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Saludos from the Chair

Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson, Chair



NACCS Colegas,

It's with great pleasure that I begin my term as NACCS Chair. I am looking forward to working with the membership and the Board to make the next year a successful one.

The upcoming year brings many opportunities for involvement with NACCS. I hope you take advantage of these and continue working with NACCS. We encourage you to consider running for office, especially if you have not served in that capacity before. If you are interested, please contact me or any member of the Board. We also welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

This year, the NACCS Board will be conducting a membership survey to check in with you about your experience with NACCS and your ideas for the future. At the 2009 New Brunswick conference, we conducted a conference evaluation for the attendees. If you have not submitted your evaluation, please take a moment to fill it out and send to us. We appreciate your responses and hope that you can provide us with more feedback in our upcoming survey.

We are happy to introduce two new NACCS awards: the Immigrant Student Beca and the NACCS Book Award. The Immigrant Student Beca was proposed to the membership as a resolution from the Northern California Foco during the 2008 Austin Conference. The NACCS Book Award will recognize outstanding scholarship in the field of Chicana and Chicano Studies by our member authors. Details on both of these exciting awards are forthcoming both in the newsletter and website.

Our 2010 conference will take us to the Pacific Northwest, an area with a growing and emergent Chicana and Chicano community. A recent census survey revealed that two counties in Washington State are majority Latina and Latino. I hope to see you in the spring and hope to hear from you via email before.

Your thoughts and comments are very much appreciated, so do not hesitate to email me at nohemy at naccs.org

Resolution Presented to Members, Voting Forthcoming

At the 36th (2009) Annual Meeting in New Brunswick, New Jersey, the NACCS National Board submitted a resolution to dissolve the Research Divisions that were instituted in 2005. Over the course of the last three years, said Research Divisions have been evaluated and determined to be ineffective; overall, they lack sufficient interest and active membership to sustain them. If passed, the resolution will remove Article VIII of the NACCS By-Laws, which describes the Research Divisions. By dissolving these divisions, NACCS will save time and resources related to maintaining them, such as setting aside time in the schedule and reserving space at annual conferences. The National Board believes this will allow more time for members to be actively involved in their Focos and Caucuses, where affinity groups tend to develop organically. Furthermore, affinity groups will change over time according to research interests and, therefore, should be more flexible and organic. One way to facilitate such a process is to provide an informal space for members to network with others with similar research interests—topics can be determined on an annual basis. This is a bottom-up approach that the board believes would be much more effective than the current top-down system. Any current Research Division listservs that are active would remain as such.

This resolution has bylaws implications, therefore membership vote is required

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Check out the NJ Conference pictures on page 10!

NACCS Election Outcome:

New Members to the Board


Devon Peña, Chair-Elect


Ana Juarez, Treasurer


Daniel Enrique Pérez, At-Large Representative


Karleen Pendleton, At-Large Representative

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the board. At the Annual meeting we say good-bye to Josephine Mendez-Negrete (2006-2009) and Margaret Villanueva (2007-2009) and welcome two new members and two returning members. We thank our candidates for having accepted leadership nominations, particularly Louis Mendoza, Manuel Barajas and Michael Hames-Garcia. We hope that they continue to participate in the organization at all levels. We also wish to thank all of our members that took the time to exercise their civic responsibilities to NACCS. This is our eighth member elected Board since the introduction of new the governance structure, and we expect that with each passing year, membership participation will continue to increase.

» Devon Peña, Chair-Elect
» Ana Juarez, Treasurer (2011)
» Daniel Enrique Pérez, At-Large Representative (2011)
» Karleen Pendleton, At-Large Representative (2011)

At-Large Representatives Report

Dionne Espinoza, At-Large Representative



Your at-large-reps have been busy! In the last year we have been developing our "charge" and roles as "At Large Representatives." Our primary role is to serve as a liaison between the membership and the NACCS Executive Board. We are in contact with the Foco Reps, Caucus Reps, and Research Division Chairs during the year. During this year's conference we introduced the "Office Hours" for At Large Representatives and hope to make this a regular part of our work at the Annual Conference. Other tasks that the At Large Representatives have taken on include working with the Board to develop an evaluation instrument for the Annual Conference, the new NACCS Annual Book Award, and the new Immigrant Student Beca.

