



# Letter from the President

What will TACUSPA accomplish in the year ahead? My hope is that we continue to provide professional development opportunities that aid students in their intellectual, social, moral, and personal development. In that regard, I believe we are off to a good, though unusual, start.

Hurricane Ike certainly did TACUSPA no favors! His untimely descent upon our Gulf coast caused the cancellation of our annual fall conference. My sincere thanks go to David Rachita (University of Houston - Clear Lake) and the entire conference committee for all of the hard work given to creating what was to be a wonderful conference. While we hope that scheduled presenters and programs can be offered at upcoming conferences, it is the loss of the time together and the opportunity to learn from colleagues that impacts us most. In addition, the organization has lost a primary recruiting opportunity. We will rely on you, our membership, to continue to promote our organization on our campuses.



**Dr. Elizabeth With**  
TACUSPA President  
University of North Texas

As many of you may know, Steve Sutton accepted a position at the University of California at Berkeley where he will be the Executive Director of the Office of Student Development. Steve has contributed greatly to our organization and we will miss him for his final year on the Board. With that said, it is my role to appoint someone to replace him as Past President. I am very pleased to announce that Rusty Jergins, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at Tarleton State University, has agreed to serve in that capacity. Rusty brings a wealth of experience with him to the Board having served six years as an executive board member and on numerous committees and task forces.

I am also pleased to announce that TACUSPA will co-sponsor the Texas Higher Education Law Conference to be held April 6-7 at the University of North Texas campus. This co-sponsorship is an effort to return to TACUSPA's roots and will be in lieu of our traditional summer conference/institute. As an organization we have explored several types of summer conferences over the years with limited success. Summer no longer provides the opportunity for many of us to find respite in professional development opportunities. My hope is that this pilot project with THELC will result in a continued partnership that allows the organization to assist in providing ongoing professional development to its membership in the area of legal issues.

Our organization remains strong and viable; something we want to ensure that for the future years. TACUSPA, along with many other organizations, faces some challenges given the economic situation of our country. As a Board, we are committed to improving the organization for our membership. I am humbled and honored to have been chosen to serve as President of TACUSPA this year and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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## Upcoming Conferences—Save the Dates!

### 13th Annual Texas Higher Education Law Conference

April 6-9, 2009

University of North Texas

Denton, TX



Registration Now

\* Open \*

<http://www.unt.edu/administration/conference2009.htm>



#### Spring Scholarship

*Alicia Huppe, VP for Administration*

#### ★ Attention Graduate Students! ★

TACUSPA will be sponsoring 5 scholarships to the Spring Law Conference. The scholarship will cover conference registration fees (transportation and lodging are the responsibility of the recipient).

Applicants must be:

- A student member of TACUSPA,
- A full-time graduate student pursuing a career in student affairs, counseling, higher education or related field, and
- Endorsed by a graduate faculty member at the institution where the student is enrolled, or by a professional member of TACUSPA

Additional eligibility information, deadlines, and application are available on the TACUSPA conference website <http://www.tacuspa.net/conferences.html>

Scholarship winners will be asked to register through TACUSPA and not the UNT online registration.

### The 2009 TACUSPA FALL CONFERENCE is heading west.



**Bright Horizons: Future Trends in Higher Education**

**October 4 – 6  
El Paso, Texas**

**Hotel accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn located on  
The University of Texas at El Paso campus.**

**For conference info. or to volunteer contact Gary Edens: 915.747.7471 | [gedens@utep.edu](mailto:gedens@utep.edu)**

# Despite economic crisis, TACUSPA remains financially sound

By John Kaulfus, Treasurer

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>		<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>	
<b>Operations</b>				
	<i>Expenses</i>			
	President	\$3,575.00	\$210.99	
	President-Elect	\$400.00	\$0.00	
	Past President	\$200.00	\$50.00	
	Vice President-Admin	\$275.00	\$205.20	
	Vice President-Mktg&Mbrshp	\$4,260.00	\$181.99	
	Secretary	\$15.00	\$0.00	
	Treasurer	\$1,250.00	\$335.89	
	Dir-DataMgmt&Tech	\$1,000.00	\$239.40	
	Reserve	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
				\$1,223.47
	<i>Income</i>			
	Balance as of 9/1/08		\$15,620.92	
	2008 Membership Dues		\$1,840.00	
	2009 Membership Dues		\$575.00	
	TACUSPA Foundation		\$750.00	
				\$18,785.92
				\$17,562.45
<b>Conference</b>				
	<i>Expenses</i>			
	Fall '08		\$8,444.79	
				\$8,444.79
	<i>Income</i>			
	Balance as of 9/1/08		\$24,027.58	
	Fall '08		\$4,913.80	
				\$28,941.38
				\$20,496.59
<b>Checking Balance</b>				\$38,059.04
<b>BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT</b>				
	<i>Income</i>			
	Balance as of 9/1/08		\$22,705.10	
	Interest		\$22.71	
				\$22,727.81
<b>BIA Balance</b>				\$22,727.81
<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT</b>				
	Three Year CD to Mature 8/2009		\$11,233.13	
	Three Year CD to Mature 8/2010		\$11,200.48	
	Three Year CD to Mature 8/2011		\$21,400.20	
<b>CD Balance</b>				\$43,833.81
<b>BALANCE</b>				\$104,620.66

