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## TIEP Faculty Play Leading Role at TexTESOL State Conference

Texas International Education Consortium faculty, staff, and students represented the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) at the 2011 TexTESOL State Conference in Austin, October 27 – 29, through presentations and leadership positions.

TexTESOL members nominated TIEP faculty Jill Rolston-Yates as 2012 President, Dr. Jodi Nelms as 2012 Vice President, and Amanda Sekour as 2012 Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator. In addition, TIEP's Academic Coordinator, Mimi Parris, will serve as the 2012 Board Member At-Large for Higher Education Intensive English Programs.

Several TIEP faculty offered presentations at the conference, as follows:

- Julia Maffei, "Advocacy for Change"
- Crystal Kusey, "Pronunciation Learning With Online Resources and Strategy Practice"



- Angelique Pearson and Jill Rolston-Yates, "Navigating University Applications Using WebQuest"
- Dr. Jodi Nelms, "Rapport-Building in the Classroom"

TIEP faculty member Mary Gordon Spence gave the opening general session plenary address.

Five TIEP students from Saudi Arabia participated in a panel discussion, entitled "Bridging the Saudi and American Culture Gap," with Mimi Parris, Jill Rolston-Yates, Crystal Kusey, Dr. Cheryl Nuwash, and Brooke Taddia as discussion leaders.

The TexTESOL conference

also provided opportunities for participation by the Japanese Ministry of Education's Teacher Training Program at TIEP. The trainees presented a skit under the direction of Dr. John Schmidt showcasing differences between Japanese and American ESL classrooms. At the end of their presentation they asked the audience for insights and suggestions for enlivening their classrooms in Japan.

TexTESOL seeks to promote scholarship, disseminate information, strengthen all levels of instruction and research in the teaching of standard English to speakers or other languages or dialects, and cooperate in appropriate ways with other organizations having similar concerns.

## TIEP Provides Instructional Services to Lamar University



The Texas Intensive English Program began providing administrative and instructional services for the Lamar Language Institute at Lamar University in Beaumont this semester.

The Lamar Language Institute now has 30 full-time students in three levels of

English instruction, with an additional 40 Lamar University students taking part-time English courses in reading, writing, and speaking.

TIEP administrators have visited Lamar University several times since August to imple-

ment the new program, and Institute instructors traveled to Austin in October to meet TIEC headquarters staff and become more familiar with TIEP's Austin-based program.

## TIEC Operating Council Convenes at TAMU-SA's New Campus

The TIEC Operating Council held its fall meeting in the new Main Building of Texas A&M University—San Antonio (TAMU-SA) on October 21, 2011. President Maria Hernandez Ferrier welcomed the group to the fastest growing campus in the TAMU system and commented on the new partnership with TIEC in internationalizing the university.

Dr. Ronald Aqua, President & CEO of TIEC, updated the campus representatives on current activities and programs. TIEC is undertaking a strategic planning initiative that will seek to identify how the organization can become more involved with and supportive of in-



ternational student recruitment, study abroad, and partnering opportunities at its affiliated universities. Dr. Aqua also opened a discussion on ways TIEC can provide support to fill the gaps in international education resulting from state and federal funding cuts.

Dr. Jaime Ortiz, Vice President of TIEC, reported on current opportunities in Latin American higher education and ways in which they might be shared with

TIEC's participating universities.

Much of the remainder of the meeting featured presentations on the respective universities' international initiatives.

Appointed by the presidents of TIEC's 32 participating universities, the Operating Council is an advisory body that provides communications and programmatic links between TIEC and its constituent institutions.



## Taiwanese Government Employees Study Language and Culture at TIEC

Twenty employees of the Taiwanese Executive Yuan arrived in Austin on November 5 to participate in a four-week training course in American culture and English as a Second Language.

The trainees have met with state and local elected officials, including the Mayor of Austin and a state representative. They have also visited the Texas State History Museum and

the State Capitol. Extracurricular opportunities include attending an opera, university sporting events, and enjoying Texas barbecue.