

Introduction:

Hello and Welcome Members of TACCTEP! What a year it has been! We began the summer of 2019 with many plans and goals. There is no doubt we have all endured incredible challenges in our respective institutions. I am grateful that we are at the end of our spring semester and grateful that we have been able to successfully navigate through unprecedented times to help our students succeed. It is good to see all of you here today. Although times are still uncertain, I absolutely hope for the best for our institutions and most of all for our students.

I'd like to recap you all with the goals we started with and share with you and the progress we have made. For this year, we had 3 primary goals:

1. **Visibility:** To expand our reach across our great state through our visibility.
 - a. We added three board members-at-large to expand our knowledge base on how different areas across Texas can help contribute to TACCTEP and for our organization to assist as well. We added East Texas Rep from Paris Junior College Dr. Marian Ellis and Dr. Rene Zuniga from South Texas College in the Southern regions of Texas and West Texas Representative Regina McGough from Austin Community College.
 - b. We tripled our membership, and added members from Dallas College, Collin College, Tarrant County Community College, North Central Texas College, and Amarillo College since Summer 2019.
 - c. We had our first membership meeting at TCCTA and hope to develop a closer partnership with the Texas Community college Teacher Association, for all community college professors/instructors across Texas
 - d. We are continuing our partnerships with TxATE (in fact a little closer starting this year, I'll share that later on). We hope to endeavor work with TACTE and TACC this coming year.
 - e. Operational visibility has become really robust through our website maintained by Marian Ellis, who's done a fantastic job. Hope to find ways to increase visibility via social media.
2. We now have our **Non-Profit Status** with the work of Shamim Arastu our Treasurer who has done a remarkable job with facilitating this as well as maintaining our membership. With this status, we'll have the ability to ask for sponsorship in order to provide tax exemption for to these sponsors/donors. Development is definitely an area we can continue to grow.
3. Lastly our **Revenue Model:** We had planned a Conference for this spring but of course, COVID happened and to postpone to next year. We will use those fees that are already paid for next year's conference. We also will continue to attend TxATE in the summer as they are certainly generous in dividing proceeds to all CSOTTE participating organizations to their summer conference. I know TEA updates as well as attending their table discussions have been valuable to our TACCTEP.

All in all, TACCTEP has accomplished much in such a short year. With regard to COVID, I also want to thank all of you for stepping up to help our students who needed to complete their observation hours amid our crisis. With the help of THECB and TEA officials we were able to work with them to help our student complete their hours in a timely fashion and accommodated to them in our uncertain times with our K-12 schools. I am proud to say that TACCTEP did a great job in leading this effort. You all were a part of it!

Presentation of New Board Members:

We will now transition to our presentation of our new board members:

Dr. Suzanne Jones is a Professor of Education at Collin College (Member-At-Large: North Texas) She taught elementary school prior to coming to Collin College where she has taught Education Courses and Integrated Reading Writing. She attended Texas Tech University and Texas A&M Commerce and has been in education for 24 years! Suzanne shares research interests in the areas of metacognition, environment as the 3rd teacher, and service learning. In her free time, she is a podcast junkie and involves herself in political work.

Dr. Rebecca Burton, our new Secretary, has 20 years education experience as a middle school English and history teacher, early childhood / elementary administrator, academics specialist, dean and professor. Currently, she is a

professor of education at Collin College. In addition to her faculty duties, she serves as an Academic Planning Coach, New Faculty Mentor, Child Development Advisory Board Member, TSTA-AE Student Advisor, and Kappa Delta Pi Public Policy Committee Member. She has a master's degree in education administration from the University of North Texas and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Tarleton State University. In her free time, she loves to spend time with my family and outdoor activities such as hiking, boating, skiing, and sports. She also loves to cook. "It's my 'love language' to my family. My favorite dish to cook is chicken pot pie."

