

ACT MINUTES

FALL MEETING

Frank Phillips College, Borger, TX

September 14, 15, 16 2005

Hardin Rahe (Texas State), President ACT

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

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer
September 16, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: The 2005 fall meeting of ACT was called to order by Hardin Rahe (Texas State) at 6:35 p.m. on September 15, 2005 at Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas. The meeting continued Friday morning at 7:30 a.m.

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Rodney Purswell (Frank Phillips) received accolades for hosting the ACT Fall 2005 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Rodney and the staff at Frank Phillips College were excellent hosts. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors listed on the last page. Also, a big thanks goes to Norm Hopper (TX TECH) and Don Topliff (WTAMU) for providing transportation to and from the airport to Boger.

120 HOUR DEGREE PROGRAM: Texas Tech and Texas A&M University have moved their teacher education to 120 hours. House Bill 1172 reflects the encouragement to move degree requirements to 120 hours. This bill is to take effect in 2008. Certification, Licensing, Accreditation programs may be exempt. Bobby Lane agreed to share his information on getting courses listed as core curriculum and count toward an Associates Degree. Motion was made to go to the Coordinating Board to discuss ag curriculum across Texas. Randall Williams was asked to contact CB to start discussion. Alternate Certification for secondary high school programs was discussed. Pressure is on to offer alternate certification. Some schools have programs in place and others are discussing this issue. We will discuss this at the ACT Spring Meeting. Programs such as "Steps to Teaching" are in place and seem to be competing with 4 year universities. ACT would like to see quality programs that are similar in scope. To check out the present options, go to http://www.sbec.st.tx.us/sbeconline/approved_programs/. ACT will ask Susan Hetzler, CB, will be asked to attend our ACT Spring Meeting in Canyon. Motion made, seconded and passed to pay her travel to Canyon. Don Topliff will ask his certification people to attend. Business meeting will be Thursday afternoon. 512-427-6220 Program director of Educational programs, CB Susan.Hetzler@tehcb.st.tx.us.

2006 SPRING MEETING: WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND DON TOPLIFF WILL HOST ON APRIL 5-6-7, 2006- REGISTRATION AT THE STUDENT CENTER AT 7 PM ON APRIL 5.

2007 FALL MEETING: HOSTED BY TEXARKANA COLLEGE - SEPT, 2007.

SPRING MEETING TJCAA CONTESTS: Each four year university is to bring two to five of their students to the Spring ACT meeting at West Texas A&M University to assist with the junior college contests. West Texas A&M 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. **Exam help volunteers for the six contests. A data base will be sent to Don Topliff from all of us to put together the data base of questions for each test. We agreed to start a data base of questions. The data base will not be released to the community colleges.** 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 Don Topliff at West Texas A&M University. All attending stated that they would stay for the Friday portion of the ACT meeting.

2006 FALL MEETING: COASTAL BEND COLLEGE, Beeville, Texas - September 13, 14, 15, 2006
TODD FULLER WILL HOST ACT. BEST WESTERN TEXAN INN IN BEEVILLE. RANDALL WILLIAMS WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION WEDNESDAY MORNING FROM CC AIRPORT TO BEEVILLE.

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT: Joe Townsend (TAMU), Secretary/Treasurer, emailed minutes and treasurer’s report from the Spring ACT meeting at Sam Houston in Huntsville. 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 \$28771.30 in funds with \$21, 254.02 at TAMU and \$7,517.28 at Texas Tech University.

HLSR Funding for Graduate Assistants at ACT schools: 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. HLSR will review assistantships again this year. **(Marvin Cepica, Bobby Lane and Joe Townsend will meet during the Fall 2005 with HLSR. HLSR agreed to fund current graduate assistantships for the 2005-2006 school year.)**

TEXAS FFA: Report from State FFA Executive Director, Tom Maynard ([http://www.Texas FFA.org](http://www.TexasFFA.org)). Students studying agriculture is up to over 104,000 with 67,000 joining FFA. Goal for FFA Foundation set in 2002 was \$15 million. \$4.2 million has been promised as of this summer. New process for selecting State FFA members was voted in summer 2005. New process includes test; vote; and interview. New Senior Quiz contest exam will include more than partly pro and FFA questions. New rules and requirements for CDEs were given to each university and community college. Tom also expressed his displeasure that universities other than Tarleton did not take the lead on these changers. These rules will be in force for the next 5 years. New scan sheets will be used in the following contests if needed: Dairy Foods, Range, Livestock, Poultry,

Meats, Agronomy, Wool and Entomology. Wildlife will add one item in Part 5, Horse sheet is discontinued and Horse will use the universal form A. Tom passed out complete updated Texas FFA CDE rules and he will send electronic copy to Joe Townsend and he will get the new rules out to all ACT members. ACT voted to use old scan sheets for Fall 2005. State FFA will continue discussions with Clay Ewell about the development of new scans sheets and scoring programs. Tom will send the executive summary of changes to Joe Townsend to send to ACT members. New contest sheets will be used starting January 1, 2006 (depending on availability of scan sheets and scoring programs are completed.)

