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Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

TACRAO Fall 2017 Newsletter



Irene's Ideas

By Irene Robinson, TACRAO President

As I sit here and write my last TACRAO newsletter article as your President, I am thinking of all of the past presidents who did the same. I followed in the footsteps of some great people, like Margaret Dechant who inspires me with her spunk and tenacity, like Dave Stones whose calm demeanor led us through trying technological years, like Trey Hattaway who taught me that to lead well was to listen even better, like Berri O'Neal whose infectious laughter lead us through hard decisions and like sweet Darla Inglish whose love for everyone calmed us during difficult discussions. I can only hope that I've come close to leaving the mark that you have on this wonderful organization. I thank you, members of TACRAO for the confidence you bestowed in me to serve as your President in 2016-2017. I will cherish this time for the rest of my life!

The best part of this year was serving the membership alongside a wonderful group of people – your TEC for 2016-2017. God couldn't have blessed me more than with such a fantastic group of officers to work with – Joe, Darla, Michelle, Jeremy, Leticia and Andi – your dedication to this organization goes beyond measure – thank you, thank you, thank you for a wonderful year!!

In this past year, your TEC has worked tirelessly to bring you a new membership database and website, as well as working with your LAC to put together a conference that is unforgettable. The sandy beaches of South Padre Island will be overrun by TACRAO members from the east, west, north and south as we all begin "Charting the Course for Student Success." There is still time to register, so if you haven't don't so already, please do register today! Our Vice Presidents have a lineup of sessions that have never been presented at TACRAO before and they will elaborate more in their articles, so I will not steal their thunder.

Your 2017 local arrangements committee, led by the very efficient and hardworking Co-Chairs, Maggie Hinojosa and Griselda Castilla has great events planned for Battle of the Regions, Monday night's event **Boats and Bets** and for Tuesday **Sweet Tune Karaoke.** Their huge committee comprised of members, not only from South Texas, but from across the state stand ready to show everyone a sun-filled time in less than a week!

See you all this weekend at South Padre!!





Darla's Dialogue –My Swan Song

By Darla Inglish, TACRAO Past-President

TACRAO friends,

This newsletter article will be my "swan song." I am sailing off of the TEC and completing my past –presidency at the end of the South Padre Island 2017 conference. It has been my distinct honor, privilege, and blessing, to have served as your President-elect, President, and now past-President. Our organization is unique, special, really big, and dear to my heart! It has provided me more than I could have ever hoped in professional development, but most of all in developing an enormous network of colleagues and friends. If any of you reading this newsletter are new to TACRAO, new to the profession, or a first-time attendees at the 2017 conference, my hope for the future, is that you will grow into the leaders who will continue leading our organization in providing more of these wonderful professional development opportunities, mentorship, and support.

I have two final duties to complete as past-president:

Constitution and Bylaws updates – I hope you have seen the proposed constitution and bylaw change (emailed through the listserv) proposed by the TEC to add an additional member to the TACRAO Executive Committee, a Vice President for Information Technology. The TEC received this idea, which stemmed from a previous TACRAO Town Hall meeting, and fleshed out what the position would entail. Modern times are requiring more and more in the IT support area for our organization, so we agree with the TACRAO membership's request to consider this new position, and are bringing it to you for a vote at the 2017 conference.



Newcomers Event – Mentor Mentee Mixer at TACRAO 2017 - This is the opportunity for our "seasoned" TACRAO members to mentor our first time attendees, and help them get on their feet with professional growth in our organization. More information will be coming via the list-serve on how our seasoned TACRAO members can be a part of this at the conference.

It will occur Sunday afternoon, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. See the conference agenda for more information about the location. Please try to arrange your travel to where you can take advantage of this opportunity to make a connection with someone – both the mentor and mentee will grow from the experience.