## Professional development, networking benefits of site visit

*By Sheila Bustillos Reynolds, 2007-08 Graduate Student Caucus Chair*

Students from Texas State, Baylor and Texas A&M gathered on November 7, 2008, for the first bi-annual TACUSPA site visit. The site visits are open to any graduate students studying higher education/student affairs or any professionals interested in pursuing a graduate degree in the field.

The site visit is a professional development and networking opportunity for future professionals. Students shared

experiences in their respective graduate programs and their assistantships at the student panel portion of the visit. A&M program students guided the campus tour and formed the director panel that soon followed. Students had the opportunity to interact with 12 panel members from various departments of student affairs at A&M.

Overall, the site visit was well received and the students highly anticipate the spring 2009 TACUSPA visit. For more information on future site visits, contact Marlon Anderson at [marlon.anderson@utsa.edu](mailto:marlon.anderson@utsa.edu).



*Graduate students participate in the TACUSPA site visit in College Station.*

## TACUSPA blog dedicated to higher education research, news

*By Jennifer Edwards, 2009-10 GEAR Co-Chair*

The Graduate Education and Research committee has created a blog dedicated to current research and news in the higher education field.

The "Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators: Higher Ed News" features video clips, discussion questions, news articles, and monthly polls. Upcoming plans include adding interviews with TACUSPA members, conference highlights, and a biannual listing of thesis and dissertation titles from student affairs based graduate programs in Texas. Most importantly, this blog encourages feedback and interaction among TACUSPA members.

**Check out the TACUSPA Blog:** <http://tacuspa.blogspot.com/>

Interested members may access the blog at

<http://tacuspa.blogspot.com/>

or use an online program like Google Reader to subscribe to the blog's RSS feed.

Google Reader

(<http://reader.google.com/>) is a free online service that enables users to view all of the recent updates to a website or blog.

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## Seeking volunteers: Express interest in a TACUSPA position today!

*By Marlon Anderson, Vice-President for Membership & Marketing*

TACUSPA has numerous opportunities available for volunteers. Volunteering for TACUSPA is a wonderful way to network and connect with other student affairs professionals in the state.

For more information about the various volunteer positions, please see the TACUSPA website: <http://www.tacuspa.net/committees.html>. If you have an interest in volunteering for any of these committees, please email Marlon Anderson at [marlon.anderson@utsa.edu](mailto:marlon.anderson@utsa.edu) with your contact information and the area(s) in which you are interested in volunteering.

### Volunteer Positions Available

- Fall 2009 Conference Committee Member (El Paso)
- Graduate Student Caucus Committee
- New Professionals Caucus Committee
- Private College Caucus Chair
- Professionals School Caucus Chair
- Scholarship Committee Chair
- Two Year College Caucus Chair
- Graduate Education & Research (GEAR) Committee
- Awards and Recognition Committee



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The Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA) is an association of administrators, staff, students and others interested in the professional administration of student affairs programs in higher education.

TACUSPA focuses on the broad issues and administration of the total student affairs program while recognizing that many members have interests or responsibilities in specialized areas.

TACUSPA seeks to enhance the profession of student affairs by supporting research, articulating contemporary issues, supporting graduate training programs and introducing students to the profession.

TACUSPA provides opportunities for professional development and interaction through its publications and activities such as conferences, workshops and seminars.

TACUSPA seeks to meet the needs of its members by providing services in all areas of the state.

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## Foundation supports student personnel profession in Texas

*By Thomas Moorman, Past President*

The TACUSPA Board announced the establishment of the TACUSPA Foundation in the Spring of 2008. The purpose of the foundation is to develop endowments to support the development of the Student Personnel Profession in Texas.

The foundation accepts donations at the following individual sponsorship levels: Individual Sponsor: \$5 to <\$25; Individual Supporter: \$25 to <\$50; Individual Benefactor: \$50 to <\$100; Individual Philanthropist: \$100+.

The foundation is prepared to accept donations for all the various sponsorship levels. We are looking forward to your support in 2009. All donors will be recognized at the TACUSPA Fall Conference with donor ribbons on their nametags, as well as in upcoming issues of the TACUSPA newsletter.

The funds collected will help to support TACUSPA's efforts to fund and eventually endow graduate student scholarships, research awards, and training awards.

If you are interested in supporting the foundation, please send a check to:

TACUSPA Foundation  
Attn: Dr. Thomas Moorman  
UNT Health Science Center  
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd  
Fort Worth, TX 76107

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