National CDEs: These 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.

State FFA Convention will be in Ft. Worth July 11-14, 2006. Ag Science Teachers Conference is in Amarillo July 24-28, 2006.

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION: Norm Hopper (TX TECH) announced that the National FFA Convention would be held on October 26 -28, 2005 in Louisville, KY. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth. ACT will purchase two exhibit booth spaces. Dr. Randall Williams moved that we continue with the combined booth at the National FFA convention. The motion was seconded and passed.

TX TECH – Angie Burkes (a.burkes@ttu.edu) – ACT bags, publicity and response cards
 TEXAS STATE – Yolanda Quintanilla – Publicity, coordinating booth appearance
 SFA – Emily Payne – (emilypayne816@yahoo.com) booth decorations & CD player
 TAMUK – Dr. Randall Williams - (r-williams@tamuk.edu) booth tear down and shipping home
 TAMU – Allison Chipman – (adchipmain@ag.tamu.edu) bills, booth reservation, booth furnishings
 TARLETON – Sarah Griffeth – (griffeth@tarleton.edu) brochures and schedule

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 200 copies to Sarah Griffeth at Tarleton. Also, **TWO** good door prizes should be sent to Sarah.

Dues: Letter to all universities that are behind on dues. Letter will be sent to Deans from ACT president Hardin Rahe. Joe is to write the letter.

CDE'S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION: Clay Ewell (c-ewell@judgingcard.com) 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. New servers, 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.

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. ACT should seek 501C3 status and 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.

ACT OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006: Officers are President- Hardin Rahe (Texas State); President-elect – Norm Hopper (Texas Tech); Secretary/Treasurer-Joe Townsend (TAMU). Following the 2006 spring meeting, Norm will become the new ACT President. Elections are held at the spring meeting each year.

TEXAS CASA: CASA meets at each spring ACT meeting.

1. CASA Web site
2. Publication to be developed
3. Advertising for CASA; web based to promote higher education in agriculture.
4. increase recruiting of junior and community college students during the year
5. recruit across the curriculum
6. meetings at State FFA convention and ACT Fall meeting
7. more involvement with TJCAA during Spring meeting
8. need for an adviser for TX CASA
9. CASA officers can serve more than one term
10. Lance Keith (WTAMU) will serve as TX CASA adviser for the next three years.

2005-2006 Officers are:

State President, Brandon Griggs from Tarleton State University.

Vice President of Record, Whitney White from West Texas A&M University.

Vice President of Public Relations, Brenna Ellison from Abilene Christian University.

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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:

Farm and Cattle Feeding - Farming 10,000 acres mostly center pivot irrigation. Feeding crops through his 6000 cattle feed lot. Using high tech irrigation and machinery. New Cat tractor costs \$225 equipped with GPS that drives tractor within one inch of mark. Shared experiences and written records with us. Also trying irrigated cotton for the first time (that far north). Access to water is one of the keys to success.

Agrium U.S. Inc. – Borger plant that produces Agricultural Anhydrous Ammonia and Urea. Very interesting process that converts water, air and natural gas into agricultural products used to increase plant production. High heat, high pressures and very corrosive inputs make the plant a challenge. They have a 6 inch pipeline reaching from Borger to Iowa.