The New Jersey conference marked the end of Margaret Villanueva's term as At Large Representative. We wish to thank Margaret for her commitment to NACCS and to her work as At Large Representative. We also wish to welcome our two incoming At Large Representative Karleen Pendleton-Jimenez and Daniel Enrique Perez. (Daniel Enrique served last year as an Interim Representative).

Please feel free to contact us at atlargereps@naccs.org

Statement from Chair-Elect: En Crisis Hay Oportunidad

Devon Peña, Chair-Elect

This is undeniably the most crisis-ridden time we have faced in at least three generations. I use the term, "crisis," following the old Han Chinese ideographic symbol for a situation that conveys a confluence of "danger" and "opportunity."

We are living through a time that presents grave dangers and subtle opportunities and challenges us to engage the world from our locations as Chicana/o intellectuals – artists, activists, organizers, performers, scholars, and writers. The challenge is for us to promote and protect, to nurture and coalesce around the progressive and revolutionary impulses of our communities and to construct broad- *and place-based* alterNative institutions to confront and transform the forces unleashed by the capitalist, patriarchal, homophobic, racist, and anti-nature forces that created the current political economic and ecological crises.

Looking ahead to next year's conference, I urge everyone here today to continue rejecting the presumed fragmentation that is said to accompany so-called identity politics. I urge you to have the courage to collaborate in struggles across differences that we can and should view as minimal, given our common condition as humans who must eat food, drink water, and require a healthy environment to thrive. We clearly have these things in common. And yet, we seldom stop to think that these very life forces, the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, and even the planet's changing climate are killing us. We all face an "ecology of fear" and the structural violence that feeds it.

We face a nearly endless and unprecedented list of diffused and concerted forms of power and associated practices of domination and exploitation of our bodies and our planet. I believe NACCS is already re-dedicating itself *as a collective action institution* to reinvigorate and circulate struggles to resist all the extant forms of domination. A short list of these challenges might include:

» Homophobia and heterosexism as exemplified by the passage of Proposition 8 in California.

» Expanding and ever more vicious attacks on transnational workers and Mesoamerican diaspora peoples as exemplified by the thuggish brutality of Sheriff Arpaio in Arizona, who parades our "out of status" brothers and sisters in leg chains so that white nativist Arizonans can gawk in fearful, hateful glee.

» The disparate impacts of the economic crisis as exemplified by the higher rates of unemployment, homelessness, hunger, hate crimes, and lack of access to health care and education faced by Chicana/os, Mexicana/os, and other people of color.

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Assessing the NACCS Annual Conference

From Daniel Enrique Pérez, At-Large Representative

At this year's annual conference, the National Board implemented two ways to assess the conference. A Conference Evaluation Form was designed to obtain valuable feedback from NACCS members on the overall conference as well as its various components. Also, a Session Feedback Form was designed to obtain valuable feedback on individual sessions. Both forms are integral to improving the quality of our conferences and will be used to help plan future conferences as well as future projects for the organization. The feedback we received thus far has been very valuable. However, since this was our first time using these forms, only a few people actually completed them. For your convenience, the Conference Evaluation Form has been placed on our NACCS webpage. You can now submit it electronically. If you attended the annual conference in New Brunswick but did not complete the evaluation form, please take a couple of minutes to do so at the following link www.NACCS.org/evaluation

Announcing the New NACCS Book Award and New NACCS Immigrant Student Beca

Mari Castañeda, Ex-Officio Chair



At the 2009 New Jersey conference, one of my last duties as Chair was to officially announce the inauguration of the NACCS Book Award and the NACCS Immigrant Student Beca. These two awards are the result of NACCS members participating in the resolutions process, but more importantly, they are demonstrations of how the membership guides the association in positive and progressive ways. The board is currently working hard to finalize the details of these two new awards, but they will be available very soon. In the meantime, Adelante NACCS!

Document Your Place in NACCS History! Outgoing NACCS Leaders and Archival Donations

Dionne Espinoza, At-Large Representative

At each annual conference, a set of Chairs, Reps, and Board officers steps down after their terms of service and a new group of leaders begins their terms as Foco or Caucus Reps, Research Division Chairs, or Board Officers. NACCS wishes to thank all of those who participate in NACCS at this level and make it a dynamic space of dialogue, organizing, and new ideas. We also wish to remind all outgoing NACCS leaders that the

the NACCS archives are held at the University of Texas, Austin's Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection. As part of your "wrap up" responsibilities, we ask that you compile your institutional documentation of your Foco, Research Division, Caucus, or Board leadership. Files should be sent to the NACCS Archive at the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection 60 days after your term has ended or you have resigned your position. Your collection documents your place in NACCS history so please donate your materials. Help NACCS create our institutional memory for present and future scholars!