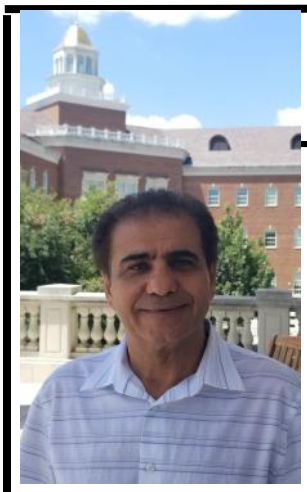
Time is a fleeting thing, and we are just a small moment on the timeline! Make the most of every day in your job! Learn to really enjoy your co-workers! Look forward to greeting your students and helping them fulfill their educational goals, and take time to get to know wonderful colleagues all over the state of Texas through TACRAO! Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve you.

My custom has been to sign off my newsletter articles with song lyrics that fit the feeling/situation. Completing my term on the TEC makes me think of this song from the movie "*Dirty Dancing*" which describes my feelings as my term comes to an end:

"I had the time of my life, and I owe it all to you!"

May God bless you all, always!

Darla



Papari's Ponderings

By Joe Papari, President-Elect

I can't believe it's already the fall season, but I am energized and excited about the TACRAO conference just weeks away.

The 2017 Local Arrangements and the Executive Committees have been working vigorously to bring you an excellent conference! We are excited that many of you have already registered! If you have not registered yet, please do so soon!

Our Vice Presidents, **Leticia Bazan** and **Andi Liner,** and the Session Planning Committees have done an excellent job in developing over 100 very interesting and informative sessions. The entire program will be available on the TACRAO 2017 Guidebook app is available now. I encourage you to download the app before you arrive at the conference.

For the past several months, I've been busy contacting and appointing members to serve on the 2017-2018 Standing and Session Planning Committees. I've been able to utilize all of the members who completed the "I'm Available" form. I appreciate the great response and willingness of our volunteers to serve our organization. TACRAO's success depends highly on your willingness to serve and volunteer! For those members who will be serving on the committees in 2017-2018, please be on the lookout for an email from me very soon indicating the day, time and location for the Committee Luncheon.

Have you seen the new TACRAO website? If you have not visited the new site, check it out, but please follow the instructions for "Member First Time Login." The website has been a major project for us and the system has some awesome features. TEC members have worked diligently to setup the new website and to transition the membership database to the new system. Irene and I will demo the system on Wednesday during our session.

It has been a great pleasure serving you as President-Elect this past year, and I really appreciate Irene Robinson and Darla Inglish for their expert direction and support!

See you all on South Padre Island.



SouthEast Texas Sound Bites

By Akilah Martin, Alvin College

Greetings from Alvin Community College! Our college has come together to support our faculty and staff impacted by raising a total of $10,000 which was matched by our ACC Foundation for a grand total of $20,000 in funds that have been used to aid our students and staff affected.

ACC is proud to serve our community and our students, and we look forward to a great semester!



ACC's student Denise Aviles, of Angleton, loads donated food and toiletry items for Hurricane Harvey victims

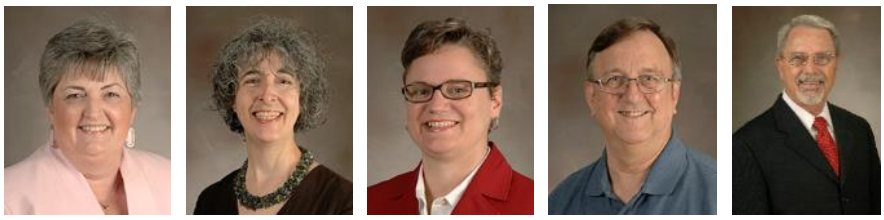
SOUTHEAST TEXAS SOUND BITES(CONTINUED)

Greetings from the UTHealth Registrar's Office located in the bustling Texas Medical Center. Come visit us here in Houston and we will show you a view of the Astrodome, NRG stadium and the Texas Medical Center from our offices on the 22nd floor. We will also regale you with stories about the old Houston Oilers practice field…even if you are not into that.

