

ACT MINUTES
FALL MEETING
Tyler Junior College
September 15, 16, 17 2004
Marc Robinson, President ACT

ACT Minutes on-line at: www.AgInTexas.org

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer
April 16, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: The 2004 fall meeting of ACT was called to order by Marc Robinson (TVCC) at 1:00 p.m. on September 16, 2004 at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas.

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Randy Tidwell received accolades for hosting the ACT Fall 2004 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Randy and the staff at Tyler Junior College were excellent hosts. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors listed on the last page.

2005 SPRING MEETING: SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY AND BOBBY LANE WILL HOST THE SPRING 2005 MEETING ON APRIL 13-14-15, 2005- TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT APRIL 13 AT RAVEN NEST ON THE OLD AG FARM AT A COST OF \$25. STARTS AT 1:00 PM.

REGISTRATION AT THE STUDENT CENTER AT 7 PM ON APRIL 13, 2005.

SPRING MEETING TJCAA CONTESTS: Each four year university is to bring two to five of their students to the Spring ACT meeting at Sam Houston State University to assist with the junior college contests. Sam Houston 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 will be made for the following exams: HORT, AGRO, ANSC, AGECE, AG-MECH, and WILDLIFE. At spring meeting, 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. Universities MAY bring a tabletop display and recruiting brochures to provide to TJCAA students (about 100 students attend). **FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES - BRING TWO DOOR PRIZES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

SPRING MEETING FORMAT: The spring meeting will start with a golf tournament on Wednesday afternoon. An informal "get together" and pizza will be held Wednesday night at 7 pm along with registration. Thursday morning will start all the meetings and contests for TJCAA at 9 a.m. TJCAA and CASA will elect officers Thursday afternoon, and the awards banquet will be Thursday night at 6:30 pm. ACT will meet Thursday all day. Friday morning will start with the Junior College faculty meeting at 7 am followed by tours or other interest items. Registration will be on the ACT webpage and will include a RSVP on numbers for contests, meals, buses, and tours. Specifics will be left to Bobby Lane at Sam Houston. All attending stated that they would stay for the Friday portion of the ACT meeting.

2005 FALL MEETING: FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE, Borger, Texas – September 15, 16, 17, 2005

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT: Joe Townsend (TAMU), Secretary/Treasurer, emailed minutes and treasurer's report from the Spring ACT meeting at Tarleton in Stephenville. Spring minutes were approved. Dues will cover from October 1 to August 31 each year with November 1 as the due date. Two year/Junior/Community colleges dues are coordinated by Bob Young (Kilgore) at 903-834-6255 or email (bobyoun@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org). Two-year college personnel calculate their respective share. ACT dues for TJCAA are \$2000 per year and include 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 a total of \$27,979 in funds with \$20,979.46 at TAMU and \$7,115.75 at Texas Tech University.

EMAIL TO JOE (drjoe@tamu.edu) your current directory page (list of faculty, etc). Joe will send IMS the ACT list. Will be included in the Contest Central web-page on the LDE handbook.

HLSR Funding for Graduate Assistants at ACT schools: Marvin Cepica (TX TECH) indicated that HLSR is reviewing assistantship funding. The HLSR education committee is reviewing their budget. A position paper, developed by ACT, was written with job descriptions and benefits provided by these graduate assistants. Input was provided by each institution and solidified for the final draft. Ten universities receive money for these graduate students. **Marvin Cepica, Chair; Bobby Lane, Rob Kinucan, Gary Briers, Hardin Rahe, and Dr. Randall Williams is the committee that developed the summary.**

Marvin Cepica, Bobby Lane and Joe Townsend met with HLSR Chairman of the Board John O. Smith, Mike Wells, President and Mike Clepper, Chair of the Education Committee. HLSR agreed to fund current graduate assistantships for the 2004-2005 school year.

ACT discussed future workings with HLSR about continued graduate assistantship funding. A study to follow-up students on assistantships due by December 1, 2004. Assistantship students need to meet with show officials. An event will be planned to showcase graduate assistantships. Marvin moved to collect and publish polished report on follow-up of assistantships. Joe will talk to HLSR about an event to meet assistantship students with possible CD or past assistantship students meet with HLSR officials.

ACTION ITEM: Gary Briers and Joe Townsend will develop a publication (format will be emailed to each school) We will email you the format by October 1, 2004 and expect the information back to us before October 15, 2004(listing of students that have been on HLSR assistantships at your school at least 5 years back.) Also, listing of any older students that are working in agriculture.

TEXAS NIGHT AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION: Norm Hopper (TX TECH) announced that the National FFA Convention would be held on October 27 -30, 2004 in Louisville, KY. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth and Texas Night, Wednesday, October 27 - 6:30 to 8 pm eastern time. Location will be at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center in the Conference Center room (102). Act will purchase two exhibit booth spaces. Dr. Randall Williams moved that we continue with the combined booth and Texas Night at the National FFA convention. The motion was seconded and passed.

