



JAMIE'S JOURNAL



Jamie Hansard
Texas Tech University
President

Greetings TACRAO Friends! I hope this newsletter finds you all well. It is hard to believe that it is already time for fall classes to start. It has been a busy and chaotic summer, but I hope through it all you have found time to relax and refresh as we begin another year.

Summer Meeting

While we couldn't meet in person for the Summer Meeting this year, we were able to meet virtually. It was great to connect with so many friends and colleagues and learn how we have adapted our processes and experiences to better serve our students. I want to thank Georgina Antillon, Cynthia Blanco, and Rex Oliver for coordinating and facilitating the meeting. I also want to thank all the presenters for giving your time and sharing your expertise with TACRAO.

High School Relations

It has been another challenging year for our High School Relations Committee. Thank you to Dara Newton, Chair, and the committee for working with our high school community to create the 2021-2022 TACRAO college fair schedule. It has been another year of uncertainty and they have worked diligently to accommodate both in person and virtual college fairs. I know this year has not been easy and even more complicated than last year. Thank you for your service to TACRAO and your commitment to students.

TACRAO Conference

It is hard to believe that we will be celebrating the **100th** Annual TACRAO Conference in less than three months. Our Local Arrangements Chair, Kat Livingston, and the LAC Committees have been hard at work planning what will undoubtedly be a memorable conference. For many of us, it will be the first time in two years to reconnect in person. Your President Elect, Paige Bussell, and Vice Presidents, Jennifer Beal and Tana Miller, have slated excellent sessions that you don't want to miss. If you haven't registered to attend the [conference](#) **November 7-10th**, please make plans to do so soon. You don't want to miss the **100th** conference celebrating years of our rich traditions and making plans for the future. We can't wait for you to arrive and I hope you come ready to experience the unexpected when you visit Lubbock.

The TACRAO Executive Committee just wrapped our last in person meeting before the conference in November. I can't say thank you enough to each member of the executive committee. Their commitment and passion for TACRAO knows no bounds. These volunteers have worked tirelessly to better the organization and ensure that they are serving our members to the fullest. I am humbled by the committee's service and honored to serve alongside them.

I wish you all a wonderful fall semester and I can't wait to see you in November!

PAIGE'S PAGE



Paige Bussell
Texas A&M University-Commerce
President-Elect

Hello TACRAO!
I hope you all have had a great summer and have had some time for vacation and maybe some relaxation! Fall classes will be starting before you know it!

TEC recently met in June in Lubbock to continue planning for the 2021 November Conference. It is so crazy how fast this year is going! We meet again the first weekend of August and before you know it, November will be here. Registration is open and ready for you to sign up: www.tacrao.org/annual-conference so take time to do that today!

Emails will be coming out soon to confirm your committee appointments and sessions. Please be sure and reply so we can solidify your spots. In addition, requests for facilitators will be coming out so we hope you

will volunteer to help facilitate the great sessions your colleagues have in store for you! A full list will be available and posted soon to the TACRAO website after the August meeting. Jennifer and Tana have been working diligently to get sessions scheduled and presenters notified.

In the meantime, Alex, Anne and I have already been meeting to plan the 2022 San Antonio Conference and I cannot wait for you to see the beautiful venue where we will Ride into the Next Century of TACRAO! I am so excited and hope you all will be ready to serve, present and gain more insight and knowledge from our amazing TACARO members.

Until next time,
Paige Bussell

BOBBY'S BULLETIN



Bobby Lothringer
Southern Methodist University
Past President

Greetings TACRAO!
As I write this, we are just three short months until the 2021 TACRAO Annual Conference in Lubbock. I hope you are as excited as I am to finally be back together again!

As I wrote in the Spring article, in years past, newcomers would have an opportunity to win a free registration to the next year's TACRAO by completing the scavenger hunt form and submitting it for the drawing held at the end of the conference during the business meeting. Since we were unable to do this last fall due to our virtual conference, we chose to offer three free registrations to any newcomer in 2020 who submitted their "I'm Available" form by June 1st. A drawing of all eligible entrants was done with the help of TACRAO past president Joe Papari, and I'm pleased to announce that April Hollingsworth of Texas Tech, Erica Wilson of Dallas College, and P.J. Woolston of UT Permian Basin were the three newcomers who won a free registration to the 2021 Annual Conference.