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) survived hurricane Harvey! All of the Registrar's Office staff experienced some impact from the storm. Some experienced mandatory and voluntary evacuations, one team member lost her car to flood waters and others were not able to get out of their subdivisions for days after the rains stopped. The University closed for a week, but through experience from prior storms and much preparation, experienced minimal flood damage. The lesson learned from hurricane Harvey is that PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO GO THE EXTRA MILE TO HELP OTHERS WHEN THE NEED IS REAL! The storm and rains were news worthy, but the bigger story is how Houstonians, fellow Texans and many people from other states put aside personal convenience, safety (and politics) to help people who experienced devastation. Thank you Texas and America for your prayers and for your actions during our time of need.

After a confusing start to the semester, life is returning to normal. We are back to talking normal again. Using terms like census day, CB reports, IPEDS, Hazlewood, and Enrollment Reporting. Moreover, repeating the ever-popular phrase, "No, it doesn't matter what your classmate told you we can't _____ (you fill in the blank)."
In more exciting news, we are going live in mid-October with version 9.2 of PeopleSoft Campus Solutions. The project has been ongoing for 11 months, as UTHealth staff have worked with a team of Sierra-Cedar consultants. The upgrade includes a new user interface and other features, which we are looking forward to rolling out for faculty and students. This upgrade includes fluid technology that will allow us to retire our mobile app - used minimally by our students – since this feature will now format to all user devices.

As always, Brenda, Stephanie, Lori, Jerry and Robert are looking forward to seeing everyone at the beach!



A New TACRAO Initiative!
TACRAO Session Sponsorship: Support for New TACRAO Presenters!
By Cié Gee and Kayla Larsen

How the idea for the TACRAO Session Sponsorship (TSS) was born!

From Cié…

Shortly after TACRAO 2016, I was talking with Kayla about all the fun we had at Horseshoe Bay. In remembering all the TACRAO conferences I had attended with her over the years, I tried to recall what presentations she had given. Kayla has been active at our university in a number of *presentation like* events and somehow my mind had projected that to TACRAO. She told me that she had **never** presented at TACRAO and that she didn't even know how to get the process started. First, I felt terrible as a seasoned TACRAO presenter that I had not been more diligent in encouraging and guiding Kayla in session proposals. Second, we promptly began working on session submissions. What I discovered was the ambiguity that Kayla was experiencing was the same ambiguity that I initially experienced. I began to wonder how many others felt the same way.

From Kayla…

My lack of presenting was not a fear of public speaking or not having the skillset. I've presented in different capacities. The process of the creation of a session was what overwhelmed me. How do I submit a proposal? Where do I submit a proposal? How do I prepare a 50-minute presentation? Where do I start? How do I come up with something to present on? My presentations really came from personal interests and experiences of my own, and Cié was actually the one who brought them out of me in our professional development related conversations. Once I told her why I hadn't submitted a proposal, she immediately offered to help me. She showed me how to develop a session description with key words, guided me on a timeline to work on my presentations, and has continuously given me solid feedback with my content. I'm now presenting/co-presenting three sessions at TACRAO and one at SACRAO!

What is the TACRAO Session Sponsorship?

Kayla and Cié took their experiences and created a proposal for a TACRAO sponsored program to provide a structured support network to TACRAO members for guidance on session submitting and presentations. Thus, the TACRAO Session Sponsorship (TSS) was created!

The TSS is a collaboration between a seasoned TACRAO session presenter and a TACRAO member who has never lead a session at TACRAO before (but would like to). This partnership would provide opportunity for TACRAO members who have never presented at an Annual Meeting to work with a seasoned presenter (sponsor) to:

- Generate session ideas and select a topic
- Create objectives and outline of session for a strong proposal submission
- Submit session proposal(s) for the next Annual Meeting (2018)
- If session is selected, develop the session including audience analysis, clear objectives, visual aids, and content
- Present at the Annual Meeting (either solo or with their Sponsor)
- Conduct a post-session review including analysis of audience feedback

Guidance and tools for the TSS will be provided. This program is voluntary. New presenters can still submit presentations on their own. The TSS is simply an available opportunity.