TX TECH – Angie Burkes (a.burkes@ttu.edu) – invitations, publicity and response cards

TEXAS STATE – Yolanda Quintanilla – coordinating booth appearance

SFA – Emily Payne – (emilypayne816@yahoo.com) booth decorations

TAMUK – Dr. Randall Williams - (r-williams@tamuk.edu) booth tear down and shipping home

TAMU – Michael Williams – (mwilliams@tamu.edu) bills, booth reservation, booth furnishings

All members are invited to participate. Each institution is to provide a **ONE SHEET** (front and back) description of their program or one tri-fold. These sheets are on display in the ACT booth. Be sure to send 100 copies to Alyson Bingham at Tarleton. Also, **TWO** good door prizes should be sent to Alyson. **ACT will continue Texas night at the National FFA convention in Louisville.**

AG IN THE CLASSROOM – PARTNERSHIP WITH FARM BUREAU. Hardin Rahe suggested that ACT develop a partnership with Farm Bureau to spread the AG in the Classroom information to schools in their areas. Discussion centered around “participation by all” is necessary to provide the program. This program will be part of the total Ag Ambassadors program (training leaders to assist with elementary majors with AITCR. Next step is to determine the level of support from ACT and Hardin’s response to Farm Bureau. Hardin will lead this project. Members of this committee are Hardin Rahe- Chair, Ted Ford, Rob Kinucan, Joe Townsend, Marc Robinson, Ed Brokaw, Tom Maynard and Ralph Ward will work on this idea.

Farm Bureau’s (Ag in the classroom) goal is to place AITCR materials in every elementary school in Texas. They want to partner with Colleges of Education and especially elementary education majors. FB want access to the elementary education majors. Then, local FB organizations to assist in funding with AITCR materials. and to establish formal partnerships with the Colleges of Education at 4 year institutions and to place AITCR materials in elementary schools in our geographic regions.

The next step is to seek 501C3 status. ACT should also establish a Foundation with a Board. ACT should collect money for a foundation, and it should be managed by the foundation board. Funds would be used to fund the annual leadership training, travel, and ACT projects. TDA should be asked to become involved with ACT. Develop articles of Incorporation and a strategic plan.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FFA: Last year, a MOU was signed by State FFA Executive Director, Tom Maynard, and Marvin Cepica, President of ACT. A copy of the MOU will be available on the Agricultural Consortium of Texas website at <http://www.AgInTexas.org>. The MOU showed the step-by-step process of revising a state CDE. He reminded us that we’re going to follow the five-year plan for National CDEs. The next set of changes will be in effect from 2006-2010. The state CDE committee will have a sub-committee for each state CDE. New rules will take effect in 2006 and be the same for 5 years. Tom gave out copies of the agreement between Texas FFA and Clay Ewell. Contest providers should let the State FFA know if unpaid chapters are participating.

Career Development Events: Discussion of moving Ag Sales, Marketing Plan, Ag Mechanics, Forage, Farm Business Management to Sam Houston State University. State FFA Board will make the final decision in October, 2004.

State FFA Convention will be in Lubbock at the Spirit Arena at Texas Tech University summer 2005.

ACT to check on associate membership. Examples would be businesses or corporations that would like to be members of ACT. Also, discussed was State FFA associate membership, TEA, etc.

CDE’S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION: Clay Ewell (c-ewell@tamu.edu) of *Clay Ewell Associates* maintained the 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. If your school wants to use the on-line registration, please contact Clay. The CDE website has been updated to allow online contestant substitutions. All users are encouraged to “log in” to the judgingcard.com website to update their directory information. Clay has purchased a server, high speed printer, computer and other items needed in order to upkeep the server and provide the judging scoring program in addition to the scan sheets. He has moved the ACT server to an off-campus professional commercial server that has emergency back-up. Users

of the scoring programs are reminded to use the most current program located on the ACT web page. Using the web based scoring program also makes it very easy to move the results to the web. A new universal sheet is available to be used for general contests.

*****All ACT members are encouraged to use the on-line registration for all contests in the state, including all Area FFA contests. The information gathered can assist all of us that plan contests across the State of Texas.**

RESOLUTION: ACT is pleased with and supports the continued use of the programs and services offered by Ewell and Associates. ACT recommends continued their use for Texas FFA CDE events.

***Clay Ewell and Associates* started sales of all CDE scan sheets on January 15, 2004. New scan sheets are available on the JUDGINGCARD.COM web-page. IMS discontinued scan sheets sales.**

CDE's - Five year cycle. Rotation of CDE Teacher Committee on five-year cycle. Committee will work on changes including what is happening in the industry and at National FFA Contests. All revisions will be implemented in 2006 and not until 2006.