We hope supervisors will consider bringing more newcomers to the 2021 conference. We are planning a great pre-conference

newcomer reception and have selected a special gift for those first-time attendees who come to the reception. In addition, we are inviting all TACRAO members to attend the newcomer orientation session Sunday prior to Exhibitor Reception to help us welcome our newcomers and also learn more about this wonderful organization.

Finally, I want to give you an update on the locations for our future conferences. In an effort to have TACRAO take advantage of good locations during our desired times, and better deals on concessions and pricing, the Site Selection Committees are now tasked with selecting future locations for two future years rather than just one, as recommended to us by those in the industry. As such, because we have contracted for 2022 in San Antonio and 2023 in Denton, this year's site selection has sent out RFP's for both 2024 and 2025 from various areas across Texas, and I hope to be able to provide you the final locations for both years at the November annual meeting.

See you in Lubbock!

Bobby Lothringer
Past President

TANA'S TIDINGS



Tana Miller
West Texas A&M University
VP for Records & Registration

Hello Colleagues! I am sure that everyone is busy getting ready for the Fall semester! I can't believe it is here already – what happened to the summer (or the last year – it all seems a blur)? COVID threw us all for a loop over the past year and I am so excited that we are currently working to be in person in Lubbock in November. Let's say lots of prayers and keep our fingers crossed that the Delta variant doesn't have an impact on our plans for this year. I miss all of my TACRAO friends and the networking that takes place when we are all together!

Your TACRAO Executive Committee (TEC) is working hard to finalize plans and details for our 2021 TACRAO Conference to be held November 7-10 in Lubbock, Texas. We have over 100 sessions currently scheduled for the conference but do have a few open slots so if you have a great idea for a session that you haven't already submitted we would love to add it to our consideration for the November meeting. You can use this link to share your session: <https://conferenceprogram.tacrao.org/session/submission/evid:29/> Just be sure to provide all of the information, including

presenters so we can solidify the remaining schedule quickly. We have a variety of sessions coming from folks across the state and from the THECB as well as an amazing group of vendors. We are excited that on Sunday afternoon we will have a data analyst from the National Student Clearinghouse with us for the National Student Clearinghouse Reporting Workshop. They will be able to answer lots of reporting questions that you may have! The Lubbock LAC has a great conference planned and those in attendance will get to see one of the largest collections of vintage neon signs at the Big Event!

Remember to bring a jacket for the cooler evening temperatures experienced in the Lubbock area (temps can range from a low of 36° at night to a high of 63° during the day) and be ready to enjoy a great conference! See you in November!

BEAL'S DEALS



Jennifer Beal
North Central Texas College
VP for Admissions

It's that time again, Fall semester. I know that we are all busy getting students registered and prepared to enter our campuses. I am so excited to see students again and can't wait to be back to football games and student events. The TEC has been working hard to ensure that this year's conference will be the best that it can be. We have had great interest with the TACRAO membership wanting to participate by presenting session. We are currently confirming all presenters and beginning to assign facilitators. Look out for a glimpse of session that will be posted soon.

We do have a few spots to fill so if you are compelled to present on anything that pertains to Higher Education, Professional Development, or Selfcare, please reach out to Tana or I and let us add you to the schedule. It is an exciting time and I know that you all will enjoy all of the things we have planned in the big 806. We look forward to seeing you there!

TECH TALK WITH JUSTIN



Justin Schilke
Rice University
VP for Information Technology

Greetings from Houston! It's been a busy last few months with TACRAO's technology. We appreciate your patience and support as we work out the kinks and quirks of the new membership system (MemberClicks). If you have any trouble, please feel free to [email me](#), and I'd be glad to take a look.

