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### Overview

*A unique association of 32 public universities in Texas*

### Programs and Services

*Offering assistance to public and private organizations worldwide*

### Study in Texas

*Featuring a full range of programs for students and professionals*

*Opportunities at TIEC  
Career opportunities for university professionals*

## TIEC President Begins Visits to Affiliated University Campuses

Dr. Ronald Aqua, TIEC President and CEO, has visited 13 of TIEC's 32 member universities since last September, meeting with senior administrators and faculty to discuss how TIEC can better serve its affiliates.

To date, Dr. Aqua has traveled to Angelo State University, Lamar University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Sul Ross State University, Texas Southern University, Texas State University-San Marcos, The University of Texas at El Paso, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, University of Houston, University of Houston-Clear Lake, University of Houston-Downtown, University of Houston-Victoria, and University of North Texas.

Dr. Aqua is looking forward to continuing his visits this spring and summer.



*Above, at Texas Southern University, Nov 20, 2007: Dr. Woody Smith, TIEC; Dr. Charlene T. Evans, TSU Executive Vice President; Dr. Aqua; Dr. Selina Ahmed, TSU Associate Professor, Human Services & Consumer Sciences; Dr. Nupur Chaudhuri, TSU Associate Professor, History, Geography, and Economics*



*Above, at Sul Ross State University, Dec 7, 2007: Mr. Cesario Valenzuela, SRSU Vice President, Finance and Operations; Mr. Gregory M. Schwab, SRSU Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management; Dr. Chet Sample, SRSU Dean, Professional Studies; Dr. Robert J. Kinucan, SRSU Dean, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; Dr. Jim D. Case, SRSU Dean, Arts and Sciences; Dr. Woody Smith, TIEC; Dr. David L. Cockrum, SRSU Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs; Dr. Aqua; Dr. R. Vic Morgan, SRSU President*

## Search for New TIEC Vice President Under Way

TIEC is seeking candidates for the position of Vice President. The complete job announcement can be viewed at [www.tiec.org/intopps.html](http://www.tiec.org/intopps.html). Applications and nominations are welcome. The closing date is February 15, 2008. For further information, contact Martha Withers ([mwithers@tiec.org](mailto:mwithers@tiec.org), tel. (512) 477-9283, ext. 118).

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## South American Teachers Explore U.S. Culture



*ASI participants Sonia Diaz and Maria Eva Blaiotta talk to students in LASA Journalism class*

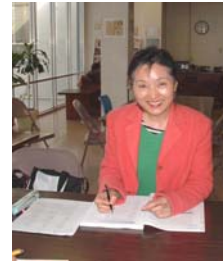
The Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) hosted the fifth American Studies Institute (ASI) - English Language and American Culture Program for Teachers of English from Central and South America, January 26 – February 9, 2008, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Twelve teachers from Argentina and Chile studied U.S. culture and current standards of ESL pedagogy. Previous ASI participants have come from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

In addition to attending TIEP seminars, the ASI participants visited museums and cultural sites in Austin and San Antonio, including the Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin, The Institute of Texan Cultures of The University of Texas at San Antonio, a Toastmasters meeting, and a traditional Texas dance hall. They also observed American classroom practices at an Austin magnet high school, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Academy (LASA).

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## Fulbright Administrator Becomes TIEP Student

Ms. Kee Won ("Angie") Lee, a staff member of the Korean-American Educational (Fulbright) Commission (KAEC) in Seoul, studied English at the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) for four weeks. Ms. Lee's stay in Austin overlapped with the American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English sponsored by KAEC, now in its seventh year at TIEP. This year's institute provided training to 27 Korean teachers in ESL teaching methodologies and American culture and society.



Ms. Lee was very impressed with the curriculum and teachers at TIEP. She enjoyed a homestay with an American family and attended numerous events around Austin, including musical performances and a high school basketball game. She feels that Austin is a "very peaceful" city.

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## New Director of Corporate Affairs Welcomed



TIEC is pleased to welcome Martha Withers as the new Director of Corporate Affairs. Her principal assignment will be to promote and manage the corporate functions of the organization, including Board affairs, program development, and external communications. Ms. Withers worked at TIEC from February 2006 to May 2007 on the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU) project. Her prior experience includes serving as director and curator for several museums in central Texas.