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3 Main Benefits of the TSS:

1. It provides networking across the state. By working on a session together, the networking and professional relationships grow deeper. Hopefully, this interaction would lead to further collaboration about best practices or other future sessions.
2. It creates another bridge between those that have been in TACRAO for many years with those who are new to the profession, or at least to the TACRAO experience. This creates leadership opportunities that will hopefully have a domino effect with the new session presenters eventually becoming session sponsors themselves.
3. We are blessed to be surrounded by the most intelligent, creative, and innovative colleagues. With this partnership, more ideas can be shared as more admissions and registrar professionals get involved in TACRAO sessions.

How do we get started?

The TEC has approved a pilot of this program beginning at the South Padre Island Conference this November 2017.

- There will be a booth set up at the Newcomers Welcome Event on Sunday. Please stop by for more information.
- A special session is offered during the conference for collaboration between presenters and newcomers and a discussion of the program more in-depth.
- Solicitation for participants and sponsors starts now! If you are interested, please email Cié or Kayla.

Insight and recommendations are welcomed from the membership, so please feel free to contact Kayla or Cié before the conference.



See you in South Padre!

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Andi's Affirmations

By Andi Liner, VP for Records & Registration

Happy Fall Y'all!!!

Fall is upon us and you know what that means, the Annual Conference will be here before you know it. Leticia Bazan, VP of Admissions and myself have been working hard to bring conference participants amazing sessions. We have tons of new sessions this year. Here is a glimpse of some of the new sessions that will be presented:

- **Modernizing GEM: An Innovative Approach to Graduate Recruitment and Engagement**
- **Developing a Graduate Student Professional Development Center**
- **Happiness, It's Happenin'!**
- **Traveling the Road of Middle Management**
- **In Transition: Before, During and After the Move to a New Position**
- **Speak Geek – Crossing the IT and the Functional Worlds**
- **TSI Games: Creating training materials for employees on TSI**
- **In case you didn't know…..Enrollment Reporting is really, really HARD**

Please make sure and check out the news article from Cie' Gee and Kayla Larsen on a new TACRAO initiative for new presenters. TSS – TACRAO Session Sponsorship is an initiative to provide new TACRAO presenters with seasoned TACRAO mentors to help new presenters receive help in presenting at TACRAO. A session on this new initiative will be offered on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 2:40 pm. Seasoned TACRAO presenters and those that would like to present are encouraged to attend to learn more about this program.

Also, Wednesday's agenda will be different than in the past. There will be sessions available at 8:00 am in the Convention Center and these sessions will be followed by Regional TACRAO Association meetings at 9:00 am. What a wonderful opportunity this will be to continue learning and networking.

Finally, I googled "weather in South Padre Island in November" and the results are worthy to be shared. The average high the first week of November in SPI is 76 degrees. The months of September – November were ranked by US Today as the best time to visit SPI. So, do not put up your flip flops and sandals, just yet.

While the weather sounds amazing, the articles also stress the threat of hurricanes is slight in November. Please keep your colleagues and friends in your thoughts that are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey. We had several TACRAO institutions affected by Harvey and their work continues. I encourage everyone to check on your peers periodically affected by the storm and no that we are here to support them!



Linked To Leticia

By Leticia Bazan, TACRAO VP of Admissions

Hello TACRAO! Our upcoming 2017 TACRAO Conference in beautiful South Padre Island is just months away from happening.

We are currently working on final session updates, and we hope to have your final conference schedule available online soon in Guidebook.

This year because of our unique setup we have built session tracks to help maximize your conference experience. Sessions will be split between the SPI Convention Center and the Hilton Garden Inn. Between member presented sessions, vendor sessions, meetings and events, there is plenty to look forward to in South Padre.

Being a session facilitator is a wonderful opportunity to get involved at a TACRAO conference. We can always utilize volunteers at the conference, so ifyou are ready to volunteer please email me at leticia.bazan@tamucc.edu and I'll be happy to get you signed up to facilitate or serve if there are any last-minute openings.

