

# TACRAO NEWS

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2019 Fall Newsletter

## Bobby's World

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President Bobby Lothringer,  
Texas Woman's University



Hello TACRAO members!

I hope you have recovered from the incredible 2019 TACRAO conference in Galveston! I want to give a major shout-out to the 2019 Local Arrangements Committee Chairs, **Scott Branum & Lori Zerr**, for all of their hard work in making the 98<sup>th</sup> conference one of the best ever. Also, congratulations to **Nancy Faris, Dara Newton, and all of the session planning committee members** for a phenomenal slate of sessions. I heard more than a few people comment on how this was one of the overall best selections of sessions they've seen.

We are always looking for ways to improve, however. To help us, please submit your conference and session evaluations if you haven't already done so. **Guidebook will remain open until December 30<sup>th</sup>**, so you still have time!

You have all heard the phrase, "**Hindsight is 2020.**" Well, in 2020 we want to see you in beautiful San Antonio where we will be **Using Hindsight for Future Vision!** So mark your calendars NOW:

99<sup>th</sup> Annual TACRAO Conference  
November 8 – 11, 2020  
Hyatt Hill Country Resort  
9800 Hyatt Resort Drive  
San Antonio, Texas

For a preview of this magnificent location, I invite you to visit: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/texas/hyatt-regency-hill-country-resort-and-spa/sanhc/photos-reviews>

**Anne Delgado & Alejandra (Alex) Holt**, your 2020 LAC Co-Chairs, have already been working hard with their 2020 Local Arrangements Committee in planning and preparations. It's exciting to hear their ideas and their enthusiasm is absolutely contagious. You will not want to miss this conference!

In addition, your President-Elect, **Jamie Hansard**, and your session Vice Presidents, **Jennifer Beal & Nancy Faris**, will be working hard with the session planning committees to once again provide you all with the best possible slate of sessions of any state or regional conference. I am excited that they will be using the new session planning & proposal system that our Vice President for IT, **Bobbie Brown**, has been working diligently to implement for us.

I want to thank our immediate Past President, **Sofia Almeda Montes**, for her leadership and mentoring of me and all of the TEC as we take on our new roles for this organization. I am excited to be working with such an amazing group this next year, with **Melinda Carroll** continuing as your TACRAO Treasurer and **Kristin McDonald-Willey** joining us as your new TACRAO Secretary. It is truly a privilege and honor to be able to work alongside such a talented team of professionals!

We hope you all have a relaxing and safe holiday break!

Bobby Lothringer  
TACRAO President



## Jivin' with Jamie

President Elect Jamie Hansard, Texas Tech University

Greetings from West Texas!

Thank you for allowing me to serve this wonderful organization! As I reflect on the incredible annual TACRAO conference in Galveston, I want to say a special thank you to the LAC who planned a great conference...it was very memorable and so much fun! I also want to thank the many presenters who provided rich content and great discussions this year. One of my favorite things about

attending a TACRAO event is the opportunity to connect with old friends, meet new people and create new friendships and this year's conference did not disappoint. As we look forward to our next annual conference in San Antonio, I encourage you think about getting involved. If you have a session idea, or if you would like to present, please submit a program session proposal online. Also, if you are interested in serving on a TACRAO session planning or standing committee next year (2020-2021), please be sure to fill out the "I'm Available" form online.

Until we meet again, Happy Holidays!  
Jamie Hansard - TACRAO President-Elect

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## Small Talk with Sophia

Past President Sofia Montes,  
University of Texas Rio Grande  
Valley



It is hard to find the right words to sum up our 98th annual conference in beautiful and historic

Galveston. I am forever indebted to Lori and Scott for their unwavering commitment not just to TACRAO as an organization, but to you all as its valuable members. I know Lori and Scott had the time of their lives preparing for the conference and I'm sure the smiles on your faces during sessions and events helped them see the rewards of their extremely hard work.

Wrapping up my year as President couldn't have been sweeter because of the phenomenal officers and committee members that helped make the conference possible. We were able to accomplish so much this year with your help. Some of those items included a review of our Summer Meetings structure; correspondence with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding negotiated rulemaking and our insistence that subject matter experts like yourselves be involved, as well as recommended transcript verbiage for use in compliance with HB 449; the start of conversations and planning for compliance with Field of Study requirements; the decision to work with contracted developers to construct a Conference Session Planning application for use by session planners and our session planning Vice Presidents; raising conference registration fees to guarantee we continue providing a conference strong in both session content and networking; and utilization of a new service provider for site selection and contract development.

More exciting, however, is what the future holds for TACRAO in the hands of my very dear friend and colleague Bobby Lothringer. TACRAO has an incredibly bright future and continues to be the leader among state organizations serving recruitment, admissions, and registrar professionals.



Vice President for Records and  
Registration Nancy Faris, Dallas  
County Community College District

## Notes from Nancy

The TACRAO Annual meeting in Galveston was a success and loads of fun. I hope everyone has recovered from the Spazmatics!

We had 137 conference sessions, covering topics created by 10 session planning committees. I want to thank all the session planning committees for their hard work this past year. I am already looking forward to our conference in 2020 in San Antonio, November 8-11, 2020.

We will be sending a call for proposals soon. Please be on the lookout. TACRAO has accomplished and talented members with vast knowledge and expertise. Please consider sharing this knowledge and expertise by presenting at the TACRAO Annual Conference in 2020.

