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Greetings TACUSPA Members!

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Deidra Stephens, President

I am excited to begin my chapter as president of this wonderful organization. TACUSPA has provided me with vast networking connections and professional development opportunities over the years, and I am honored to be able to serve an organization that has given so much to me.

I recently read the book *The Servant: A Simple Story about the True Essence of Leadership* by James Hunter. As I read this book, I realized how student affairs professionals truly embrace the concept of servant leadership. In the Servant Leadership model, “leadership is built upon authority or influence, which is built upon service and sacrifice, which is built upon love. When you lead with authority, you will, by definition, be called upon to extend yourself, love, serve, and even sacrifice for others” (p. 124).

Student affairs professionals do just that – we have a deep love for students and truly care about the development of the “whole self.” This love motivates our service to students: creating programs, services, and environments to promote their development.

Many sacrifices are involved in doing this – no matter what our position, most of us are serving students in some ca-



capacity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In return for our service and sacrifice, we have influence over the lives of our students and we know we are making an impact.

In my view, TACUSPA exists to help student affairs professionals become better Servant Leaders. We do this in two ways: 1) providing professional development and educational opportunities to help student affairs professionals in the state of Texas make a bigger impact on students' lives, and 2) providing networking opportunities to feed student affairs professionals' souls.

This year, our annual goals are in line with these objectives. We have long wanted to

provide educational opportunities outside of the annual fall conference, and we are leveraging technology to provide a series of webinars on hot topics in our field. Our webinar series will launch in late January and will be free for members to access. Please watch for messages over the TACUSPA listserv for more information about the series and opportunities to get involved.

At the fall conference, we announced that TACUSPA had reached an all-time high of 507 members. Our membership year ends in December, and we will soon launch our 2012 membership drive. We will utilize our new membership management website to make membership renewals simple for members. It is our goal to continue to increase membership numbers so that we are providing more diversity in our membership and ensuring that all types of institutions and various functional areas are well-represented.

We are currently busy planning for the 2012 Higher Education Law Conference, March 26-27, in Denton, Texas. [Angela Walker](#) is

2011-2012 Board of Directors

Board Meeting Schedule

- Nov. 7th
- Dec. 6th
- Jan. 23rd- 24th, San Antonio
- Feb. 6th
- Mar. 5th
- Mar. 25th, Law Conference
- May 7th
- June 4th
- July 9th
- Aug. 6th
- Sept. 10th
- Oct. 14th, San Antonio

Meetings are held via teleconference unless otherwise noted.

Please, feel free to contact us!

Please Note!

Your membership will expire on December 31. Membership information for 2012 will be emailed in early December.



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Fall Conference Highlights



Dr. Gwen Dungy

One of the distinguished 2011 Fall Conference
Keynote Speakers



Passing of the Gavel
Dr. Trisha VanDuser—Past President &
Dr. Deidra Graves Stephens— President



Fall 2011 Conference co-chairs:

Andy Axsom & Sheila Reynolds with
Past President Dr. Trisha VanDuser.



Award Winners (L to R):
Faculty Member of the Year- Dr. Kelli Peck-Parrott, Texas A&M
Dissertation of the Year- Alicia Huppe
Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional- Danielle Champagne, UNT
Outstanding New Professional- Rachel Grimes, UNT

Letter from the President

Continued

serving as the TACUSPA liaison for the conference planners and is providing input on topics of interest to our members. Plan to attend, and make sure to sign up for the Monday TACUSPA dinner as well as the Tuesday networking breakfast.

Preparations for the fall 2012 annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, are also underway. We have studied the feedback from the Austin conference evaluation, and members requested more networking opportunities with: other members working in the same function, chief student affairs officers, and TACUSPA board members and volunteers. We are devising ways to increase networking opportunities at the conference to meet these requests in addition to maintaining high quality keynote speakers and education sessions. Conference planners [Jo Anna Benavides-Franke](#), [Jan McKinney](#) and [Marlon Anderson](#) welcome your ideas.

I could go on and on with the many different initiatives and goals we have for the year, and the many ideas our members provided at the conference. TACUSPA has so much untapped potential, and we need you to help us unleash it. As a completely volunteer-run organization, TACUSPA relies on our membership to create and implement new programs and services. If you are interested in helping at any level or at any capacity, please contact me at deidra.stephens@mcombs.utexas.edu and I will get you connected.

I look forward to serving the organization on your behalf through the next year and getting many of you involved as well. I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!



The TACUSPA Foundation

Supporting the development of the Student Personnel Profession in Texas, the TACUSPA Foundation was established in January 2010. Foundation funds will be used for student scholarships, research awards, and training awards.

For more go to: <http://www.tacuspa.net/foundation.html>

The TACUSPA Foundation serves under the authority of the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA).

SAVE THE DATE!

**Fall 2012
Conference
October
14-16
San Antonio**





2012 TACUSPA Membership Renewals Coming Soon!

Don't look now, but 2012 is just around the corner and so are 2012 TACUSPA membership renewals. Look for updated membership renewal information the first week in December!

For any questions, please call John Kaulfus,
Vice President of Membership and Marketing,
at 210-458-4740 or e-mail john.kaulfus@utsa.edu.