FFA FOUNDATION – Aaron Alejandro reported on the FFA Foundation successes. The foundation had its first million dollar year in 2004. The campaign is a 5 year/15 million dollar campaign. FFA chapters can set up free web-sites using Web –where –works.

PERMANENT FUNDING FOR ACT - Also discussed were ways to provide permanent funding for ACT activities. Hardin suggested that we start an endowment to assist in funding. ACT moved and passed support of this activity. Committee members Hardin Rahe- Chair, Ted Ford, Rob Kinucan, Joe Townsend, Ed Brokaw, Marc Robinson, Tom Maynard and Ralph Ward will work on this idea. ACT would have to charter with the State of Texas for a non-profit organization and would have to have an independent audit for funds. A matching concept for the \$20,000 was discussed. Motion was made and passed to support this event as an ACT program scheduled for summer 2005.

ACT OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005: Officers are President- Marc Robinson (TVCC); President-elect – Hardin Rahe (Texas State); Secretary/Treasurer-Joe Townsend (TAMU). Following the 2005 spring meeting, Hardin will become the new ACT President. Elections are held at the spring meeting each year.

TEXAS CASA: CASA meets at each spring ACT meeting. Newly elected officers are:

Chair, Michell Gorhum –TX TECH, sweetraider7@hotmail.com

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Amanda Beckford, WEST TEXAS, aj-beckford@yahoo.com

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TJCAA OFFICERS - Newly elected officers are:

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Advisor	Bob Young	Kilgore	bobyoung@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org

TJCAA/ACT MEMBER SCHOOLS 2004-2005: Last year's members included: Blinn, Central Texas, Cisco, Coastal Bend, Frank Phillips, Houston, Kilgore, South Plains, South West Texas, Texarkana, Trinity Valley, Tyler, Vernon, Weatherford, and Western Texas. Bob Young will get a complete list to Joe soon.

TOURS:

Powell Plant Farm, New Summerfield, Texas

Kevin Martin lead the tour. 700,000 square feet of greenhouse space are used to grow wholesale poinsettias and mums. Four largest such company in the USA.

TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Instructions to Authors/Publication Guidelines are included on the web. All articles will be submitted on-line. Web should be searchable on-line.
2. Associate Editors provide the gateway for manuscript submissions and are encouraged to contact faculty and administration of their respective institutions to publicize the Journal.
3. The membership of the E Board is complete at the time of the fall meeting.
4. David Kattes is the Editor-in-Chief.
5. The Journal has gone to an electronic format, and submission deadlines are April 1 and July 1. We are continuing the plan of publishing articles to the web at least twice during the year; the timing depends upon having a critical mass of approved articles.
6. Approved articles are those that have the final written approval of the Editor and the lead author of the article.
7. The current page charge of \$50 per page will continue until we gain further financial experience with the electronic journal and with the developing higher education funding situation. Page costs for non-ACT members will be double the member costs.

8. Tarleton State University provides funding for the part-time Journal secretary position. Due to state-mandated budget reductions for the current budgeting cycle, at the last Board meeting, ACT approved \$1800 in funding to come from the page charges. 25 percent of this supplemental funding for the position is distributed to the Journal secretary following each quarter of service.
9. ACT voted to move all journal articles to Ashley Lovell's web server. He is also responsible for the search engine for the Journal. The server will be housed at Tarleton State University.
10. Ashley Lovell will follow-up with the Rights and Permissions Request from EBSCO Publishing to the Texas Journal of Agriculture & Natural Resources. ACT voted to link with EBSCO.
11. Managing Editor and Editor in Chief of the Journal will receive a \$300 honorarium each year. This cost will be paid by the page charges. Have \$4000 in account.
13. Please send David Kattes names of reviewers on your campus.

Check the ACT web page at agintexas.org for the link to Tarleton address:

www.tarleton.edu/~agcntr/TXJANR/TXJournalofAgSelection.htm.

Managing Editor – Ashley Lovell – Tarleton State University

Editor in Chief - David Kattes – Tarleton State University

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CAMPUS UPDATES – Members informed each other about the various activities on their respective locations. All ACT members are encouraged to bring 30 one-page written reports for distribution at the next ACT meeting.

TAMUK- Looking for Department Head. New assistant dean for research. Discussions of President and Provost. Enrollment up. Ranch Institute started with 10 million dollar grant from King Ranch.

SHSU - Enrollment up. 14,000 total students at SHSU. Ag program looking for AGBU professor. Master Plan to up-grade facilities. Bobby Lane is in China setting up an exchange program. In college of Arts and Sciences for the second year.