Stay tuned to the TACRAO listserv for more conference session updates this week as we all prepare for the conference this weekend!

See you in less than a week!

Best regards,

Leticia



Michelle's Measly Musings

By Michelle Walker, TACRAO Secretary

Our college fairs are very popular! Many more schools outside the state of Texas have expressed interest in participating and our 2017-18 Subscriptions are at an all-time high! To date, 254 invoices have been sent, 220 have paid, and 34 remain unpaid. I am still getting requests for new subscriptions. This is our biggest and strongest revenue source so we want to serve these schools well. It is because of this outside participation that our membership dues remain so low.

The High School Relations Committee worked hard to finalize the College Day/Night Program Schedule and due to Hurricane Harvey is rescheduling some of the fairs at this time. **Thank you** to Michael Talamantes and the HS Relations Committee for their continued good work in setting up the college fairs!

I am pleased to report that all of the 2016-17 TACRAO Membership dues were paid and just in time for the 2017-18 billing!

2017-18 Membership Invoices (total = 160) were sent from our new membership database on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Invoices and instructions for paying the invoices were sent to the 'primary' contact for each institution. If your institution did not receive the invoice or you are unsure as to who may have received it, please login to the new member portal and determine who your primary contact is. If all else fails please contact me via tacraosecretary@gmail.com.

My term as Secretary is quickly coming to a close and I will miss talking to my TACRAO friends and the Subscribers. I will also miss being part of the Executive Committee meetings where you learn so much (some of which you dare not share)! It has been a privilege and a delight to get to know so many more of you and to serve you in this small way. In spite of the additional workload and my sometimes getting behind, you were always so kind and so quick to say thank you! So now I say 'thank you' for offering me this important role and allowing me to serve you. It has been an honor.



Dorman's Dollars

By: Jeremy Dorman, Treasurer

Hello TACRAO!

I trust that the Fall 2017 semester has been great for everyone. My thoughts and prayers have been with our friends in the gulf region as they rebound from Hurricane Harvey.

The LAC 2017 is hard at work finalizing details for another memorable conference in South Padre Island. Make sure you have made plans to attend this conference! I will be working on the annual financial reports to submit to the Audit Committee for their inspection. Also, updates to the Treasurer's procedure manual will be made as needed.

TACRAO is financially strong due to the TEC and their diligence in ensuring that we remain cost conscious to bring you another balanced annual financial report. Please do not hesitate to contact me concerning the finances of the organization or any questions that you may want to ask.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in South Padre Island!

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Central Texas Chatter

By Brenda Schumann, The Univeristy of Texas at Austin

Baylor University

The Baylor University Office of the Registrar is pleased to announce two staff promotions that were effective as of August 1. Following a national search, Hannah King, who has been part of the Office of the Registrar at Baylor since 2010, was chosen to fill the Associate Registrar for Business Analysis position. In addition, Nicci Price, who has been part of the Baylor Office of the Registrar since 2015, was promoted to an Assistant Registrar. Congratulations, Hannah and Nicci!

Blinn College

Blinn College's Recruiters have hit the road for TACRAO fall recruiting and we have a very busy fall recruiting season. Lauren Wyatt and Jacey Goerlitz are representing Blinn and recruiting for the upcoming fall semester.

While the recruiters are traveling through Texas, the Blinn College Mobile Go Center is busy in our service area. The Mobile Go Center spent the week of September 22 at the Washington County Fair working with school-aged students and creating a college-going environment. The Mobile Go Center also worked with elementary schools the week of September 25 on career cruising and the importance of college.

While the recruiters are hard at work, we are seeing the fruits of our recruiting labor through the activities of the Texas A&M University Engineering Academy at Brenham. These students have hit the ground running. Seeing student succeed is why we all do what we do and it is great to see we are making a difference.