The 16th Annual

Texas Higher Education Law Conference

At the University of North Texas

Denton, Texas

March 26-27, 2012

The Texas Higher Education Law Conference provides college and university professionals in the public and private sector, and attorneys who advise them, the most current information on important developments in such areas: student legal issues, first amendment rights, technology dangers, FERPA and free speech areas.

Co-Sponsored by:

The Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA)

Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (ICUT)

Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC)

More Fall Conference



2010-2011 Annual Report

It's been a great year for TACUSPA and the Executive Board has accomplished many of the initiatives outlined in our five year strategic plan:

A few highlights from this year include:

Our new TACUSPA website (still under construction) that will allow us to manage our membership more efficiently.

Co-sponsorship of the Texas Higher Education Law Conference with the University of North Texas for the 9th consecutive year

An updated brochure and new marketing committee

Several new policies were added to the Operations Manual, as well as a revised definition of a graduate student member that was approved by the TACUSPA membership via a constitutional amendment vote.

Two fellows attended the January TACUSPA Board meeting

A membership assessment was completed in order to better serve our members.

A site visit to the TACUSPA archives items at the University of Texas to revel in our history and assist us in looking at our past in order to plan our future

The TACUSPA Foundation assets increase to \$6,200.

The membership reached 507 prior to the Fall Conference.

The association remains strong with overall assets in excess of \$184,000.

The 2011 Fall Conference, "Reinventing Higher Education" was held in Austin on October 16-18 at the Holiday Inn Town Lake.

215 attended

Featured speakers: Dr. Stan Carpenter, Dr. Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy, Dr. Susan Komives, and Lynn Rossi Scott.

43 attended the New Professionals Institute

A pre-conference workshop was led by Dr. Susan Komives with 60 participants.

4 Fellows and 5 scholarship recipients attended

3 faculty members took advantage of the free faculty registration

Respectfully submitted by:

Trisha Van Duser, Ed. D.

2010-2011 TACUSPA President

2010-2011 Financial Report

CHECKING AC-COUNT

Reconciled through 8/31/2011
Operations

BUDGET ACTUAL

Expenses

President	\$8,465.00	\$3,165.56
President-Elect	\$750.00	\$203.80
Past President	\$150.00	\$0.00
Vice President-Admin	\$275.00	\$141.87
Vice President-Mktg&Mbrshp	\$800.00	\$223.64
VP Education	\$2,850.00	\$1,987.33
Secretary	\$15.00	\$0.00
Treasurer	\$6,100.00	\$4,920.28
Director Technology	\$5,600.00	\$1,894.40
Reserve	\$1,000.00	\$0.00

Transfer Transfer Investment Acct \$17,500.00

\$30,036.88

Income

Balance as of 8/31/10		\$23,111.13
2010 Membership Dues		\$3,175.00
2011 Membership Dues		\$14,955.00
Job Postings		\$185.00
Miscellaneous Income		\$500.00
Earning Allowance		\$28.90

\$41,955.03

\$11,918.15

Conference

Expenses

Fall 2010		\$48,687.54
Fall 2011		\$426.37

\$49,113.91

Income

Balance as of 8/31/10		\$47,130.18
Fall 2010		\$40,227.34
Fall 2011		\$20,050.00

\$107,407.52

\$58,293.61

Foundation

Income

Balance as of 8/31/10		\$2,600.00
2010-11		\$3,225.00
2011-12		\$375.00

\$6,200.00

\$6,200.00

Checking Balance

\$76,411.76

BUSINESS INVESTMENT AC-COUNT

Income

Balance as of 9/1/10		\$32,816.24
Interest		\$25.03
Transfer from Checking		\$17,500.00

\$50,341.27

BIA Balance

\$50,341.27

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Three Year CD to Mature 8/2011		\$23,536.00
Three Year CD to Mature 8/2012		\$22,238.43
Three Year CD to Mature 8/2013		\$11,978.71

\$57,753.14

CD Balance

\$57,753.14

BALANCE

\$184,506.17

House Bill 452

In Fiscal Year 2010, the Department of Family and Protective Service (DFPS) reported that there were over 27,000 children in some form of foster care. Research compiled by Casey Family Programs has shown that college graduation rates for youth who were in foster care are in between 3 to 11%. These statistics represent lost opportunities for youth, post-secondary institutions and the economic prosperity of our communities.

HB 452, authored by Representative Lucio III, addresses one of the root causes of college incompleteness - a lack of feasible housing alternatives, forcing youth to sleep on the street or return to other unsafe environments. The legislation accomplishes this by supporting the provision of housing in between semesters for youth who were formerly in foster care.

Recently, Texans Care for Children and One Voice Texas facilitated a conference call to begin discussions on an implementation plan for HB 452. We want to thank the over 20 post-secondary institutions, Texas Reach, DFPS, and other stakeholders for participating and let everyone know that the next steps are already in progress! We are building a framework to support the designation of leadership, the development of coalitions, and a distribution mechanism to ensure youth know what resources exist. We want your institution to become a part of this effort! Please contact Dr. Katherine Barillas at kbarillas@onevoicetexas.org to find out how you can easily support foster care alumni on your campus.

For more information about how you can make a difference in the lives of Foster Care Alumni in Higher Education, visit the Texas REACH website: <http://www.texasreach.org/> or join the Texas REACH listserv: texasreach@gmail.com.