Here is the address to ship any materials:

NACCS Archives
Benson Latin American Collection
Sid Richardson Hall 1.108
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX 78713-8916

Announcements from Members

NEW PhDs, NEW POSITIONS, NEW PROMOTIONS – CONGRATULATIONS!

Professor Sandra K. Soto of the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Arizona was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

NEW BOOKS, ARTICLES AND RESOURCES

Manuel Barajas, *The Xaripu Community Across Borders: Labor Migration, Community and Family* (2009) University of Notre Dame Press. ISBN978-0-268-02212-9 • www.undpress.nd.edu

Sandra K. Soto, *Reading Chican@ Like a Queer: The De-Mastery of Desire* (2010) University of Texas Press. http://www.utexas.edu/utpress/

Manuel G. Gonzales, Mexicanos: A History of Mexicans in the United States (Re-Issue 2009) Indiana University Press. ISBN-13: 978-0-253-22125-4 • http://www.iupress.indiana.edu/catalog/

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Felipe de Ortego y Gasca, Scholar in Residence and Chair of the Department of Chicana/Chicano & Hemispheric Studies at Western New Mexico University, was appointed Co-chair along with Dr. Gilda Baeza Ortego of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the New Mexico Library Association at its 2009 conference in Albuquerque, NM at which he also spoke on "Education and Intellectual Freedom." He is the keynote speaker for the 7th Annual National Latino Writers Conference (May 21-23, 2009) hosted by the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM. His address is on "La Tarea y el Trabajo: Summary and Assessment of Contemporary Latino American Literature."

Bold Caballeros, *Noble Bandidas, & the 1910 Revolution*
Gary D. Keller, 2006 NACCS Scholar

The Hispanic Research Center (HRC) at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona is pleased to report on our ongoing project on the Bold Caballeros and Noble Bandidas project and its newest initiative which will take place on November 18-20, 2010 focusing on the Mexican Revolution of 1910.

On April 16-18, 2009, the HRC had an extraordinary *Bold Caballeros and Noble Bandidas Happening* that included the presentation of numerous papers on good bandits and women warriors and the screening of excerpts from over 40 films including Sergei Eisenstein's *Viva México*, the María Félix films as a warrior of the Revolution, the 1940 and 1978 versions of Los de abajo and many others.

The Good Bandits and Warriors *Happening* of April 2009 sets the stage for our forthcoming event on the good, good-bad, bad paradigm in history and especially culture, namely the November 20, 2010 Centennial of the Mexican Revolution of 1910. On November 18-20, 2010 we will have a major Happening for both the academic and general public event focusing especially on the Revolution of 1910.

» We invite you to save the November 18-20, 2010 time slot for a 3-day event!

» We will feature academic papers films including a special full-length video documentary produced by the HRC, *The Wind That Swept Mexico: 1910-1920*.

» For further information go the following website: http://noblebandits.asu.edu/topics/ConfIntro.html

» The Bilingual Review/ Press of the Hispanic Research Center announces the forthcoming publication in fall 2010 of the following book together with a computer-formatted DVD: *Good Bandits, Warrior Women, and Revolutionaries in Hispanic Culture*. The book will focus particularly but not exclusively on the Mexican Revolution of 1910.

» The Bilingual Review/Press encourages the submission of papers for publication on topics relevant to the good, bad, good-bad paradigm in Latina/o popular culture and history including different aspects of the Mexican Revolution of 1910.

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Bold Caballeros & Noble Bandidas
Websitehttp://noblebandits.asu.edu/

Nov 18-20, 2010 Conference
http://noblebandits.asu.edu/Topics/ConfIntro.html

Bilingual Review/Press
http://www.asu.edu/clas/hrc/bilingual.press/

Latina/o Poetry Community
http://www.latinopoetrycommunity.org/

Latina/ Art Community
http://latinoartcommunity.org/

Online Exhibition Revol of 1910
http://latinoartcommunity.org/community/Gallery/1910/index.html

Bilbo Baggins Casanova: Here, there and back again…..

