

# TECSCU CONNECTIONS

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## FALL 2008 CONFERENCE

October 12-14 • Marriott Plaza San Antonio

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The TECSCU fall 2008 conference will begin on Sunday, October 12 at 5:30 pm with a President's reception and conclude by 12:00

noon on Tuesday, October 14. Cathy Barlow, TECSCU President Elect and Dean, Watson School of Education, University of North Carolina at Wilmington is planning the program (see her

message below). In this time of economic uncertainty, you can't afford to miss this meeting.

The conference pre-registration fee is \$250 and the pre-registration deadline is September 26, 2008. To receive the conference room rate at the Marriott Plaza San Antonio, reservations must be made on or before Monday, September 15, 2008. A conference pre-registration form is provided in this newsletter and is available on the TECSCU homepage, <http://tecscu.org>, in the new postings area. Only requests for refunds of the pre-registration fee, postmarked or email dated by September 29, 2008, will be honored. All refunds will be processed after the meeting.

The conference program will provide participants with many opportunities to discuss and share ideas. A brief conference program follows which may be changed to accommodate program participants and facilities management. A program is also available on the TECSCU homepage, <http://tecscu.org>, in the new postings area.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### Sunday, October 12

4:30 pm	Registration Begins
5:30 pm-6:00 pm	President's Reception
6:15 pm -7:30 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Opening Session

#### Monday, October 13

7:30 am	Registration Continues
8:00 am-8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am-12:00 pm	Morning Program
12:15 pm-1:45 pm	Lunch and Business Meeting
2:00 pm-5:00 pm	Afternoon Program

#### Tuesday, October 14

8:00 am-9:00 am	Plated Breakfast
9:00 am-11:00 am	Morning Program
11:00 am-11:30 am	Closing Session



Cathy Barlow  
TECSCU President Elect  
Dean, Watson College of Education  
Univ. of North Carolina at Wilmington

Come and join us at the fall conference. Our focus this year is **Advocacy and Accreditation**. We will have advisors to politicians talk about what works. They will share with us how to prepare materials for our representatives and senators that will get the information we want in front of them in a succinct manner. We will share strategies and materials that have worked on our campuses.

Attendees will hear all the latest on the discussions between TEAC/NCATE from the persons who have been at the table.

Join us this fall, October 12-14, in Texas for a great informational meeting and a time to interact and network with our peers. See you there!!!

# AACTE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Representative's Report

## AACTE Day on the Hill



On June 18 and 19, 2008 a group of approximately 200 teacher education professional attended the 2008 AACTE Day on the Hill. A large number of TECSCU institutions were represented at the event. The first day consisted of welcomes, a federal update, panel presentations focusing on the TEACH grants, instruction about conducting our visits, and a Congressional reception to thank our law makers and to honor Congressman George Miller for advocacy for TEACH grants. There were many staffers at the reception and a constant stream of Congress people.

It was very encouraging to hear Sharon Robinson, AACTE President and CEO, Jane West, AACTE Vice President, and Mary T. Harril-McClellan, AACTE Director of Public Relations, speak of a desire for AACTE to become increasingly connected with the work in states and of the state chapters. They stated that the work of the organization needs to be worth the cost for all members.

On the second day, AACTE hosted a Congressional briefing. The panel provided rich stories and student learning data regarding successful teacher education partnerships. This panel will be repeated at the next AACTE annual meeting. Following this briefing, teams and individuals attended their appointments on the hill for the rest of the day—a total of over 300 meetings were completed as a part of the event. At the end of the day, participants shared what they had learned and their reflections. All seemed to go well.

## AACTE Government Relations Committee

The AACTE Government Relations Committee met in conjunction with the AACTE Day on the Hill. I am now serving as chair of the committee. The committee reflected on the Day on the Hill event, suggesting minor changes in materials provided (e.g., more clarity about the kinds of data and information that will be important in influencing the lawmakers) and direction given to participants about goals for visits and the composition of Day on the Hill teams. The committee also planned Government Relations sessions for the annual AACTE meeting. A detailed conversation yielded clarification of the true goals of the day, and the developmental process people experience—relationship building, reputation building, and influence.