Nancy Faris, Vice President of Records and Registration.



## Beal's Deals

Vice President for Admissions Jennifer Beal,  
North Central Texas College

Don't we all wish our feet were back in the sand! The TACRAO 2019 Galveston conference was so RAD!!! We all enjoyed the relaxing strolls along the seawall and were glad that no one from the fun run fell off. I tip my hat to all of the fisher men and women who woke up at the crack of dawn to challenge the waves of the Gulf of Mexico. It was amazing to see the big fish that were caught. We all enjoyed our flash back to the 80's, but are looking forward to our view of the future at the TACRAO 2020 annual conference in beautiful San Antonio. Keep an eye out for a call for session proposals through the TACRAO list serve soon. TACRAO is a phenomenal organization to share your expertise and learn from people all over this big beautiful state of Texas. I look forward to working with you all to plan an amazing conference session schedule in wonderful San Antonio.







## Kristin's Korner

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Secretary Kristin McDonald-Wiley, Amarillo College

Hello TACRAO Friends!

I hope you all have fully recovered from a wonderful conference filled with three-course meals, a “Big Event” only rivaled by the “bigness” of the 80’s hairstyles, and most importantly some stellar conference sessions and wonderful company.

As we move into this holiday season and a brand new year, rest assured that you will receive some heart-

warming “Give us your money!” Support Fee invoices for the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS), but those invoices will be sent filled with holiday cheer because by supporting TCCNS, you are truly supporting Texas students. TCCNS is one of the top tools we have that ensures seamless transfer for our students and without your participation, maintaining the TCCNS would not be possible. So please know we are very thankful for your continued participation.

I have just begun my role as TACRAO Secretary and I know that I have some big shoes to fill. Brenda Schumann, past TACRAO secretary, has done a wonderful job in her tenure as secretary and has been gracious to me through this transition process. I am learning as much as I can from Brenda with the hope that I can likewise serve you well. So, on that note, if you ever have any questions pertaining to your TCCNS invoices, TACRAO membership invoices, or who holds your institution’s TACRAO primary membership, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

I sincerely look forward to working with you all over the next two years and wish you all the happiest of holidays!

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## Melinda's Minute

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Treasurer Melinda Carroll, North Central Texas College

Hello fellow TACRAOans!

What an amazing Conference we had on Galveston Island! I would like to applaud the Galveston LAC for their hard work and dedication to making the Fall 2019 Annual Conference a huge success, one of the best!

After serving as Treasurer a year on TACRAO Executive Committee along with the Galveston LAC and all TEC, I truly appreciate the LAC and what that they do for the entire organization to enjoy and learn at our Conferences each year!



I hope you are making plans now for when we meet again at San Antonio in 2020.

Melinda Carroll  
TACRAO Treasurer

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## Using Hindsight for Future Vision

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Local Area Committee Co-Chairs:

Alejandra Holt, University of Texas San Antonio

Anne Delgado, University of Texas San Antonio Health Science Center

The 2020 TACRAO annual conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, November 8 – 11, 2020 in historic San Antonio. Accommodations and the conference will be held on the 300 acres of comfort and elegance. This beautiful resort is located on the growing North West side of San Antonio, minutes from SeaWorld and other fun attractions. While the resort is not immediately downtown, it's only a few minutes on the highway to visit the Alamo and other downtown attractions. We hope everyone can plan for a little extra time to explore everything San Antonio has to offer! Keep an eye on the TACRAO listserv and TACRAO social media outlets for more information.

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## Announcements

Let's welcome Cara Hogan as she now joins the WTACRAO Regional community as the Acting Registrar at Odessa College. Cara has taken on this position preceding Karen Doughty. Cara can be reached at [chogan@odessa.edu](mailto:chogan@odessa.edu).

Margret G Duran, Assistant Vice President for Student Services, will be retiring at the end of December 2019 after 31 years of service with the Texas Tech System, 22 of these years at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She has been a TACRAO member since 1998 and part of the TACRAO Graduate and Professional Committee, member 2002-2007 and chaired the committee in 2008. She has thoroughly enjoyed this association and will miss everyone. Let's celebrate Margret's successful career together by sharing our farewells to [Margret.duran@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:Margret.duran@ttuhsc.edu).

The University of the Incarnate Word is excited to announce the addition of two new admissions counselors. Belinda Guajardo join us as our newest Transfer/Graduate Counselor, and Erica Cortez joins us as our newest FTIC counselor. Please give them a big TACRAO welcome when you see them on the road!

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## Comm Chair Commentary



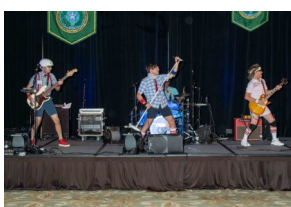
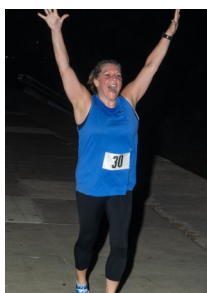
Andi Scott, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

I would like to extend one more THANK YOU to the 2019 TEC and LAC for working so diligently for this organization. Thank you for yet another amazing and memorable annual conference experience! (I'm not sure it will be possible to top that Tuesday Night Big Event... Challenge Extended!)

If you would like to submit an announcement or article for the Spring Newsletter, feel free to send it to [Andi.Scott@utrgv.edu](mailto:Andi.Scott@utrgv.edu).



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