SFA – Completed with the Livestock/Equine facilities. Will start Women’s Equestrian Team. Moved to the College of Forestry – new name for college will come soon.

ASU- 6180 students total. Ag has about 300 students. New meat lab is being build. Two new BS degrees- AGBU and Natural Resource Management. New dean for recruiting and retention.

SRSU – 2000 students with 300 in Ag. Two-thirds completed with building and renovation.

TEXAS TECH - about 1200 total Ag undergrads with 250 graduates. Marvin Cepica (TX TECH) was named Dean of the Agricultural Sciences College May 1, 2003; BS Horticulture, BS in Ag Communications; MS of Agriculture at a distance started. Added more distant learning classes to about 20. Most majors reducing number of hours to graduate to around 120 hours. Increasing international relationships and increasing internship requirements. Equestrian Center donated to the college (3.2 million). New Animal and Food Science building almost done. Advisory board is a real plus.

TEXAKANA COLLEGE– Students taking more hours. Rising star scholarship helping with enrollment (free tuition and fees for one year –first time students with less than \$75,000). Must maintain 2.75 freshmen year and will be continued sophomore year.

TRINITY VALLEY – AG enrollment is growing and is at 55 students. Needing more classroom space. Started Rodeo program (Steve Keith – rodeo coach). New Equine facility is open.

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE - Total enrollment of 10,000 students with 100 students in AG/Forestry. TAMUC – Total enrollment is up. Ag enrollment is stable. Good freshmen and excellent transfers. New science building is under construction. Shortage of faculty for classes taught. New major- wildlife conservation management. New minor for Consumer Sciences.

ACU - 60 year celebration. Four faculty members – curriculum revision. Industrial technology program closed and Dr. Jim Cook moved to Ag. Environment Sciences growing. Largest number in AG since 1997. Farm on campus is being closed; funds to update facility nine miles from campus.

TARLETON STATE - Proposal for new dairy center sent to legislature. Total enrollment is over 9000 students. Ag has 1318 undergrads and 60 graduate students. USDA grant of 8 million to support Center of Agribusiness Excellence. Good support for faculty. New turf professor hired. New vet/ANSC/Equine professor hired. Ag Auditorium has been renovated. New MS in Ag-Science with distance education. Looking at reducing number of hours to graduate. New Development officer to be hired maybe. Rodeo team is looking to upgrade arena with one million dollars.

TOMBALL – New members. North Harris Community College system. 7600 total students. Ag program has been started to join the Vet/Tech program. Received \$50,000 from USDA to start Agronomy and Wildlife classes. Bond issue will include a new Ag farm/ranch with an Equine Science program. Great working relationship with the City of Tomball.

Weatherford Community College – Ag program has 176 students; added another instructor this year. Enrollment is up. New rodeo coach hired with 40 new rodeo scholarships for a total of 62 scholarships. In need of facilities.

TEXAS STATE – growing with over 27,000 total students. Master Plan to redo campus with more green space. Two vacant positions – AGED and AGMECH. Freeman Ranch is doing great. New partnership with City of San Marcos.

KILGORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Over 5000 students. 40th year anniversary. Angus herd has grown to over 100 head of registered cattle. Show team is very active. Bull test program going strong. Eighteen different kinds of forages grown on school farm.

COASTAL BEND COLLEGE – ACT host for Fall meeting 2006. 54 Ag students – up from 6 in 2003.

TAMU – New COALS dean to be named soon.

SEE YOU IN HUNTSVILLE!!!!

ACT SPRING MEETING
Tyler Junior College University

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1982 WEST TEXAS	1983 SWT
1983 ASU	1984 SHSU
1984 SWT	1985 AUSTIN
1985 TEXAS A&I	1986 AUSTIN
1986 SFA	1987 AUSTIN
1987 TEXAS TECH	1988 HLSR
1988 WEST TEXAS	1989 HLSR
1989 SAM HOUSTON	1990 HLSR
1990 TEXAS STATE	1991 SALE
1991 SUL ROSS	1992 HLSR
1992 TAMU	1993 AUSTIN
1993 ACU	1994 FT. WORTH
1994 TSU	1995 AUSTIN
1995 PVAMU	1996 ASU
1996 TAMU-C	1997 WTAMU
1997 TAMUK	1998 SFA
1998 TAMU	1999 TX TECH
1999 KILGORE	2000 SUL ROSS
2000 BLINN	2001 SFA
2001 HOUSTON CC	2002 TAMUK
2002 TRINITY VALLEY	2003 TEXAS STATE
2003 WEATHERFORD	2004 TSU
2004 TYLER JC	2005 SAM HOUSTON – APRIL 13,14,15
2005 FRANK PHILLIPS – SEPT 14, 15, 16	2006 WTAMU – APRIL
2006 COASTAL BEND - SEPT	2007 ACU - APRIL
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