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## Fall Conference is Around the Corner!



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

El Paso, TX | October 4-6, 2009

If you have not already registered for the fall 2009 TACUSPA Conference in El Paso, TX, it's not too late!

Registration Form can be found at

<http://academics.utep.edu/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=5b3yToWyaIo%3d&tabid=59189&mid=132375>

With guest speakers

George D. Kuh, Diana Natalicio, and Laura L. Rendon,

This year's conference is sure to be a great experience for all from seasoned professionals to our incoming graduate students.

The 2009 TACUSPA conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on the UTEP campus. You can call the hotel directly at (915) 351-2121 to make all reservations or book online at [www.elpaso.stayhgi.com](http://www.elpaso.stayhgi.com).

For more information on the 2009 TACUSPA Conference contact Gary Edens at (915) 747-5077 or [gedens@utep.edu](mailto:gedens@utep.edu).

See you in El Paso!

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## Farewell Thoughts from the President

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Our campuses are bustling with new students ready for the new semester, experiencing new classes with new instructors, and making new connections and new friends. We all are focused on upcoming events and programs and meeting goals and deadlines that loom somewhere in the not-so-distant future. With all of this beginning anew on our campuses, I find it ironic that I am reflecting on the past year and the culmination of my time as President.

It has been a good year for TACUSPA and the Executive Board. Hurricane Ike was not the auspicious beginning I would have planned; nor was the downturn in the economy a welcome addition. However, the impact of both on the association was far less dramatic than the hurricane damage to the coast (that resulted in the cancellation of the fall conference) and the loss of jobs and funding across the country at other institutions. Instead, we have experienced growth in our membership, renewed energy from a successful conference collaboration, and an expected record attendance in El Paso! What a difference a year makes!

The Executive Board has worked diligently during the year and have many accomplishments as a result of their hard work. The following are but a few of the highlights.

TACUSPA co-sponsored a graduate student reception with Texas A&M where we helped to welcome a new cohort of graduate students in student affairs to their campus. This collaboration is the beginning of efforts to focus on graduate students and new professionals in the state to increase their connections to the field of student affairs and the association.

TACUSPA initiated a collaboration with the Texas Higher Education Law Conference to provide a second professional development opportunity for the membership. As a Board we hope this relationship develops and that the membership sees great benefits.

The membership is very strong, having a record number of members! With 422 to date, this number will only grow as we get closer to the conference. This increase is in spite of the challenges we faced last fall with not having a conference.

We remain not only fiscally viable, but have managed to increase our overall assets to well over \$100,000.00. The Board kept its spending to a minimum to ensure that the economy did not negatively impact TACUSPA's bottom line.

You will soon experience the Bright Horizons of El Paso as Dr. Gary Edens and UTEP along with the wonderful fall conference committee will host us for our annual conference October 4-6, 2009. With nationally recognized speakers, over 30 breakout sessions, and ample opportunities for networking, this conference proves to be one of the best yet!

My heartfelt thanks go to the entire Executive Board and their contributions over the past year. While a leadership role is never really quite what you envision, my year as President provided me with both the challenges and the fulfillment I had hoped. I am most grateful that I was given the opportunity to contribute to an organization that has given me so much over the last 18 years.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon in El Paso!

Elizabeth With, President





## Guest Bloggers on the Topic of Assessment

By Jennifer Edwards, 2009-10 GEAR Co-Chair

This month, we are very fortunate to have guest bloggers from the Office of Planning and Advancement for Student Development at the University of North Texas. Our guest bloggers are:

Dr. Jan Hillman, Executive Director, Planning and Advancement for Student Development

Dr. Sharon Karackattu, Director, Planning and Advancement for Student Development

Mr. Jason F. Simon, M.Ed., Graduate Assistant, Office of Planning and Advancement for Student Development

The TACUSPA blog (<http://tacuspa.blogspot.com/>) will feature weekly posts from our guest bloggers on the topic of "Assessment in Student Affairs". This month's posts will focus on the following topics:

Week 1 - History of Student Affairs Assessment

Week 2 - Student Affairs Practitioners as Assessment Practitioners

Week 3 - Two Innovative Assessment Programs in Student Affairs

Week 4 - Future Implications for Student Affairs Assessment

Week 5 - Tapping Non-Users for 360 Degree Evaluation

\*Each post will feature PROCESSING QUESTIONS. Please respond to these processing questions. We would love to see your responses!

