

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the  
Texas Association of Deans of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
February 2-3, 2010**

The 2010 annual meeting was held in the LeGrand Visitor's and Alumni Center on the campus of Angelo State University (ASU) in San Angelo, Texas. [Agenda and Speakers](#)

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Participant Listing
- 3) Financial Report

Tuesday, February 2, 2010: The meeting was called to order by TADLAS President Ann Staton at 1:05 PM on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. She introduced ASU Provost Jim Limbaugh and ASU President Joe Rallo for welcoming remarks. She then introduced our keynote speaker, Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACS.

Dr. Wheelan opened her [remarks](#) with an explanation of the reorganization within SACS which now creates the Commission on Colleges as a free-standing entity. She emphasized two “new” requirements which are at the top of their priority list:

- 1) All institutions must create and publish an “Academic Credit Policy” describing how they handle transfers of academic credit from other institutions. This policy will have to be recognized by the Department of Education.
- 2) All on-line programs must authenticate the identity of DE students. She suggested that the most common methods for addressing this authentication right now are password-protected class websites and/or in-person proctoring of exams.

This was followed by a discussion of new “NegRegs” (Negotiated Regulations) between SACS and the [Department of Education](#). She stated that they have become much more intrusive in the accreditation process and that SACS is bound by their requirements. She expects them to hand down a federal definition of “semester credit hour” very soon.

The remainder of the time was spent on challenges for the future. She stated that faculty will become less relevant as the *sage on the stage* model fades. Her position is that the proliferation of the internet makes information-gathering an on-going student-centered process which will require faculty to assume the role of information mediators, coaches, and critical thinking filters. Her presentation was completed by 3:55 PM.

The TADLAS Business Meeting was called to order by President Staton at 4:19 PM. She requested that each participant present (n=26) introduce themselves. TADLAS Treasurer Lee Nordt (Baylor) presented the Annual Financial Report which showed a fund balance of

\$43,590.08 as of February 2, 2010. There was substantial discussion about how to positively affect legislative activities without “lobbying”, an activity prohibited to the state employees present. It was suggested that a list-serve be created and Secretary Blount was assigned this task. Incoming President Tony Duban suggested a discussion of strategic planning for TADLAS.

As previously agreed, the 2011 conference will be held in Austin. There was agreement that all future meetings should be scheduled at the beginning or end of a week, not in the middle of the week. A representative of UT-Austin volunteered their conference center and hotel for the 2011 meeting.

Election of officers proceeded as follows. Our 6 board members serve 3 year rotating terms so we needed to elect 2 new board members. Anny Morrobel-Sosa (UTEP) and Dean Minix (Tarleton) were nominated to new terms which will end in 2013. Lee Nordt (Treasurer) and Grady Price Blount (Secretary) agreed to stay on in their administrative support positions. Elaine Rodney (Prairie View A&M) was nominated as President-elect. Kevin Lambert moved to accept this slate of officers by acclamation. This motion was seconded and passed by the membership present.

Grady Price Blount made comments about the possibility of changing our name to Texas Association of Deans. Dennis Kratz suggested we take this issue up as a preliminary discussion item on the list-serve. The Business meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM. The membership then retired to the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts for a quiet evening featuring a guided tour of the facility and an enormous steak dinner.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010: Past-President Kevin Lambert called the session to order at 9:00 AM. He introduced Mona Wineburg, Executive Director of the Center for Research, Evaluation, and Advancement of Teacher Education ([CREATE](#)). The primary emphasis of [her talk](#) was pre-college student preparation and factors affecting freshman retention rates. There was a discussion of our “academic grandchildren”; the students that our graduates teach when they become teachers themselves. She commented that in some areas of the state, 85% of incoming freshmen are taught in high school by the regional university’s graduates. Statewide the average is 60%. Her point was that if you are having issues with under-prepared freshmen, you need look no further than your own programs for preparing future teachers. This sparked some comments; primarily due to the emphasis Texas places on standardized exams.

The morning session was reconvened (by President Staton) at 10:43 AM. She introduced Kevin Lambert for a discussion of summer school funding models. He had distributed a questionnaire the previous day and presented the [Survey Results](#) to start the discussion. Although the discussion was wide-ranging and informative, the only major point resulting was that we need to treat summer school like any other semester.

Due to heavy rains, lunch was held in the LeGrand Center. The afternoon session kicked off with Grady Price Blount introducing [State Representative Drew Darby](#) (District 72) for an overview of preparations for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature which will convene in January 2011. Darby commented that the budget for the current biennium would have been in the hole were it not for the federal funds injected into the state. He predicted an \$11B shortfall for the next biennium and suggested we will likely have to take at least half of the \$9.2B *rainy day fund* to make ends meet. He also commented the rapidly-changing demographics of Texas and pronounced “We’re gonna have to educate ‘em or incarcerate ‘em.”. Texas is projected to have a population of 40M within the next 20 years. In conclusion, he suggested the possibility of a Legislative Select Committee to look at the formula funding model. During the Q&A portion of the talk, Darby rhetorically asked why the middle management levels at UT-Austin had “ballooned” in recent years. Tony Duban responded in detail that it was likely due to adding extra administrators to respond to the various legislative mandates for detailed reporting and assessment.

The final session of the afternoon was hosted by Anny Morrobel-Sosa who led a discussion of the status of *Closing the Gaps*.

The meeting was closed at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
[Grady Price Blount](#), Secretary  
February 8, 2010

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**Treasurer's Report: February 2, 2010**

|   |            |                  |
|---|------------|------------------|
| Fund Balance as of 1/28/2009  |            | \$36,000.15      |
| Interest Earnings:  |            |                  |
| Jan 2009 - May 2009 (1.5% - 2.5% return)                                      | 294.71     |                  |
| June 2009 - August 2009 (1% return)   | 97.61      |                  |
| September 2009 - December 2009 (.75% return)                                  | 90.56      |                  |
| Total Interest Earnings   |            | 482.88           |
| Registration Fees:  |            |                  |
| 2009 Conference fees received   | 1,700.00   |                  |
| 2010 Conference fees received   | 4,250.00   |                  |
| Total Registration fees   |            | 5,950.00         |
| Total Revenues  |            | 6,432.88         |
| Expenses:   |            |                  |
| TADLAS 2009 - Univ. of North Texas - return unused portion of \$5,000 advance | (1,235.43) |                  |
| TADLAS 2010 - Credit card transaction fees                                    | 78.38      |                  |
| Total Expenses  |            | (1,157.05)       |
| Fund Balance as of 02/02/2010   |            | <u>43,590.08</u> |

Baylor University, Dean Lee Nordt

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