Texas A&M University – Central Texas

Former University Registrar, Lester Lugo, has retired from his post at Texas A&M University –Central Texas after 35 years of service in higher education. Best wishes for a happy retirement, Lester! With Lester's departure, Hannah McDonald has been promoted to the position of University Registrar of the Texas A&M University – Central Texas campus.

Congratulations, Hannah!

Texas State University

Melissa Hyatt, Associate Registrar, won the 2016-2017 Employee of the Year award at Texas State. Awesome job, Melissa! Congratulations!

University of Texas at Austin



Melissa Hyatt and Dr. Denise Trauth

Brenda Schumann, Senior Associate Registrar at the University of Texas at Austin, has recently participated in the AACRAO and NAFSA 2017 Baden-Württemberg Seminar (BW Seminar) in Germany, October 21-28, 2017. The BW Seminar is hosted by different universities in the German state of Baden-Württemberg and focuses on the German educational system, German-American academic equivalencies and student exchange between Germany and the U.S. Lectures and discussions are complemented by visits to secondary and tertiary educational institutions.



Mobile Go Center!
The Mobile Go Center spent the week of September 22 at the Washington County Fair working with school-aged students and creating a college-going environment.



Blinn College Recruiters in Dallas!
Lauren Wyatt and Jacey Goerlitz



East Texas Eavesdroppings

By Lynda Langham, Stephen F. Austin State University

UT Tyler:

UT Tyler Reaches Record Breaking Enrollment

For the first time in its history, The University of Texas at Tyler now enrolls more than 10,000 students, based on preliminary enrollment numbers for the Fall 2017 semester. According to the Census Day figures, the university has 10,527 students on record which is a 6.45 percent increase from last year's 9,889 enrollment.

The UT Tyler Longview University Center also experienced growth. With an increase of 75 students, their preliminary enrollment rises to 285.

"The University of Texas at Tyler continues to attract more students because we combine the best of a UT System education with the sort of student-focused community found at the best small liberal arts schools," said Dr. Michael Tidwell, president. "The caliber of students in this incoming class is impressive, and we're looking forward to an exciting year of academic achievement."

Next year holds some exciting developments for the university as well. The new four-story 140,000 square-foot College of Business and Technology building will open in 2018 and include an adjoining parking garage. The former building will be renovated and become home to the College of Arts and Sciences.

The University of Texas at Tyler is one of the fastest growing higher education institutions in the state, growing an average of eight percent annually since 2011.

Kilgore College:

It has been a busy start this fall at Kilgore College. Pam Davis, assistant registrar, was honored by the KC Board of Trustees with the Employee Spotlight honor. Pam, aka Miss Kitty, was recognized for her commitment and service to KC and dedication to our reverse transfer initiative. Wade Cates, admissions counselor, is honing his sandcastle skills in preparation for this year's conference. Kristie Seward, records and reports specialist, relocated to Florida just in time for Hurricane Irma. Although she and her family are fine following the storm, we're still unable to entice her back to Texas. Alex Knox, former admissions counselor, now serves as academic advisor for our Arts and Mathematical Sciences division. We are also excited to introduce Callie Blakeley, our new admissions counselor, to TACRAO. Callie is a Longview native and a recent graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler. After surviving the first two weeks of Dallas area recruiting, Callie is excited to attend this year's South Padre Island conference. Dana Ramson, TACRAO past-president, has been spotted a Kilgore College football games. He is as jovial and cantankerous as ever. Speaking of KC football, Trey Hattaway, TACRAO past-president, and Chris Gore, director of admissions and registrar, have been perfecting grilling skills for five years as KC tailgaters. This grilling season included the Porkapalooza, a bacon-themed event, and was hailed as one of the best.

Panola College:

Panola College welcomed Reanna Hart as our new Recruiter/Advisor in September. Reanna replaces Kimberly Ferguson. Kimberly recently took a job with Balfour Yearbooks in the Dallas area. We wish her well on her new adventures.

