&M University was awarded \$29,300 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to hire G Force mentors to work in our low college going schools. G Force mentors are engaged in tutoring/mentoring activities throughout the Panhandle this summer.

3. Buff Promise

West Texas A&M University has initiated the Buff Promise program that ensures tuition and fees for students from families with income below \$40,000.

Julie said that not much activity. Martin Lopez has been appointed as TACHE chapter president. He is hoping to establish a monthly meeting as a discussion group. With several campus locations, there is difficulty to get them all together.

They have decided on consistency to have it on one campus to increase attendance.

Very talented Daniel Esquivel and Dan Garcia have moved into leadership positions at two of the institutions in the Plains region.

Linda reflected on the frustration of losing leaders from her institution and moving to other positions.

State monies have not been forthcoming and Julie is working on application process and requesting funds. The state has provided \$30,000 this summer for G Force mentor and tutors to go out to the high schools and community centers. Summer enrichment students who did not get accepted to universities they selected are being mentored in evening social activities.

Texas Pioneer foundation has given a grant for Mobile Go Center. In the panhandle area there are few diversity mentors. G Force is 90% diverse to serve the diverse student population.

Maggie asked about the G Force group from UNT. Julie responded by telling about her Talent Search group collaborating and getting together to share information.

Ruben asked about how to get a mobile go center. . Julie referred Ruben to Fred Marcom CEO of Pioneer Foundation, who helped to fund the mobile go center. Maggie noted that ACC has two Mobile Go Centers.

Buff Promise is an outreach to families with incomes of \$40,000 or less. GPA and 80% attendance, students will get a 4 year scholarship. Messages and confusion with how to get money for college have prevented students from attending college. This is the West Texas A&M foundation. Also tapping into state and federal resources.

Julie says she is looking forward.
South Region Report:

TACHE SOUTH REGION REPORT
Ramiro Rodriguez, South Regional Representative
Executive Board Meeting – July 11-12, 2008

The Del Mar Community College Chapter continues to be the most active chapter in the region. They have had several annual activities that they use as fund raisers and also share in some fun activities. Some of their activities follow:

Mexico 2008 Trip

TACHE members and their relatives experienced a trip to Zacatecas, Guadalajara, and San Juan de los Lagos. In addition to enjoying a great vacation, participants learned about the culture and history of the country. Among the activities in Zacatecas were visits to La Bufa Mountain after a cable car ride and tour of the Eden Mine, the Patrocinio Chapel, the Zocalo, and the small town of Plateros to visit the famous sanctuary of Santo Nino de Atocha. The group also visited one of the most religious shrines in America, the Basilica de San Juan de los Lagos. In Guadalajara, we enjoyed the San Juan de Dios Market and toured the retirement communities of Chula Vista, La Floresta and Lake Chapala Village. The highlight of the trip was getting to meet the famous Mexican singer-Vincent Fernandez!

TACHE "Diamonds and Denim" Scholarship Baile!

TACHE Del Mar celebrated another success with its 9th annual TACHE "Diamonds and Denim" Scholarship Baile. A silent auction held at the event augmented the proceeds that benefited TACHE's student scholarship fund. And, planning is already taking place for the 10th annual TACHE Scholarship Baile scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2009!

2008-2009 Scholarship Recipients

TACHE's efforts paid off for four Del Mar College students. During the College's Recognition Ceremony, the chapter awarded \$1,200 each to three students (total of\$3,600) for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 semesters. Recently during the June GED graduation ceremony, the Chapter also awarded a fourth student a similar scholarship--\$1 ,200. The Chapter will recognize all four students during the annual luncheon the Chapter holds in honor of the DMC Board of Regents.

Board of Regents Luncheon

TACHE's annual Board of Regents Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, at the Harvin Student Center, Retama Room. The event is celebrated every year in appreciation for the board members' service to the College.

Recognitions

We are excited to report that two other TACHE DMC members have completed their doctoral programs-Criselda Leal, Director of Testing, and Eva Muniz, Associate Professor of English. Congratulations on their educational success!

DMC Early Retirements

And, over 20 members have taken advantage of the College's early retirement packages and will retire August 31, 2008. Among those members is former state TACHE President Dr. Elias Villarreal. The local chapter is planning a farewell reception for these individuals on Friday, July 25. We wish all our members a very happy retirement!

Book Scholarship Fundraiser

Local chapter members participated in a summer fundraiser with proceeds benefiting a TACHE-Del Mar Book Scholarship. Tickets were sold for \$1 with an opportunity to win five prizes. The goal is to raise \$500 for this summer project.

At Laredo Community College

I have included in my e-mail communication several new members from A&M Corpus Christi, and U.T. Outreach Office in the Valley. I have also been working with our President, Dr. Juan Maldonado to establish a mechanism to include more staff participation in TACHE. Dr. Maldonado has committed to help sponsor students to attend our annual conference which is an area that was addressed at our last board meeting. I am also happy to announce that one of the persons selected to attend the National Community College Hispanic Council Leadership Fellows Program was Mr. Fred Soliz, Vice President for Instruction and Student Development from Laredo Community College.