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



Blog contributors can submit posts via e-mail or through blogger (after being added as a contributor). The 5 posts must be received at least 15 days before your specified month begins. Your posts can be submitted at any point before the deadline.

If you are interested in serving as a "blog contributor," please contact Jennifer Edwards at [jtedwards@tarlton.edu](mailto:jtedwards@tarlton.edu) or [jennifertedwards@gmail.com](mailto:jennifertedwards@gmail.com). Please include your selected subject in your e-mail.

Topics will be assigned on first-come/first-serve basis.

## Last Call for Graduate Student Scholarships

By Alicia Huppe, VP for Administration

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009 is the last chance for graduate students to apply for a scholarship for the fall conference in El Paso!**

- Must be a student member of TACUSPA (\$20 annual dues)
- Must be a full-time graduate student pursuing a career in student affairs, counseling, higher education or related field
- All applicants must be endorsed by a graduate faculty member at the institution where the student is enrolled or by a professional member of TACUSPA



**For more information contact Jacqueline Hamilton, TACUSPA--Scholarship & Fellowship Chair at [Jacqueline.Hamilton@tamucc.edu](mailto:Jacqueline.Hamilton@tamucc.edu)**



# TACUSPA End of Year Financial Report

By John Kaulfus, Treasurer

<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Reconciled through August 31, 2009			
<b>Operations</b>			
<i>Expenses</i>			
President		\$3,575.00	\$2,756.27
President-Elect		\$400.00	\$169.99
Past President		\$200.00	\$0.00
Vice President-Admin		\$275.00	\$205.20
Vice President-Mktg&Mbrshp		\$4,260.00	\$819.29
Secretary		\$15.00	\$0.00
Treasurer		\$1,250.00	\$783.58
Dir-DataMgmt&Tech		\$1,000.00	\$239.40
Reserve		\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Business Invst		\$0.00	\$15,000.00
			<b>\$19,973.73</b>
<i>Income</i>			
Balance as of 9/1/08			\$15,620.92
2008 Membership Dues			\$1,840.00
2009 Membership Dues			\$14,245.09
TACUSPA Foundation			\$750.00
			<b>\$32,456.01</b>
			<b>\$12,482.28</b>
<b>Conference</b>			
<i>Expenses</i>			
Fall '08			\$8,444.79
Transfer to Business Invst			\$5,000.00
Summer '09			\$300.00
Fall '09			\$4,735.72
			<b>\$18,480.51</b>
<i>Income</i>			
Balance as of 9/1/08			\$24,027.58
Fall '08			\$4,913.80
Fall '09			\$13,880.00
			<b>\$42,821.38</b>
			<b>\$24,340.87</b>
<b>Checking Balance</b>			<b>\$36,823.15</b>
<b>BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT</b>			
<i>Income</i>			
Balance as of 9/1/08			\$22,705.10
Transfer from Checking			\$20,000.00
Interest			\$71.43
			<b>\$42,776.53</b>
<i>Expenses</i>			
Transfer to Certificates of Deposit			\$10,000.00
			<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>BIA Balance</b>			<b>\$32,776.53</b>
<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT</b>			
Three Year CD to Mature 8/2010			\$11,463.38
Three Year CD to Mature 8/2011			\$21,911.23
Three Year CD to Mature 8/2012			\$21,478.39
<b>CD Balance</b>			<b>\$54,853.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>\$124,452.68</b>



# Mark Your Calendars: TACUSPA 2010 Conferences

## The 14th Annual Texas Higher Education Law Conference March 29 and 30, 2010.

Sponsored by the UNT College of Education and the Center for Higher Education

Co-Sponsored by:  
The Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA)



As the premier conference on higher education law in Texas, the 13th Annual Texas Higher Education Law Conference provided college and university professional in the public and private sector and attorneys who advise them the most current information on important developments in such areas as student legal issues, first amendment rights, technology dangers, FERPA and free speech areas to name a few.

### 2010 Conference Partners

- UNT Center for Education Law, Administration and Policy
- North Texas Community College Consortium
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