Dennis Sarine, President Elect/Vice President is higher education professional with more than a ten years of experience, providing excellent services to public schools, Federal Grant participants, Licensed Child Care centers, community partners, and students. He is blessed and proud to be a teacher. Dennis has held positions at all levels, starting as a bus driver, accepting a teaching position, administrator, Regional Service Center Special Education trainer and compliance coordinator, Principal and head start coordinator. At the community college-level he has worked as an adjunct, disabilities coordinator and now Director of Education Preparation and Child Development. He is hands on with the kiddos (college and early childhood centers). Dennis is currently an Ed.D.-Doctoral Student at Texas A&M Commerce University. He earned his Master of Education Administration in August 2009 from West Texas A&M University. He earned his Bachelor of Science Interdisciplinary Studies on May 2005 from West Texas A&M University. Heavily involved with his children's lives and their sporting activities.

Dr. Becky Fredrickson, our University Representative who will serve alongside Dr. Doug Hamman our current University Representative, who is an associate professor at Texas Women's University in Teacher Education and serve as the university coordinator of First Year Experiences & P-16 Initiatives. She is starting her 12th year at TWU. She is also the chair elect for CSOTTE and the 1st VP of TxATE. Her research focus is accountability to our students, institution, and public schools. We are grateful to have the future Chair of CSOTTE as well as an executive officer of TxATE. We hope to continue our close partnership with CSOTTE and TxATE through Becky's leadership.

Welcome our new board members for 2020-2021 who will serve with our current board members and under the leadership of Denise McKown, who I will introduce later.

Recognition of our Board Members who will leave our board but still be members of TACCTEP:

Regina McGough, Member-At-Large (West Texas), Department Chair of Education Instruction at Austin Community College. She started on our board last summer, attended the TxATE summer conference and has dedicated to contributing her time to assist with the preparations for our first conference. We are grateful to Regina.

Show her certificate.

Dr. Elsa O'Campo, Assistant Professor/Lead/Teacher Specialist Education Department Northwest Vista College (Alamo Colleges).

Elsa started as our founding secretary. She has been a faithful member of our board and has contributed by attending our first CSOTTE Board Retreat and our first attendance at CSOTTE Conference. We are grateful for her dedication in taking our notes at membership meetings and for her commitment all these years. We are grateful for you.

Show her certificate.

Let's congratulate these board members for their dedication to TACCTEP.

Words of Gratitude:

Thank you TACCTEP! I began our organization with Lisa Hill and Dr. Hamman. We began assembling the first board, creating our constitution and then becoming members of CSOTTE our first two years. This last year has been certainly a whirlwind for me. We began with a larger board with incredible dedication to our mission. Working with TACCTEP and my current doctoral program has deepened my passion to see community college students be given the same

opportunities as any native 4-year student. I am confident that each and everyone one of us share in this vision that the teacher education pathways are to produce the best teachers to pave a great future for their young students.

Amid our crisis with COVID, there is no doubt that teacher education is in a critical time, but I know that teacher education can only rise stronger out of this crisis. We must be more creative, innovative and resourceful. This makes our industry change in ways that pushes us to become better for our young students. Traditional ways of operating, traditional ways of teaching, traditional ways of thinking are truly things of past. We are now driven to operate smarter, teach with more intention and think toward our future.

Our future...I want to thank our President-Elect, Denise McKown, (show her certificate).

I leave our board, not our membership of course, as the president, but I am absolutely confident to *pass the baton* to Denise McKown. Little did she know, when I met her at a Pearson meeting to create the EC-3 certification test competencies, that she would soon become a president of an organization. I did recruit her because of her tenacity and hard work ethic! There is no doubt starting the early stages of an organization is certainly hard work and I wanted to leave the leadership in the hands of someone who can continue our momentum and work diligently for our community college students. With this, I thank you for great few years with TACCTEP on the board and being your president. But at this time, I would like to introduce to you your President of 2020-2021, Denise McKown, who is the interim dean of teacher education at Midland College.

New Vision: Denise