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Greetings TACUSPA Members!

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Deidra Stephens, President

Summer is upon us! This is a time of reflection and renewal. We are greeting new students at orientation while completing end of year reports and cleaning our offices to ready for the new academic year. We are also attending staff retreats, strategic planning meetings, and trainings in order to create better services and programs for students. Hopefully we are also taking time for vacations to spend time with our families and friends. Summer is a brief respite from usual schedules, although I know many student affairs professionals consider it the busiest time of the year.

As you enjoy the coming months, make sure to keep TACUSPA in mind! Here's a TACUSPA to-do list for summer:

Participate in our summer technology webinar series. Watch for more details coming soon on the TACUSPA listserv.

Take time to go to our newly designed

TACUSPA website (www.tacuspa.net) to establish your password and con-



firm your directory information.

Submit an education session proposal for the *Reconnecting TACUSPA* Fall Conference, Oct. 14-16, in San Antonio. Forms and deadlines will be sent over the TACUSPA listserv soon.

Register for the *Reconnecting TACUSPA* Fall Conference, Oct. 14-16, in San Antonio. Registration will be available online (<http://www.tacuspa.net/Conferences>) in the next few weeks.

The Fall Conference Committee is busy planning for the October 14-16 conference in San Antonio. We are thrilled to announce our keynote speakers. [Eric Stroller](#) is a nationally known thought leader, speaker, author, consultant and blogger in the area of higher education, student affairs, and technology. [Margaret "Peggy" Barr](#) is Professor Emeritus in the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University. [Linda Kuk](#) is Associate Professor of Education and Program Chair for the Graduate Program in College and University Leadership at Colorado State University. Conference planners [Jo Anna Benavides-Franke](#), [Jan McKinney](#) and [Marlon Anderson](#) welcome your input and assistance.

Thanks to all who voted in our recent election! I would like to congratulate our newly elected officers who will assume their new roles in October:

John Kaulfus, President-Elect
Stephanie Box, Vice President for



2011-2012 Board of Directors

Board Meeting Schedule

July 9th

Aug. 6th

Sept. 10th

Oct. 14th, San Antonio

Meetings are held via teleconference unless otherwise noted.

Please,
feel free to
contact us!



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Call for Programs

Deadline to submit: July 27, 2012

TACUSPA is currently soliciting program proposals for the Annual Conference, which will be held October 14 – 16, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas. The conference theme, *Reconnecting Us* allows for a variety of program topics that appeal to all areas of student affairs.

All programs are scheduled for one-hour sessions.

This year we are asking for all proposals to focus on at least one of the following Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Practitioners developed by NASPA and ACPA:

- Advising and Helping
- Assessment, Evaluation, and Research
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Ethical Professional Practice
- Law, Policy, and Governance
- Leadership
- Personal Foundations
- Student Learning and Development

[Click here](#) to begin your program proposal submission.

PLEASE NOTE:

Presenters will be required to register for the conference at the normal rate.

Questions can be directed to Erica Lopez, lopezen@utpa.edu, or Tepera R. Holman, holmantr@austin.utexas.edu, Education Sessions Co-Chairs.

Deadline for submitting a program proposal is July 27, 2012. Notification on proposal submission will be made in mid-August.

Conference Website: <http://www.tacuspa.net/Conferences>

Letter from the President

Continued

Membership & Marketing
Adam Peck, Vice President for Education & Professional Development
Paulina Mazurek, Secretary

We also received support from our membership to add a Director of Research position to the TACUSPA Board. We are excited to add this role so that we can place more emphasis on knowledge creation and sharing. Our new Director of Research will oversee the Graduate Education and Research (GEAR) Committee, Graduate Student Caucus, the research grant program, and the creation of new research opportunities for members. This position will be open in the next election (spring 2013). In the meantime, Rishi Sriram, our current GEAR Committee Chair, has agreed to assume the role through October 2013. Rishi's primary focus will be establishing a TACUSPA journal for the dissemination of research in the state.

TACUSPA could not do these amazing things without dedicated volunteers. As you take time to reflect this summer, please consider what role getting involved in professional organizations plays in your life plan. If you are looking for a way to connect, please contact me at deidra.stephens@mcombs.utexas.edu. I would love to speak with you about your interests and get you involved!



*Graduate Student Scholarships for the
TACUSPA Fall Conference!*

Available- August 1
Due- September 7

Job Hunting? Hiring?

Institutions holding a TACUSPA institutional membership of \$100 or more are eligible to post job opportunities on the TACUSPA website free of charge. Institutions without a TACUSPA institutional membership are welcome to post job opportunities on the website at the rate of \$25 for each 60 day job posting.

If you wish to post a position on the TACUSPA website, please forward a PDF copy of the position to Hope Garcia at Hope.Garcia@unt.edu.

TACUSPA also maintains a list of HR websites for all member institutions to make your job searching a little easier. Best wishes to all our institutions and members on your hiring and job searching endeavors!

FMI: <http://www.tacuspa.net/careerops.html>



Election Results

John Kaulfus-President Elect

Stephanie Box– Vice President for Membership and Marketing

Adam Peck– Vice President for Education and Professional Development

Paulina Mazurek– Secretary

New officers will begin their tenure in
October 2012.