The biggest feature we implemented recently was a [TACRAO Job Board](#), which allows TACRAO members to find that next admissions or records position in their career trajectory or post open positions for free (just be sure to log in first!) if they are looking for that perfect candidate to join their team. Since its launch in late June, we've had almost 90 jobs posted and over 14,000 views of job postings! Fun fact: it reaches outside of Texas, and people from Iowa, Wyoming, Washington, and Virginia seem to really be interested in searching for jobs with our member institutions—together, they account for almost 15% of our traffic to the Job Board.

If you are looking for next step in your career, you can sign up for alerts every time any position is posted. You may do this on the right-hand side of the home page of the [TACRAO Job Board](#). If you are interested in posting a position, we've provided step by step instructions found [here](#). When checking out, be sure to select the "Job Distribution" upgrade to send an announcement to all the

TACRAO membership. Just be sure to use discount code EMAIL to remove the one cent charge and send it for free rather than posting to the listserv.

The listserv will be the next major item we intend to work on. Right now, the TACRAO listserv is hosted by a member institution, and we are exploring how to move that listserv from that institution to MemberClicks. This would take the burden of maintaining the listserv off of the member institution and the individual member who is the admin and transfer that responsibility to the TACRAO Executive Committee (TEC). This transfer would also allow us to maintain more than one listserv. For example, we plan to have a listserv for the general membership, as we do now, and we also plan to have one for High School Relations and the College Day/Night Program to specifically group that communication and prevent you from getting those messages if you don't want them. My goal is to have a plan to transfer by the end of the month and hopefully get us to the new listserv before the annual conference.

Speaking of the annual conference, be sure to [register](#) if you haven't already done so! The TEC toured the location for the Tuesday Night Big Event, and it was one of the most unique and unexpected places I've ever been. The LAC has done a wonderful job in preparing for us to come in November, and we would love to see you there!

KRISTIN'S COLUMN



Kristin McDonald-Willey
Amarillo College
Secretary

Greetings everyone! I hope you are all having a wonderful, summer semester.

Membership Dues

As a reminder, if you've not yet paid your 2021-2022 membership dues, these fees are due 8/31/21. Your institution will need to be up-to-date on your dues payments to access the College Day/Night schedule, maintain membership voting rights, and to keep all of your other TACRAO membership perks.

Your key contact should have already received the institutional invoice. You can view your key contact by visiting our [member directory search](#).

Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) Invoice

The TCCNS invoice is separate from the membership dues, but goes toward the support of the TCCNS site, TCCNS meetings, and other associated activities that support seamless Texas transfer.

Due to the challenges brought about by COVID-19, the lack of travel that occurred in the 2020-2021 year, and the change to our new TACRAO membership system, TACRAO will not issue a TCCNS invoice for the 2020-2021 year. We will, however, resume TCCNS invoicing this upcoming 2021-2022 year.

Questions and Support

I hope you all have a great rest of the summer. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or feel you need any further support.

Take care!

LORI'S LETTER



Lori Zerr
The University of Texas Health
Science Center at Houston
Treasurer

Greetings TACRAO! I hope this finds you all happy and healthy as we continue to navigate in person, hybrid, asynchronous, Zoom calls, Microsoft Teams meetings and everything that the pandemic has brought us.

As most know, TACRAO utilizes WorkSuites in Plano as our official mailing address. Our mail is collected at their facility and forwarded to me in Houston; therefore, there can be a two-week delay in mail reaching me. Please keep this in mind if you are mailing checks for membership invoices or conference registration payments.

TACRAO is financially strong, and the TACRAO Executive Committee is diligent in ensuring that we remain cost conscious. Please feel free to contact me if you have

questions or concerns about the finances of the organization.

If you haven't made plans to attend the upcoming TACRAO 2021 Annual Conference in Lubbock, consider it! There is a terrific slate of sessions coordinated by our President-Elect & Vice Presidents that will provide a great professional development opportunity – you won't want to miss any of them. The LAC Co-Chairs and their committees are doing a fantastic job planning the conference, and will show us the best that Lubbock has to offer!

May your Fall 2021 semester be a remarkable success as we serve the students of Texas!