The committee discussed its membership, and reaffirmed a previous decision to add a

member from ACSR (Advisory Council of State Representatives). This connection will be very important since it is a priority to support legislative activity and influence in the states as well as in Washington, DC. The committee reviewed two sun-setting AACTE resolutions (11, 32). The committee voted to re-affirm 32 and voted to modify 11.

The committee had the opportunity to attend a one-hour meeting of the Committee on Education Funding, a DC-based group of lobbyists from all the national education organizations (between 90 and 100 members). The speaker was Linda Darling-Hammond, Senator Barack Obama's Education Advisor. Senator McCain's education advisor, Lisa Graham Keegan, spoke the week before.

## Teacher Quality Appropriations Announced

Washington, D.C. - US Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) Chairman of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee announced \$3.6 billion in funding for hiring teachers and improving teacher quality. The Labor-HHS committee has identified 14 separate programs to give teachers the training necessary to make them “highly qualified” as required by No Child Left Behind.

“Research has proven conclusively that improving teacher quality is the most important thing schools can do to help students succeed academically. If we are truly going to meet the goal of leaving no child behind, a strong teacher is needed in every classroom,” said Harkin. “For too many students, however, especially those in disadvantaged schools, good teachers are the exception rather than the rule. High-poverty schools are more likely to employ teachers who are unprepared, inexperienced and don’t know their subject area than schools in more affluent areas. As a result, the students who need the best instruction—those students most at risk of being left behind—tend to have the worst teachers. This is no way to close the achievement gap.”

Below are the programs’ highlights:

### Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants:

The Subcommittee recommended \$47,540,000 for preparing teachers the right way to ensure they have the skills necessary and support required to succeed in the classroom. Unfortunately, one-third of new teachers leave the profession within the first five years and this imposes significant costs on school systems throughout the United States. By investing in high-quality teacher preparation models, such as professional development schools, we can more effectively prepare and support teachers as they start their careers. Professional development schools partner universities with schools that practice state-of-the-art approaches and train novices in the classrooms of expert teachers while they are completing coursework.

### School Leadership:

The Subcommittee recommended \$19,200,000 for professional development of principals through the school leadership program.

### Advanced Credentialing:

The Subcommittee recommended a \$1,000,000 increase to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards [NBPTS] to develop a new National Board certification for principals. The Committee hopes that the principal certification will prove as successful as the NBPTS’s existing programs for teachers. The administration proposed eliminating the program.



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## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

## LODGING

Marriott Plaza San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas  
Phone: 800-266-9432

Please reference "TECSCU" when making a reservation. To receive the conference room rate, reservations must be made on or before Monday, September 15, 2008.

## PAYMENT

Pre-registration deadline: Sept. 26, 2008  
Pre-registration fee: \$250  
On-site registration: \$275

Make checks payable to TECSCU and send to:

Dr. Bennett F. Berhow Tel: 717-871-9608  
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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We encourage members to inquire about serving on the Executive Committee and other aspects of TECSCU. If interested, please contact President Susan Meyers at 408.924.3600 or susan.meyers@sjsu.edu.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Spotlight on Changes & Actions

TECSCU President Susan Meyers announces the appointment of Brad Balch as Region III Representative on the TECSCU Executive Committee to complete the term of Lucian Yates, III who accepted a position in another region.



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**Tes Mehring**, a TECSCU representative on the AACTE Board, accepted the position of Provost at Emporia State University and will not complete her term (2007-2010) as a TECSCU representative on the AACTE Board. The TECSCU Executive Committee selected **Angela Sewall**, TECSCU Past President and Dean, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to complete Mehring's term.

**Sam Evans**, Dean, College of Education and Behavioral Science, Western Kentucky University, is a TECSCU representative to the AACTE Board, through 2009. The Executive Committee nominated the following to stand for election to the AACTE Board, to be conducted by AACTE, for 2009-2012:

**Rosalinda Barrera**, Dean  
College of Education  
Texas State University-  
San Marcos

**Hal Knight**, Dean  
Clemmer College of Ed.  
East Tennessee State Univ.