

ACT MINUTES
September 13 &14, 2001
Houston Community College
Dr. Dale Perritt, ACT President

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer
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THANKS FOR HOSTING: Seth Knight and Todd Fuller received accolades for hosting the ACT Fall 2001 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours (Imperial Sugar Mill and the George Ranch), meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Seth and Todd and the staff at HCC were excellent hosts. Dr. Zach Hodges, President of NW HCC sponsored our evening meal and it is greatly appreciated. See address to send *Thank You* letters at the end of minutes.

2002 SPRING MEETING: DR. RANDALL WILLIAMS (TAMU-K) WILL HOST

- *APRIL 3, 4, & 5, 2002 IN KINGSVILLE**
- *REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING MEETING ON ACT WEB PAGE**
- *CLICK ON TAMU-K, CLICK ACT/TJCAA/CASA CONFERENCE 2002**
- *TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE (\$25 PER PERSON)**
WILL START AT 2:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2001.
- *QUALITY INN ON BUS. HIGHWAY 77- PHONE: 361-592-5251**
RESERVE ROOMS BY MARCH 20, 2002
- *PRE-REGISTRATION FEES - \$25 PER STUDENT, \$40 PER FACULTY**
- *COMPETITION FOR JR COLLEGES PLUS TJCAA MEETING**
- *CASA - CAN BRING UP TO 5 SR COLLEGE STUDENTS**
- *KING RANCH TOURS CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY**
TWO HOUR, TWENTY MILE TOUR, HISTORY, COST \$8 PER PERSON
LAST TOUR LEAVES AT 4 PM. PHONE: 361-592-8055

SPRING MEETING TJCAA CONTESTS: Each four year university is to bring two to five of their students to the Spring ACT meeting at TAMU-K with Randall Williams (TAMU-K) as host to assist with the junior college contests. TAMU-K will ask for assistance with the TJCAA contests from other four-year universities. Exams with fifty-item multiple choice questions for the various TJCAA contests are needed. The exams should cover work that would be taught during the freshman and sophomore year. Assignments were made for the exams. TAMU-K will be responsible for all of the exams: HORT, AGRO, ANSC, AGECE. At spring meeting at TAMU-K, TJCAA students will also participate in the scrapbook contest, the outstanding student contest, and the outstanding chapter contest. The two outstanding two-year college students will win a \$5000 and \$2500 scholarship from Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Bring recruiting brochures to provide to TJCAA students (about 100 students attend). **BRING TWO DOOR PRIZES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

2002 FALL MEETING: TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MARC ROBINSON WILL HOST THE FALL 2002 MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 2002. TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 11, STARTING AT 2 PM.

2003 SPRING MEETING: SWT – San Marcos/Hardin Rhae as host on April 2-4, 2003.

CALL TO ORDER: The Fall meeting of ACT was called to order by President Dale Perritt (SFA) at 6:30 p.m. on September 13, 2001 at the George Ranch.

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT: Joe Townsend (TAMU), Secretary/Treasurer, distributed the minutes and treasurer's report from the Spring ACT meeting at Stephen F. Austin University. Spring minutes were approved with the correction of Marc Robinson's misspelled name (thanks, Dr. Williams.) Invoices for 2001/2002 dues were distributed to the member institutions. Four-year universities submitted their \$500 check to Joe Townsend (TAMU). Two year/Junior/Community colleges dues are coordinated by Bob Young (Kilgore) at 903-834-6255 or email (youngr@kilgore.cc.tx.us). Bob Young and the two-year colleges personnel calculate their respective share. ACT dues for TJCAA are \$2000 per year and includes all junior colleges or community colleges in Texas teaching agriculture, natural resources, or the life sciences. (ACT universities pay \$500 per year each). At present, ACT has \$9198 in funds at TAMU and \$7984.78 at Texas Tech University.