LUBBOCK CONFERENCE CHAT



**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Kat Livingston
Texas Tech University

The 100th Annual Conference is quickly approaching, and the LAC is excited to welcome you to Lubbock November 7-10, 2021! Sessions will take place at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The Conference Hotels are all located within walking distance of the Civic Center:

- Cotton Court Hotel
- DoubleTree Hotel
- MCM Elegante

Special Events & Highlights:

- We will kick off the 100th Annual Conference with the President's Dinner & Opening Session Sunday evening. Please join us as we celebrate another century of success with a very special presentation from former US Army Black Hawk Pilot, Elizabeth McCormick!

- Monday we will host the Recognition and Awards Luncheon, followed by our annual Don Palermo 5K/Fun Run. The Fun Run will end at Chimy's Restaurant & Bar, a local Lubbock favorite! Optional evening activities will be available at 4ore Golf and Little Woodrow's. Bus transportation will be provided.

- Tuesday evening we will host our annual Big Event at Cook's Garage! Please join us for dinner and drinks, as we dance the night away with the All-Star Band Emerald City!! More fun event details to come!

Conference registration and hotel reservations are open! See the conference website for details!

SAN ANTONIO CONFERENCE CHAT



LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Alejandra Holt

University of Texas at San Antonio

Anne Delgado

University of Texas San Antonio
Health Science Center

Happy Fall TACRAO members! Anne and I are excited to see everyone at this year's 2021 TACRAO Lubbock conference. We are even more excited for 2022 as TACRAO will be coming back around to San Antonio! We have some very exciting events scheduled including adding a little Fiesta to November 2020. We will have more information in the upcoming year but can't wait to host everyone in the Alamo City.

The 2022 TACRAO annual conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, November 6 – 9, 2022 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.

Alex and Annie
LAC Co-Chairs San Antonio 2020

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

The University of North Texas would like to welcome the following new team members!

Destiny Wisener – Sr. Admissions Processor
Mary Paradoski – Sr. Admissions Processor
Kellee Fountain-Carter – Sr. Admissions Processor
Sammie Huckabee – Sr. Admissions Processor
Kathryn Reinhart-Sr. Admissions Processor
Jonathan Biles – Grad International Evaluator

Renee Johnson– Grad International Evaluator
Andre Smith – Grad International Evaluator
Frazier Johnson-Grad Admissions Officer
Cierra Ballinger-Undergrad Admissions Officer
Lauren Harp-Undergrad Admissions Officer

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

Dr. Sam Carrell, Associate Registrar for Graduation, Curriculum, and Policy, will soon have a journal article based on his dissertation published in the European Journal of Training and Development. Dr. Carrell currently serves as the Chair of TACRAO's Legislative Issues Committee.

KILLGORE COLLEGE



Wade Cates, Continuing Education Admissions Coordinator, and his wife, Maria, welcomed their fourth child, Ezra Santiago Cates, on March 19, 2021. Congratulations to the Cates family!

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

We are sad to report that Lynda Langham, Registrar at SFA, will be retiring at the end of August. She has served as Registrar for 11 years and has been with the university for 23 years in total. Lynda has been a vital part of our university and will be greatly missed by her coworkers. Her post-work life will include some light traveling, volunteer opportunities, and spending more time with her 3 grandkids.

Our university recently welcomed two new, key administrators to our campus. Dr. Brandon Frye was selected as our next Vice President of Student Affairs, and Dr. Lorenzo Smith recently filled the role of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. We look forward to working with them!

NORTH EAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



The Student Services Department is piloting EagleGanza – A Freshman Experience this summer in an effort to assimilate FTIC students into the culture of the campus prior to the first class day. Elements of the day include a comprehensive campus tour, fun activities, Chik-fil-A for lunch, and a program expo at which students can interact with faculty to learn more about programs and organizations.

Students are also given the opportunity to register for fall classes, and earn points toward a scholarship by completing all the events offered during the course of the day. With the first two events under our belt, reviews by both students and faculty have been very positive. Go Eagles!

Our tour guides are amazing!