Andrea-Teresa "Tess" Arenas
Jan 2009*

(The following poem is in honor of Steve Casanova, who passed away January 2009)
Hijo de Mary Espíritu y Amado
AKA Amos
Carried on the family tradition of community activism
MAYO, La Raza Unida
Muchas actividades y ano mas
Organizing, agitating, debilitating Chingón
Hard Core
with a gentile touch
More power than a double shot of mescal
Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound
Super Chicano Super Chingón
WISCONSIN
Aztlan is where you are standin
The struggles comes to the Midwest
Compean and Casanova style
They were Big Chingón
and Little Chingón
led us through bureaucracy
to create a renewed university
set the standard for La Causa
at a Land Grant campus
Chicano Studies blossoms, Ethnic Studies required
Strategic Plans created
Meanwhile, his Tejano Spanglish crept into my vocabulary
He taught me the difference between Oreo Wrapper

and
Orale Raza!
And somewhere in between
He became my brother
El Más Chingón
MINNESOTA
Damn dissertation is done!
Diligent father to "the Boys"
Tenured scholar
Indigenous lynch pin
Frontera tour guide
Yet another cold Midwest city
Reels from his demands
Students in awe
Sons in transition
He starts writing his Tex-Mex Indigenous Organic Whole Foods
with Zero Cholesterol
and No Fat Cookbook
heavy on the garlic……light on the cilantro.
SUNDANCE
Spiritual leader
Vibrant participant
20 some years of ceremonies
for only the most genuine among us
his annual summer caravan
that he planned a year in advance
Head Man Dancer
his Pipe Song broke your eardrums
and he knew it
So, he sang even louder
just in case we didn't catch
his first verse
ARIZONA
In preparation for the move
healings and limpeas
performed by Delia, Steve and Amado
Steve said "he never felt such love before"
"blazing sunsets
mountains
saguaros
will be my anchors
through the Chemo
Linda will support me through it all" Steve defiantly declared.
With less than a month to live
He viewed hospice as his
Time to tie things up
I blinked
and he was gasping
I choked
and he was gone
I feel to my knees
I need more time
we all need
more time
it didn't matter
TEJAS UN OTRA VEZ
We huddle close
Using each others arms and back for stability
Crunching Kleenex and handkerchiefs into tiny tight wads of wet
We are the Viejo compadres y commadres
Sending him off
Saying "good byes"
Rememberin some incidents
misrememberin others
Tellin stories forgetting stories wishing there was time for more stories
Kiss the tierra
Lift your eyes to the Sky
Whisper your farewells
Celebrate his birthday
Add him to your ofrenda on Nov. 1
Leave him
blue corn tortillas Dos Equis pollo atole.
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» Environmental racism and the continued destruction of our homes, neighborhoods, communities, and watersheds by the forces of neoliberal capitalism as exemplified by the eviction of the South Central Farmers in Los Angeles from their heroic struggle in pursuit of environmental and food justice.

» Continued structural violence and the direct and often interpersonal forms of violence this unleashes as exemplified by the serial and mass slaughter of women in the Juarez killing fields, assaults on and murder of lesbian, gay and transgendered persons, the casualties of the "War on Drugs" and the "War on Illegal Aliens," and the poisoning of farm and factory workers everywhere.

These are all serious issues and I yet am filled with hope that we are also in the midst of a growing social movement against all the forms of neoliberal domination and exploitation that ail our persons, families, communities, and planet. Neoliberalism has been revealed as a failed ideology.

The current twin crises of global economic meltdown and ecological change and devastation provide us with an unprecedented opportunity to defeat neoliberalism and its servants of power, the mainstream academic intellectuals and policy makers and the corporations they support who preach privatization and yet depend on government subsidies and no-bid military contracts; who espouse de-regulation and yet intrude on our personal spaces making every effort to control our bodies, restrict who we love and marry, or how we might care for our communities and environment; and who preach freedom and individualism and yet block every effort we make to gain personal autonomy and practice mutual aid and cooperation.

I invite you all to join us in Seattle in 2010 as we begin to discuss how to organize a new social movement to liberate our communities and the Earth from the heavy weight imposed by the extant systems of domination that wreak havoc on our bodies and ecosystems.