TEXAS NIGHT AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION: Dr. Marvin Cepica (TX TECH) announced that the National FFA Convention would be held on October 23- 27, for 2001 in Louisville, KY. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth and Texas Night for the Texas students attending. Angie Burkes (TX TECH) will coordinate these activities in cooperation with Ivy DeSimone (SWT), Sara Kocurek (TAMU-K, ksslk01@tamuk.edu), Jennifer Muller (SHSU, stdjjm21@shsu.edu), Bobby Waddell (TSU, wadell@tarleton.edu), Amanda Taylor (TAMU-C) and Edward Romero (TAMU). All members are invited to participate. Each institution is to provide a **ONE SHEET** (front and back) description of their program. These sheets are on display in the ACT booth. Be sure to send 200 copies to Joe Townsend before October 1, 2001. Also, **TWO** good door prizes should be sent to Joe to be given to students at Texas Night activities. **It was moved and seconded that we continue Texas night at the National FFA convention in Louisville even though the costs will be much higher this year.**

ACT BOOTH AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION: A Texas State Map will be used at the booth. Send Joe (TAMU) a picture (no larger than 5X7 inches) to represent your school that can be put on map. Make sure the school's name appears on the picture somewhere. If you do not send a picture, Ivy DeSimone (SWT) will have a name-plate for your school. If you cannot get the picture to Joe soon, send them to Ivy DeSimone at SWT before October 22, 2001.

INTERNSHIPS: Todd Fuller (HCC), with assistance from Dr. Sandy Johnson (TSU) presented information gathered at Spring ACT meeting on internship placements. Data was written into a report. Even though most thought that each school would run their own internship program, there are some opportunities that could and should be linked. Agribusiness companies could also be linked into the internship web-page. A link on the ACT web page will be considered. Todd asked ACT to use the web page and help include all state-wide internships on the central page. Todd needs committee members to serve on internship Texas state-wide program. Model program including evaluation, providers could be listed state-wide. Committee members will be David Moorman (SHSU), Bob Williams (TAMU-C), Todd Fuller (HCC), Sandy Johnson (TSU.)

TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Dr. Carlton Britton (TX TECH) is the Manuscript Editor and Dr. Ashley Lovell (TSU) is the Managing Editor. The cost per page is \$50/page for the 2002 edition. ACT is very proud of our Journal. It takes people like Dr. Britton and Dr. Lovell, with support of their staff and university to produce a quality product. There is an effort to get our journal on the Internet. Each editor is given a \$300 honorarium each year. Be sure to encourage faculty at each member institution to submit manuscripts to: Dr. Carlton Britton, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2125. See the Journal for style and directions. Each campus has an associate editor whose job is to encourage manuscripts

CDE'S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION: Clay Ewell (c-ewell@tamu.edu) has improved our ACT web page to include a directory, judging programs, results and statistics of judging contests. Those programs are in addition to the on-line registration for all CDE's. ACT voted that the four-year universities (if they use Clay's program) are to pay Clay Ewell (Ewell Associates) \$500 per year for use of the scanning program. The \$500 would include: yearly updates, current scoring programs on the web, and phone assistance from Clay. A motion was passed to contact the State FFA to ask about a Lone Star Honorary State FFA degree for Clay. It was also moved to have something for him at the next ACT meeting in Kingsville. TSU is using credit card payment for all judging contests. Ted Ford will report at next Spring meeting about the success of credit card payment. Much discussion was centered around costs of contests and the payment of the cost to the end user. Glen Shinn volunteered to work with Ewell Associates (Clay) to determine costs and have a reasonable return to Ewell Associates for the programs provided. Most discussion centered around raising the per team cost \$5 and passing that money on to Ewell Associates. ACT agreed that the end-user should help cover the expenses of the contests. The most difficult problem was that all FFA Areas have different fees – it was suggested all contests at universities should charge the same amount as the State FFA Contests that is \$30 for all contests per team except for Ag Mechanics; \$40. There was not total agreement on the Area costs.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGES AT STATE FFA CONVENTION: ACT purchases a page in the convention program for \$300 to show our support for the FFA. The page will represent all member institutions within the State of Texas. Each year about 5 to 6 thousand students attend the State convention and over 30,000 attend the National Convention. Future sites for the FFA conventions are: 2002 - Fort Worth, 2003 – Houston; 2004 – Fort Worth; 2005 - Lubbock.

