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## TESOL President Visits TIEC after 2013 International Convention in Dallas

**D**r. Deena Boraie, Associate Dean for Instructional Affairs at the School of Continuing Education of the American University in Cairo, visited TIEC on March 26, 2013 following her induction into the presidency of TESOL International Association at its annual convention in Dallas.

TESOL is the world's largest professional development organization of English-language educators in the

world with 12,000 members in over 150 countries. At TIEC, President Boraie spoke about TESOL's recent achievements and areas of focus during her presidential year.

TIEP Academic Coordinator Dr. John Schmidt, who served as Associate Chair of TESOL's 2013 Convention, has assumed the role of Conven-

tion Program Chair for the TESOL 2014 International Convention in Portland, Oregon, which is expected to host 6,500 attendees.



## TIEP at Lamar Receives SEVP Approval as a Branch Campus of TIEP

**T**he Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security granted approval to TIEP at Lamar to operate as a branch campus of TIEP and to issue I-20 forms to prospective international students for the purpose of applying for an F-1 student visa.

This is a critical step in the process of transitioning administration of the program from Lamar University to TIEC on June 1, 2013.

Another essential element is to maintain accreditation, one of the federally mandated requirements for approval as a branch campus. TIEP at Lamar received initial one-year accreditation by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) in August of 2012 and will submit a comprehensive self-study to CEA

by the end of May to apply for a four-year extension of its accreditation.

"One of the greatest changes I have noticed in the TIEP at Lamar transition from the Lamar Language Institute is that the courses have clearly established learning objectives that are both manageable and measurable," states Alex Monceaux, one of the instructors at TIEP at Lamar.

Information about TIEP at Lamar, including an Application for Admission Form, is available online at: <http://www.tiec.org/tiep/tiepatlamar>



## TIEC Welcomes Texas Universities to the Spring TIEP University Fair

**N**ine universities from across Texas sent representatives to the spring TIEP University Panel and Fair on April 12, 2013.

More than 90 TIEP students were in attendance to ask detailed questions about majors and admission requirements, collect brochures and fact sheets, and seek one-on-one advice on how to improve their chances of getting into the university of their choice.

The university panelists included:

- Mr. Gilbert Zhang, Lamar

University

- Mr. Carlos Figueroa, Tarleton State University
- Ms. Cynthia Martinez, Texas A&M International University
- Dr. Kenneth Clinton, Texas A&M University-Commerce
- Ms. Leddie Smith, Texas Southern University
- Ms. Rosario Davis, Texas State University-San Marcos
- Ms. Sully Saucedo, Texas Woman's University
- Ms. Emily Mancuso, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- Ms. Ebony Cruise-Brown, The University of Texas at Tyler



## TIEC Operating Council Discusses Initiatives to Enhance International Education

**R**epresentatives from 11 Texas public universities convened in Austin on April 26, 2013 for the semiannual TIEC Operating Council meeting to exchange information about ongoing international programs and new initiatives on their respective campuses.

The Operating Council serves as an advisory body that facilitates communication between TIEC and its constituent institutions. Representatives are appointed by the presidents of the universities participating in TIEC.

Among the many topics discussed, a recurring theme was how to make their campuses more attractive to international students through additional academic offerings as well as improved student services and community-wide cultural and social events.

"If we improve our services and create positive experiences for the students, their word-of-mouth will help us to recruit more international students," offered Michael Jiang, Lamar University. "The recruitment process often begins with supportive faculty, staff, alumni, and current international students. If they are effectively utilized, our recruiting can be much easier."

Representatives also described current efforts to create more interest among Texas students and faculty in various study abroad and joint research opportunities. Members felt their goals could be achieved by offering additional financial support and through successful collaborations between individual faculty members and colleagues at institutions abroad.

Participants at the April meeting included:

- Mr. Michael Jiang, Lamar University
- Dr. Marilyn Robitaille, Tarleton State University
- Dr. Paul R. Meyer, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Ms. Isis de la O and Mr. Jon Ahlberg, Texas State University-San Marcos
- Ms. Irene Connelly, Texas Woman's University
- Dr. Rodolfo Hernández Guerrero, The University of Texas at Dallas
- Dr. Robert Perry, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- Dr. Teresa Kennedy and Mr. Daoming Chen, The University of Texas at Tyler
- Mr. Gary Stading, University of Houston-Downtown
- Dr. Uppinder Mehan, University of Houston-Victoria
- Dr. Richard Nader, University of North Texas