Les mando mi amor y voz de solidaridad y nos vemos en el noroeste



Members of the new 2009-2010 NACCS Board

Breaking Borders, Building Bridges:

Creating Community through Chicana and Chicano Studies

Pacific Northwest Foco, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies

Regional Conference, 29-31 October 2009

Ellensburg, Washington

CALL FOR PAPERS: The Center for Latino and Latin American Studies and the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) at Central Washington University (CWU) are proud to sponsor the 2009 Pacific Northwest Foco regional conference of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. The conference will be held in Ellensburg, Washington from Thursday, October 29 to Saturday, October 31. Papers will be accepted in any area of Chicana/Latina and Chicano/Latino Studies, and the theme for the event is "Breaking Borders, Building Bridges: Creating Community through Chicana and Chicano Studies."

As we at CWU have been creating the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies in recent years, we have been impressed by Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies' capacity to break down borders and build bridges among communities. This conference is aimed at a conversation regarding such issues. Among the borders and bridges to be addressed, but by no means exhaustive, are the following:

1. The politics of language and heritage language learners;
2. Points of contact between Latina/o and Chicana/o Studies;
3. The border between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico;
4. Fluidities of gender and sexual identity;
5. Latina/o, Chicana/o, and Latin American realities and experiences;
6. Hybrid identities;
7. The relationship between higher education institutions and surrounding communities;
8. Relationships among underrepresented groups in the United States of America;
9. Regional realities of the Pacific Northwest; and
10. Power dynamics among the powerful and less powerful.

We encourage the submission of complete panels, including chair and commentator, and individual papers will be accepted as well. A registration fee will be expected of presenters. We especially welcome participation from advanced graduate and undergraduate students, as well as from community members, all of whom will be exempted from registration fees.

Deadline for receipt of panel/paper proposals is June 15, 2009. Please include the name, institutional affiliation, title, and 200-word abstract for each presenter. For more on registration fees, accommodations, directions, and other useful information as it becomes available, please visit the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies' webpage at www.cwu.edu/~la_studies. To submit a panel or paper and for more information, please contact Dr. Gilberto García at ggarcia@cwu.edu (509-963-2416) or Dr. Michael A. Ervin at ervinm@cwu.edu (509-963-1244).

We look forward to seeing you in Ellensburg on Día de los Muertos's eve.



2009 NACCS Scholar, Tomás Ybarra-Frausto, with Cervantes Student Premio Winners, Belinda Linn Rincón and Guadalupe D. Manriquez



Panelists from Artistas Neoyorquinos: Vargas Suarez Universal, Miguel Luciano, Blanka Amezkua, Elia Alba, Rocio Aranda-Alvarado, Rocio



Renato Rosaldo and Julia Curry-Rodriguez

NACCS Business Meeting Minutes

XXXVI NACCS Conference
New Brunswick, NJ
Saturday, April, 2009

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VII. Announcements

I. Welcome - Mari Castañeda, NACCS Chair 2008-2009

a. Thank you for attending the NACCS 2009 National Conference: El Movimiento Sigue!: Forty Years of Scholarship and Community Activism in Chicana and Chicano Studies, 1969-2009

b. Thanked NACCS board members whose terms were completed: Josephine Mendez-Negrete, Ex-Officio Chair, and Margaret Villanueva, At-Large Representive

c. Introduced Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson, Chair 2009 – 2010

II. Officer Reports – Cynthia Duarte, NACCS Secretary

Officer reports have been submitted in writing and will appear in the next Noticias de NACCS

III. FOCOs, Caucus, Research Division Reports – Cynthia Duarte, NACCS Secretary

a. FOCO Reports

- Southern California – no representative
- Northern California – Dennis Gonzalez, San Jose University
- East Coast – Cynthia Duarte, Quinnipiac University
- The East Coast FOCO was involved with local logistics for the 2009 conference. Members nominated and voted for local organizations for the NACCS Community award. At the FOCO meeting members strategized further meetings for the upcoming fall.
- Colorado – Adrian Whitecoff
- At the conference the Foco nominated Felicy Monatno as the new representative
- Midwest – no representative
- Mexico – no representative
- Pacific Northwest – Gilberto Garcia, Central Washington University
- The Foco will be instrumental in helping to host the NACCS conference in Washington State. They are planning their regional meeting for October 28, 29, 30, 2009
- Rocky Mountain – Daniel Enrique Perez, University of Nevada, Reno
- The Foco nominated Manuel de Jesus Hernandez as the new representative
- Tejas – Josie Mendez-Negrete & Jaime Garcia
- The foco is getting ready for their regional conference in Austin

b. Caucus Reports

- Chicana Caucus – Alejandra Elenes

1. The Chicana Caucus has established a transition sub-committee for the remainder of the year comprised of Mary Pardo, Elisa Facio, Maria Soldatenko and Alejandra elenes