USDA CHALLENGE GRANTS: Bobby Lane (SHSU) discussed our most recent proposal for USDA Challenge Grant that was not funded. Bobby reinstated that together we have the capability to receive a USDA grant. Ideas discussed base agriculture classes, multi media, distance learning, web based instruction, international curriculum, preparing agriculture business teachers, NFATA education, career placement, recruiting & retention, follow-up, central clearing house for AG jobs. Members discussed various ideas including curriculum review for agriculture instruction in Texas. Bobby Lane stated we should work with coordinating board. Suggestion was to standardize content in basic agricultural courses in Texas so that student's benefit from agricultural instruction in Texas. Also, faculty members should volunteer to the USDA to be reviewers – send in the review volunteer form.

ACT OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002: Officers are President-Dale Perritt (SFA); President elect-Marvin Cepica (Texas Tech; Secretary/Treasurer-Joe Townsend (TAMU). Following the 2001 Spring meeting, Dale Perritt (SFA) became the new ACT President. Elections are held at the Spring meeting each year. This spring in Kingsville, ACT will elect a new President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES: Marc Robinson (TVCC) discussed taking a stand about animal rights information provided. Handouts included examples of involvement forms and state issues. Get involved and participate. The National Animal Interest Alliance web site is <naiaonline.org>. The Texas Animal Interest Network's email is tain@texas.net.

POSSIBLE KELLOGG GRANT: Report by Hardin Rahe (SWT). Another idea was to support a college level general agriculture course that would be used to help non-traditional agriculture students learn about the opportunities available in the industry. New course should be planned by a committee composed of Joe Townsend (TAMU), Hardin Rahe (SWT), Bobby Williams (TAMU-C), Manuel Pina (TAMU), and Marc Robinson (TVCC.) Joe Townsend will also check with Angie Burkes about the new career materials Texas Tech is using. Bobby Lane (SHSU) reminded that we should apply for a common course number and that to write the material so that the course could be counted in on the core curriculum. Course should center around food, fiber, natural resources, biotechnology, to try to get it to count as a social science or humanities. Hardin discussed the new initiatives to be hopefully sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation. Suggestions centered on new three-hour course to help others understand the range of Agriculture and the Natural Resources. Handouts (included in this packet) were given to ACT members and the opportunities for inclusion in these series of grants were discussed. Joe will send members a sample letter; members will send letter to Joe showing individual school support. Members voted to "go for it". See enclosed information concerning proposal.

PAWT JOINT MEMBERSHIP: The PAWT is meeting September 19-21, 2001 in McAllen, Texas. PAWT board members have asked ACT about the possibility of joint meetings each fall. ACT has set a schedule of meeting at two-year colleges each fall.

ACT FOLLOW-UP: Joe Townsend (TAMU) shared that ACT should try to develop a survey for graduates every 5 years. Dr. Kerry Litzenberg (TAMU) and FAEIS information sponsored by USDA provide information for presentations about placement and positions of employment. Need web site for FAEIS. Idea was to set-up web site for follow-up tied to agintexas.org. Start with freshmen using web-page to update information and encourage students to update each year to get them in the habit; therefore, when they graduate, the hope is that they would update their information each year. According to Bob Williams (TAMU-C) an independent company, SOICC, conducts a follow-up of their students in Texas. Their web page is www.socic.st.tx.us. [Check for costs and possibilities and invite them to meet with us in Kingsville. Cost is \\$5000 per year.](#)

ACT STATIONERY AND BROCHURE: Joe Townsend (jtownsend@tamu.edu) is to update ACT material to reflect TJCAA membership. Please send Joe the current phone number and web page addresses you want included. **The junior/community colleges voted to only include those members who paid dues.**

ACT WEB PAGE: We have a web-page for ACT with links to member institutions. The URL address is <www.agintexas.org>. Please send to Joe Townsend (TAMU) or Clay Ewell (TAMU) any web page address that you want linked to the ACT web page.