Stephen F. Austin State University

SFASU on-campus organizations participated in collecting items for Harvey relief. The SGA allocated funds to donate for hurricane relief efforts, and students additionally participated in blood donations for people impacted by the hurricane. It was heartwarming to see the outpouring of help from the students.

In the Registrar's Office: Alexis Guthery moved into a new position as our Student Information Specialist.

In Admissions: Chelsea Pitts relocated this summer to take over the south Houston region as a Regional Admissions Counselor. Kasey Kerlick was hired to cover Chelsea's place in house. Nick Terrell was hired as the Regional Admissions Counselor for the North Houston area. We are excited about our new team members. Both Nick and Kasey were

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Good news from The University of the Incarnate Word:



The University of the Incarnate Word UIW is proud to announce that the 10th president of the University of the Incarnate Word was selected and approved by both the Board of Trustees and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Dr. Thomas Evans has been chosen to fill the role of University President at UIW. For the past five years, Evans has served as president of Carroll College in Helena, Montana. During his time at Carroll, he developed and implemented a strategic plan - Vision 2018, oversaw a budget of $55 million, and developed and led comprehensive capital campaigns. Prior to his time at Carroll College, Evans served at St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas for 16 years; having risen through the ranks in various roles ultimately to associate vice president of professional education and global initiatives.



UIW is also pleased to announce the selection of Heather Rodriguez as the university's new Dean of Enrollment. Rodriguez comes to UIW from the College Board in Austin where she served as Higher Ed Sr. Educational Manager. Prior to the College Board, Rodriguez served as UIW's director of admissions. She holds a Master of Arts in Administration in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of the Incarnate Word.



Bobbye Fry recently had the opportunity to visit the two UIW European Study Centers (ESC) —Heidelberg, Germany and Strasbourg, France. UIW offers classes for UIW students at both locations and welcomes students from other campuses there through their Study Abroad/ Exchange program. Other schools may also offer classes abroad at either ESC location.

The Heidelberg location is a privately owned school/residence facility within the heart of the city. While in Heidelberg, Bobbye also visited the Heidelberg Palace, which dates back to the early 1200s and is considered a significant palace from the Renaissance period. From the palace, you can see the location of UIW European Study Center.



The Strasbourg location is housed at the Chateau de Pourtales, which is a 250-year-old castle. While in Strasbourg, Bobbye had the opportunity to attend an open session of the European Union Parliament. The highlight of her trip was to visit the Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle, built around 1147.

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Good news from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:

The Office of the University Registrar (OUR) at UTRGV is happy to be introducing new team members to our TACRAO colleagues. **Jessica Corona** has joined the Scheduling Team, and **Miriam Garcia** was promoted to Scheduling Coordinator! **Victoria Mayans** joins the Student Records and Data Control area of the office and helps oversee transcript production and enrollment verifications. **Angelo Peixoto** is another new member of the Student Records and Data Control area. He assists with student records updates and monitoring registrar emails from students and faculty. **Deby Guillen** (promoted from another entry-level position) and **Michelle Solis** are new to the Degree Audit Team, and they are supervised by our new Assistant Registrar for Degree Audits, **Mary DeLeon**. The OUR has many new faces and we're excited that they represent continued commitment to improved student services and communication. These team members will be attending the TACRAO Conference at SPI this year. Be sure to introduce yourself if you see them and share your enthusiasm for the profession!

News from The University of Houston-Victoria:

Like other institutions in our area, the big news for UHV was Hurricane Harvey. Our city and surrounding area was hit pretty hard by Harvey and UHV sustained some extensive damage and was without power for over a week. Approximately 50 incoming FR students that had just moved into the dorms had to be evacuated to the University of Houston main campus (thank you Coogs!) due to the city's mandatory evacuation. Due to the damage to our dorms and a couple of large classrooms, we had to delay our first class day to September 11 which meant changes to deadlines, updating lots of PeopleSoft tables, lots of communications to students, etc. But in the end, we were able to start classes on September 11 and for the most part went smoothly. Many thanks to all of the TACRAO members for their thoughts during the hurricane and afterwards.

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