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Plan to attend the TECSCU 2009 fall conference in Savannah, at the River Street Inn. The conference theme is *Preparing Educators in*



Forsyth Park in Historic Downtown

Challenging Economic Times: Promises and Possibilities. Larry Daniel, TECSCU President Elect and Dean, College of Education and Human Services, University of North

Florida, is arranging the program. There will be extensive time scheduled in the program for program participant interaction.

The conference will begin Sunday, October 11 with a President's reception at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and a keynote address and conclude by 12 noon on Tuesday, October 13. A brief proposed program that may change to accommodate participants and facilities and a pre-registration form are included in this newsletter. The program and pre-registration form are also available at <http://tecscu.org> in the

new postings and will be updated as program arrangements are made. The pre-registration conference fee is \$250 and the pre-registration deadline is Friday, September 25. The on-site registration fee is \$275. If you need to request a refund, only written requests for refunds, postmarked or email dated by September 28, 2008 will be honored. All refunds will be processed after the meeting.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Sunday, October 11

5:30 pm-6:00 pm	President's Reception
6:00 pm -	Dinner & Keynote Address

Monday, October 12

8:30 am-9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Morning Program
12:15 pm-1:45 pm	Lunch and Business Meeting
1:45 pm-5:00 pm	Afternoon Program

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 am-9:00 am	Plated Breakfast
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Morning Program & Closing Session



Cathy Barlow
TECSCU President &
Interim Provost
Univ. of North Carolina at Wilmington

Hello to all! It is a real pleasure to serve TECSCU members in the capacity of president. As I am sure you know, TECSCU institutions represent the largest group of teacher preparation universities across the country.

We need to make our voice heard. The TECSCU Board met this summer to plan on behalf of all of you. Some of our major emphases over the past couple of years have been advocacy and interagency (educational group) collaboration to speak up for and move teacher preparation forward. We have been moving into a mode of "acting not reacting" to various trends, studies, policies and legislation. We want to represent you in doing just that.

Dr. Larry Daniel has included (on page 4) a glimpse of the upcoming fall conference in Savannah. We hope to move ahead on the topics above. We will also share the work of the board this summer. I look forward to seeing you in Savannah.

AACTE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Representative's Report



AACTE Day on the Hill

The 2009 AACTE Day on the Hill was again a success, with over 200 participants, including many individuals and teams from TECSCU institutions. Participants received thorough preparation materials and directions. These materials were crafted to help us to build relationships with our elected officials, advance messages of thanks and advocacy related to federal policy and our profession, while suggesting ways that we can assist in future times of need.



Michael Miller

TECSCU Representative on AACTE Governmental Relations Committee
TECSCU Region IV Representative
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AACTE staff, Jane West and Mary Harrill-McClellan and members of the AACTE

Government Relations Committee presented a newcomers workshop—focusing on messaging and relationship building. Federal updates were provided by Jane and Mary, as well as Jim Shelton and Peggi Zelinko, of the Office of Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education. They provided information regarding the Teacher Quality Partnership Grants. The participants then moved to an early evening Congressional Reception filled with speeches from many members of Congress, celebration of commitments and accomplishments, and community building.

On day two, the actual day spent on the hill, a panel presented to legislators, staff and AACTE participants on “Innovation and Reform in Teacher Preparation.” Presenters included: Deborah Ball, Dean of Education, University of Michigan; Mayra Bravo-

Gonzalez, Teacher Candidate, Grow Your Own Illinois; Maureen Gillette, Dean of Education, Northeastern Illinois University; Pat Wasley, Dean of Education, University of Washington; Lynne Weisenbach, Assistant Vice Chancellor, P-16, University System of Georgia; and Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers. Sharon P. Robinson, President and CEO of AACTE moderated the panel. The AACTE Congressional Leadership Award was presented to Senator Jack Reed (D-RI). Following the presentation, participants met with legislators in individual and group appointments.

Feedback from TECSCU members included general positive comments about the effort and the opportunity for members to become more active. It is very positive that AACTE staff has mobilized efforts to advocate for TQP grants and specific federal legislative efforts. That said, there remains a need for more education and mentoring to members. In general, there

are many members who have become more active and adept in local and state advocacy efforts on E-12 and TE issues, though there will always be a need for bringing newcomers into this work. Many, if not most of these individuals are not connected enough to federal issues to understand the types of information and assistance needed at that level. That combined with a perceived inability to connect frequently, leaves these members feeling less than focused about the purpose of their advocacy and relationship building.

As a result, the TECSCU Executive Committee recommends that the AACTE Day on the Hill programming include a more intensive professional development agenda next year. In addition, there may be other venues for this training such as a webinar or webinar series. Possible emphases of these professional development activities include:

1. hosting your federal legislators on campus – purpose, frameworks, schedules and strategies;

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2009 FALL CONFERENCE

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Title _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

LODGING

River Street Inn
Savannah, Georgia
Phone: 912-234-6400

To receive the conference room rate, reservations must be made on or before Friday, September 18, 2009.

PAYMENT

Pre-registration deadline: Sept. 25, 2009

Pre-registration fee: \$250

On-site registration: \$275

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2. Marketing and messaging for successful advocacy – websites, brochures and other materials;
3. Advocacy training – local, state, and federal;
4. Creating a community of advocates – mentoring and bringing people along;
5. Building legislative work plans and gaining institutional support;
6. Differentiating messages at state and federal levels;
7. Navigating the internal politics of government relations – work with and gaining the support of provosts, presidents, and system office personnel. Additionally, we recommend a breakout session structure that will allow much more interaction and active learning.



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We are excited about the upcoming Fall TECSCU Conference to be held October 11-13, 2009, in Savannah, Georgia. The conference, organized around the theme, "Preparing Educators in Challenging Economic Times," will provide presentations and discussions relative to the important work we do in our TECSCU institutions in light of current economic and political realities. The conference format will feature presentations by keynote speakers, panel discussions, and opportunities for open discussions with other TECSCU deans and directors around topics of interest. Please watch the TECSCU website and your email for additional information on the conference program.