ACT DIRECTORY: Joe Townsend will provide each institution with a directory. Four-year schools should fax to Joe the 12th day enrollment figures for inclusion in the ACT directory. We will also try to establish the directory on the ACT web-page.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS: Item to be included in Spring ACT meeting. Bring materials to share and be ready to discuss “what works” at your school.

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE ASSOCIATION: With much help from Bryan Cole (Texas Tech), ACT students started a new student organization for the State of Texas called TEXAS CASA. This group will meet each spring meeting of the total ACT. Information about this new organization is attached.

CDE DATES FOR 2001-2002:

TEXAS TECH - AREA FFA April 6, 2002; State FFA April 20, 2002

TEXAS A&M – 4-H District March 23, 2002; AREA 3/7 April 6, 2002; State FFA April 27, 2002

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**AGRICULTURAL CONSORTIUM OF TEXAS
MEETINGS**

FALL

1977 FORT WORTH
 1978 SUL ROSS
 1979 SAM HOUSTON
 1980 TEXAS TECH
 1981 EAST TEXAS
 1982 WEST TEXAS
 1983 ASU
 1984 SWT
 1985 TEXAS A&I
 1986 SFA
 1987 TEXAS TECH
 1988 WEST TEXAS
 1989 SAM HOUSTON
 1990 SWT
 1991 SUL ROSS
 1992 TAMU
 1993 ACU
 1994 TSU
 1995 PVAMU
 1996 TAMU-C
 1997 TAMU-K
 1998 TAMU
 1999 KILGORE
 2000 BLINN
 2001 HOUSTON COM. COLLEGE
 2002 – TRINITY VALLEY SEPT 11,12,13
 2003 – WEATHERFORD – SEPT ??
 2004
 2005
 2006
 2007
 2008
 2009
 2010

SPRING

1978 NO MEETING
 1979 NO MEETING
 1980 NO MEETING
 1981 SWT
 1982 SHSU
 1983 SWT
 1984 SHSU
 1985 AUSTIN
 1986 AUSTIN
 1987 AUSTIN
 1988 HLSR
 1989 HLSR
 1990 HLSR
 1991 SALE
 1992 HLSR
 1993 AUSTIN
 1994 FT. WORTH
 1995 AUSTIN
 1996 ASU
 1997 WTAMU
 1998 SFA
 1999 TX TECH
 2000 SUL ROSS
 2001 SFA
 2002 TAMU-K – APRIL 3,4,5
 2003 SWT – APRIL 2, 3, 4
 2004 TSU –
 2005 SAM HOUSTON
 2006 WTAMU
 2007 ACU
 2008 TAMU
 2009 ASU
 2010 PVAMU
 2011 TAMU-C

FALL - FACULTY ONLY MEETINGS FROM NOON TO NOON

SPRING - FACULTY AND TJCAA STUDENT CONTESTS/MEETINGS

ACT WEB LINKS

<http://www.agintexas.org>

ACU	http://www.acu.edu/academics/agenv/
ASU	http://www.angelo.dept/ag/
NMSU	http://www.nmsu.edu/~axed/
PVAMU	http://www.pvamu.edu
SHSU	http://www.shsu.edu/~agr_www/
SWT	http://www.swt.edu/ag
SFA	http://www.sfasu.edu/ag
SRU	http://www.sulross.edu/~anrs
TSU	http://www.tarleton.edu/academics/depts/ag
TAMU	http://www.tamu.edu
TAMU-C	http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/coas/agscience/index.html
TAMU-K	http://www.tamuk.edu/aghs/
TX TECH	http://www.casnr.ttu.edu
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4-H	http://www.texas4-h.tamu.edu
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