Summer Webinars

Summer Technology Series

How to Use Google+

Friday, July 27, 2012

1-2 pm

[Register](#)

Using Videos for Training

Friday, August 31, 2012

1-2 pm

[Register](#)

Questions?

E-mail Jeff Jackson: jacksonj3@uthscsa.edu

SAVE THE DATE!

**17th Annual
UNT Texas Higher Education
Law Conference**

March

25-26

2013

Interview with a Senior Student Affairs Officer

An Interview with a Senior Student Affairs Officer

TACUSPA Fall Conference 2011

Rusty Jergins- Vice President for Student Life
Tarleton State University

The TACUSPA Times Newsletter is proud to introduce a new annual series - Interviews with Senior Student Affairs Officers. Each year, the TACUSPA Times Newsletter will include the unique story of a senior student affairs officer in an edition of the TACUSPA Times. Understanding the diverse experiences and skill sets of our current Student Affairs leadership will help new professionals in student affairs set career goals and shape the future of TACUSPA. Lori Saunders from the UNT Health Science Center was kind enough to interview Rusty Jergins - Vice President for Student Life at Tarleton State University about his professional experience, what he looks for in new professionals, and his thoughts on upcoming issues within the field of student affairs.

Mr. Jergins credits the beginning of his career in student affairs to his undergraduate involvement and TACUSPA. He was involved in student life and departmental organizations which led to broader involvement in student life programs, including a position as an executive officer position with student government. Mr. Jergins attended his first TACUSPA conference in the fall of 1984. His professional experience includes overseeing areas such as: student activities, multicultural services, student publications, judicial affairs, leadership programs, student life, as well as housing and residence life.

Staying current on issues within the field of student affairs is a challenge for all in the field. Mr. Jergins relies on the vast resources of professional associations like TACUSPA and NASPA, and publications like *The Chronicle of Higher Education* to remain current. He specifically referenced the value of involvement in TACUSPA conferences where, "the diverse backgrounds and experiences [of your colleagues] allow for networking and the small breakout sessions allow

you to stay current."

When asked about upcoming issues in the field of student affairs, Mr. Jergins points to affordability, distance education, student success, accountability, and addressing the needs of a new generation. Student Affairs professionals must focus on the cost of obtaining a college degree and delivering "programs and services to help students be successful." As a profession, student affairs must adapt to the new students entering higher education and learn about a generation that has "used social media to express themselves, form relationships, and define themselves. How do we help [these students] develop those relationships outside of their homes and residence halls."

When searching for new professional staff members, Mr. Jergins points to the importance of education, a strong work ethic, integrity, and a diverse background and experience. It is important for new student affairs professionals to understand the importance of "developing practical experience and growing/maturing professionally. Demonstrate that you are going to come in and work hard." A passion for serving others is essential when working in student affairs: "As an institution of higher education, we have to help students learn to develop skill sets that they do not have when they arrive. We need to make our programs and services better than they are today."

The passion for serving others is not only evident at work for Mr. Jergins. When he is not at the office he is invested in making his community better and spending time with his family. When speaking of the expectation that student affairs professionals give back to the community, Mr. Jergins said, "I take that seriously. I pride myself on having a lovely wife and three kids that are supportive of my involvement." Mr. Jergins has been involved in his local community by serving on the city council, the school board and as mayor.

by Katy Lee Kemp

Quarterly Financial Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Reconciled
through
Operations

5/31/2012

BUDGET ACTUAL

Expenses

President	\$8,965.00	\$1,546.00
President-Elect	\$250.00	\$0.00
Past President	\$50.00	\$0.00
Vice President-Admin	\$875.00	\$770.80
Vice President-Mktg&Mbrshp	\$800.00	\$0.00
VP Education	\$3,850.00	\$1,384.99
Secretary	\$100.00	\$0.00
Treasurer	\$6,050.00	\$2,056.73
Director Technology	\$1,950.00	\$1,319.40
Reserve	\$1,000.00	\$0.00

\$7,077.92

Income

Balance as of 8/31/11	\$11,918.15
2011 Membership Dues	\$1,530.00
2012 Membership Dues	\$14,220.00
Job Postings	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$172.58
Interest Inc.	\$24.94

\$27,890.67

\$20,812.75

Conference

Expenses

Fall 2011- Austin	\$37,470.26
Fall 2012- San Antonio	\$109.07

\$37,579.33

Income

Balance as of 8/31/11	\$58,293.61
Fall 2011	\$35,140.60
Fall 2012	\$0.00

\$93,434.21

\$55,854.88

Foundation

Expenses

2011-12	\$551.97
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\$551.97

Income

Balance as of 8/31/11	\$5,825.00
2011-12	\$2,615.50

\$8,440.50

\$7,888.53

Checking Bal-

\$84,556.16

BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Income

Balance as of 8/31/11	\$50,341.27
Interest	\$30.18

\$50,371.45

BIA Balance

\$50,371.45

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Three Year CD to Mature 8/2012- 6945	\$22,563.41
Three Year CD to Mature 8/2013- 6974	\$12,076.93
Three Year CD to Mature 8/2014- 9865	\$23,668.63

\$58,308.97

CD Balance

\$58,308.97

BALANCE

\$193,236.58