ACT JOURNAL: MANAGING EDITOR REPORT

FALL September 12, 2005

1. Ms. Natalie Thomas now serves as the secretary for the Journal. Her telephone is 254.968.9927 and email address is st_nthomas@tarleton.edu
2. Dr. David Kattes, Editor-in-Chief, in his email message of September 6, 2005 to the associate editors and others provided an update that included:
 - a. Referee needs for five manuscripts
 - b. Request that you remind your faculty and other professionals in the area to consider the Journal as an alternative for publishing.
3. The Journal is located at <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr/> and instructions to Authors/Publication Guidelines are included near the bottom of the page located at <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr/manuscript.html>
4. Associate Editors provide the gateway for manuscript submissions and are encouraged to contact faculty and administration of their respective institutions to publicize the Journal.
5. Please advise the Managing Editor of changes to membership of the Editorial Board as well as address and related changes. The Editorial Board is located at <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr/manuscript.html>
6. The page charge is \$50 per page for ACT members and \$100 per page for non-ACT members (double the ACT member charge).
7. The financial condition of the Journal continues to improve:

Date	Balance
09/01/01	\$-1,557.93
08/31/02	2,837.36

08/31/03	1,384.74
08/31/04	4,063.24
02/28/05	5,086.29
08/31/05	\$6,116.97

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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.

WTAMU – Sac review this year. New aged program lead by Lance Keith has 87 students. Teaching Ag mechanics will be helped with new ag mechanics building started. Environmental ag, equine and dry land programs received large grants. President is stepping down – looking for new president. Reorganization of colleges, departments and faculty is underway.

TAMUK- see handout. Discussions of President and Provost. Enrollment up. Ranch Institute started with 10 million dollar grant from King Ranch.

TCU – New Chancellor. Offering a B.S ag degree working with the School of Business. Enrollment is between 20 and 30. Tuition for second semester is paid by TCU in the Ranch program.

SHSU - Enrollment up. 14,000 total students at SHSU. AGBU professor, Michael Lau was hired. Master Plan to up-grade facilities. Setting up China exchange program. In college of Arts and Sciences for the second year. Name being changed to School of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences. New livestock covered arena finished.

SFA – Completed with the Livestock/Equine facilities. Start Women’s Equestrian Team. Moved to the

College of Forestry and Agriculture. Large grants for Forestry, Poultry, and Homeland Security. New buildings on campus.

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 – Dr. Bonnie Warnock received ASCAR teaching award. 2000 students with 300 in Ag. Two-thirds completed with building and renovation. New meat lab is open and operating. Construction on campus is growing and will help with student housing.

TEXAS TECH - about 1200 total Ag undergrads with 250 graduates. B.S Horticulture, BS in Ag Communications; MS of Agriculture at a distance started. Added more distant learning classes to about 20. Many ag 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). Animal and Food Science building completed. Advisory board is a real plus. Congressional internships are increasing. Was host to 2005 State FFA summer convention.

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 - Centennial year celebration. Ranked high with comparable universities. Four faculty members – curriculum revision. Industrial technology program closed and Dr. Jim Cook moved to Ag. Environment Sciences growing. Largest freshman class ever in AG. 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 1356 undergrads and 82 graduate students. Tuition is up 8% over last year. USDA grant of 8 million to support Center of Agribusiness Excellence. Good support for faculty. New professors hired. Ag Auditorium has been renovated. New MS in Ag-Science with distance education. Looking at reducing number of hours to graduate. Rodeo team is looking to upgrade arena; one million dollars needed. Gained two classrooms in the Math building. Research efforts are continuing (Ag counts for 40% of research for university). Student groups are doing great.

TOMBALL – New members. North Harris Community College system. 7600 total students. Ag program has been started to join the Vet/Tech program. New certificate added – animal laboratory technician. 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. Added two Ag faculty to help build program.

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. TEXAS STATE – growing with over 27,000 total students. Ag up 30 students over last year. 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 (Town and Gown). New AGEC faculty. Hardin Rahe is stepping down as department chair August 2005 and Texas State is looking for a new chair.

KILGORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Around 5000 total 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. Working partnership with TAMU Experimental Station.

COASTAL BEND COLLEGE – ACT host for Fall meeting 2006. 54 Ag students. New vice-president. Had Sac committee visit (OEP process).

TAMU – Lost a dear friend with Dr. Howard Hesby's death. Dr. Elsa Murano, new COALS dean. Will have 7 new department heads this year.

FRANK PHILLIPS – new branch campus in Perryton. 1200-1500 students total FPC; 60-80 students in Ag.

BLINN COLLEGE – now teaching several ag classes on Bryan campus. Lawrence Herman was grand marshall of Washington County Fair parade.

SEE YOU AT WEST TEXAS A&M!!!!

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FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE**

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1981 EAST TEXAS	1982 SHSU
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
2005 FRANK PHILLIPS	2006 WTAMU – APRIL 5, 6, 7
2006 COASTAL BEND - SEPT 13, 14, 15	2007 ACU - APRIL
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