Del Mar chapter report:

Trip to Mexico, Zacatecas, Guadalajara between the Spring and Summer sessions. An annual scholarship dance and auction at the Del Mar Chapter was held. They are currently planning for the next year's function. Scholarship recipients \$1,000 (3)

Board member's luncheon to promote TACHE and the work they do is being planned. Recognition of TACHE members and the educational success will be highlighted. They announced the retirements of several TACHISTAS. Dr. Maldonado wanted to be informed of a recognition event.

Del Mar Chapter contributed \$500 to the TACHE Scholarship Fund and presented it to the TACHE Board at the July Board meeting.

Laredo CC membership recruitment has been the goal. Dr. Maldonado wanted Ramiro to develop a budget proposal to get more students and members to attend the conference. Dr. Maldonado has committed to having this as a budget line item.

Fred Solis, as a member, recipient of CC award. Veronica Cavazos is another faculty member who has been identified as a new, up and coming member.

Veronica and Ramiro will be working on developing a profile of students who will be selected to attend the conference.

Ramiro is inquiring about intranet messages at his institution about TACHE and updates.

Maggie will need to name a Far West Regional Representative to replace Joseph Villescascas.

Maggie encouraged us to continue to keep Joseph Villescascas active with TACHE.

Old Business:

Recommendation from Award Subcommittee

Matilda discussed a framework for selection

She emphasized that the faculty award was not well publicized in El Noticiario.

Also to disseminate among the membership for greater awareness

She proposed that there should be at least 3 applicants for the faculty award.

If less than three that communication be given that the award would not be given and that they would not need to re-apply for the next year or the possibility of the process to identify how to apply in future.

A data base needs to be established so that future Award committee members are aware of who has applied and did not receive the award.

Also chapter recommendations for awards should be encouraged. Since many of the students awards are given to faculty members. She recommended that the faculty award be given at the President's and Dignitaries reception rather than the Awards Banquet.

Maggie recommended that this be presented to Gus as conference chair.

Matilda will need to write up these recommended procedures.

Discussion of the Faculty award was made as to whether we budget a dollar amount for this award.

MALDEF GALA- How many would commit to go. Maggie asked for number of members who could commit to go.

George, Ruben, Yolanda, Matilda, Maggie, Julie, Linda and Ramiro committed to attend. Maggie will follow up with Daniel and Gus.

Since Javier relocated to Dallas-do we need to move the mailing address from Austin?

George volunteered to pick up the mail for TACHE. He will contact Javier to learn the process of receiving mail from the post office box and forward it to Javier.

National Community College Hispanic Leadership Council- we have budgeted 3 people. It is now \$1,500 per person for this institute. . Rose Martinez, Robert

Vela, and Federico Solis, Jr. were the three persons funded by TACHE to attend.

Matilda noted that TACHE had approved only two recipients through the Awards Subcommittee of the 33rd Annual TACHE Conference, and it is better to stick with that decision rather than make an exception. Maggie responded by stating that we must keep this in mind for the future because it cost \$4,500 to support these 3 recipients and two were different from those originally approved.

Maggie reminded that one of our goals is to get more information to the regional areas and that board members had volunteered to send emails thru the distribution list. June-Yolanda and Daniel, July-Daniel and Linda and David, August-Julie. She said the cut off would be August so that the communication would be dedicated to the conference thereafter.

TACHE Scholarship fund- Julie reported on the meeting she, Linda, Yolanda, and Maggie had last night. Recommendations:

Currently looking at \$1000 for this scholarship

Fall semester application would be submitted TACHE.org

Deadline the Monday after the New years day.

2009 responsibility will be Plains region and will be responsibility in rotation to the various regions.

Regional reps will meet at the conference for the decision of the recipient.
Recommendation for mentors

Student will send regional rep the scheduled bill for payment.
Criteria: FAFSA and EFC (Estimated Family Contribution); Transcript; GPA; Goal statement; One semester of graduate school; Goal to continue in higher education; Institutional Name and Institutional ID #

Benefits of this fellowship award would be exposure to TACHE, some financial assistance, awareness of FAFSA process, profile in El Noticiario and mentorship with regional contact.

Maggie asked for budget consideration in the form of a motion to be awarded at the 2009 conference.

Julie made a motion to the board consider taking budget funds for the first \$1,000 award of an endowed Scholarship for the 2009 conference.

Julie said that this could be announced at the conference

Ruben felt that the process would be too fast to present a recipient at the 2009 conference. He was in agreement that we can announce that we have reached our goal and that we will be developing procedures for awarding students in the future.

Julie said that we needed a process and that the process be established as a test run. This could serve as a pilot. She hoped that the Board would approve for the process to be established.

Ruben questioned the need based criteria and the discussion would need to be discussed and that we are moving too fast.

Matilda asked to view the recommendation from Julie to provide input.

Maggie reminded that we could e-communicate in hopes to get this rolled out for this year's conference. Also we would be able to budget either additional funds or use one of the fellowship monies already budgeted.

Question from Linda as to what are the differences between scholarship and fellowship.

Ruben defined what is endowed and who the trustees would be for the endowed nature of this scholarship.

Julie will send out information

Julie rescinded the motion

And Linda rescinded the second.

Ruben recommended that the Treasurer get the qualifications from IRS as to the criteria.

Ruben moved that we adjourn

George seconded

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

