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TIEC Operating Council Meets in Austin

Sixteen universities dispatched representatives to the semi-annual TIEC Operating Council meeting in Austin on October 29. Operating Council members reviewed TIEC's program development objectives, and the importance of TIEC officers visiting campuses to become familiar with the unique areas of expertise available at TIEC-affiliated universities.

The meeting included a discussion of how TIEC is viewed by its international clients, as well as the importance of Texas universities working with TIEC on international education objectives. Members discussed the usefulness of disseminating information from various campus representatives to TIEC in order to stimulate the development of new program proposals.

The council also heard a presentation by Dr. Terry Simon, Director of the Texas Intensive English Program, regarding the possible acceptance of the TIEP Institutional TOEFL at TIEC-affiliated campuses, and the introduction of a new TIEC University and College Placement Service.

TIEC-Affiliated Universities

Each month TIEC highlights one of its 32 affiliated universities to inform international readers of the programs available. This month TIEC is pleased to feature Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Many Areas of Study

Diverse curriculum emphasizes Allied Health, Applied Technology, Arts and Humanities, Business Administration, Environmental Studies, and Teacher Education.

Professors Know Their Subject

Eighty percent of the faculty have the highest degrees in their fields.

Small Class Ratio

16:1 student to faculty ratio provides more opportunities for individual attention.

Highly Rated

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi was ranked the top public regional university in Texas by *U.S. News and World Report* in its 1998, 1999, and 2001 issues of America's Best Colleges.

Tropical Setting

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi features a 240-acre island campus, surrounded by the warm waters of Cayo del Oso and Corpus Christi Bays. For more information visit www.tamuc.edu

TIEC Presentation at UTA

The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and TIEC co-hosted a workshop on October 30 at the UTA campus, providing university deans, chairs, program directors, and graduate advisors with an analysis of external opportunities and resources that ensure a continuing stream of international students. Approximately 30 guests attended the workshop, examining topics such as TIEC services, international competition, and visa issues.

Ms. Sharon Pate, TIEC's Coordinator of Student Services, described the sponsored student services provided by TIEC, as well as issues relating to student placement and retention. TIEC President, Dr. Nick L. Poulton, concluded the presentation by leading a discussion addressing the realities of recruiting international students, including funding issues and factors affecting student options.

New TIEC Executive Committee Elected



TIEC Chairperson Dr. Robert R. Furgason

The newly-elected Executive Committee for the fiscal year 2001-2002 met October 25 in Austin. Members include TIEC Chairperson, Dr. Robert R. Furgason, President, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; TIEC Vice Chairperson, Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez, President, The University of Texas-Pan American; Dr. Norval F. Pohl, President, The University of North Texas; Dr. David Schmidly, President, Texas Tech University; Dr. James Simmons, President, Lamar University; Dr. Priscilla Slade, President, Texas Southern University; and Dr. Ann Stuart, President, Texas Woman's University.

TIEP Offers Evening Courses

The Texas Intensive English Program, Evening Program, offers a variety of part-time courses designed to meet the schedules of those in the Austin area who want to improve their English language skills for professional development or personal enrichment.

These 40-hour courses, offered three times a year, meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for 10 weeks.

TIEP offers evening courses in Intermediate Conversation & Pronunciation, Advanced Conversation & Pronunciation, and Advanced Writing & Grammar. Returning students receive a 10 percent tuition discount.

The courses are designed to help intermediate-to-proficient, non-native English speakers communicate effectively and fluently, while improving writing and grammar skills for a variety of tasks such as business letters, proposals, reports, and personal correspondence.

For more Evening Program information, contact tiep@tiec.org.