- Lesbian, BiMujeres and Trans Caucus – Yvette Saavedra, University of Texas, El Paso

1. They have nominated Yvette Saavedra as interim chair for the rest of the term

- Student Caucus – No representative
- Community Caucus – Irene Sanchez, University of Washington

1. The community caucus met and has committee to rebuilding and continuing with the representing community issues within NACCS

- Compas – Manuel de Jesus Hernandez-G

1. They met and would like to continue to rebuild the caucus this year

- Graduate Student Caucus – Norli Ortiz, San Jose University

1. The caucus has elected Nancy Acevedo as the new chair.

- Indigenous Peoples/Knowledge Caucus – Jennie Luna, UC Davis

1. The caucus has elected Jennie Luna as the new chair. The causes put forth a resolution to include indigenous themes for the next NACCS national conference.

- Joto Caucus – Jose Aguilar-Hernandez

1. The Joto caucus held a very successful conference in October 2008 at California University Los Angeles.

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- K-12 Caucus – No representative

c. Research Divisions

- Critical Semiotics – No representative
- Cultural Production – No representative
- Gender & Sexuality Studies – No representative
- Indigenous Studies – No representative
- Informational, Bibliographic, & Archival Methodology - No representative
- Institutional Impact & Participation Studies - No representative
- Political Economic Studies - No representative
- Race, Ethnicity, National Character & Identity Studies - No representative
- Social and Cultural Studies - No representative
- Environment: Place, Culture, and Politics - No representative

IV. Treasurer Report – Reported by Julia Curry Rodriguez, Executive Director on behalf of Ana Juarez

a. – Reported on final numbers from the 2009 conference. The report will be submitted to the Noticias de NACCS.

V. Transition to New NACCS Board – Mari Castañeda incoming Past-Chair

a. 2009-2010 Board was announced

b. Mari read a statement by Devon Peña who could not be in attendance.

VI. Resolutions – Nohemy Solorzano-Thompson, Chair and Cynthia Duarte, Secretary

a. Nohemy Solorzano-Thompson explains the procedure for consent agenda items

b. Cynthia Duarte reads the 2 consent agendas

c. 2 consent agenda items sponsored by the following two Focos

- Indigenous Caucus and Midwest Foco
- Northern California FOCO

d. The membership approves the consent agenda by affirmation

e. 1 Resolution with by-laws implications

- Presented by the NACCS National Board
- Cynthia Duarte reads the resolution to the membership
- Daniel Enrique Perez, At-Large Representative explains the rationale for the dissolution of the Research Divisions
- Nohemy Solorzano-Thompson presides over the discussion and explains to the membership that the resolution with be further discussed and voted for on-line. An e-mail will be sent to all current members with direction on how to vote for the resolution. As this resolution has by-laws implications they require a 2/3 vote to pass

VII. Announcements - Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson, Chair

a. Thanks everyone for their participation in the 2009 Conference in New Brunswick Conference. Acknowledges key people who helped make the conference a success. Welcomes everyone to the 2010 conference in Washington.

Appendix I: Consent Agenda Resolutions

1) Indigenous Caucus and Midwest FOCO: Indigenous Perspectives

2) Northern California FOCO: Addressing Issues Affecting Young Chicano Males

Indigenous Caucus and Midwest FOCO Resolution: Indigenous Perspectives

WHEREAS indigenous knowledge, wisdom, intelligence, culture, and history is a foundational and growing body of academic, cultural, and social justice and community work within Chicana and Chicano Studies and should be recognized and reaffirmed as such.

WHEREAS Chicanas and Chicanos within NACCS have recognized our indigenous roots in this hemisphere;

WHEREAS there is a continuous need to deconstruct political borders as colonization, and this continues to impact our ability to build relationships with indigenous communities, identity, and spirituality;

WHEREAS a large majority sector of current Mexican migration to the U.S. comes directly from first-nation communities;

WHEREAS Chicana and Chicano Studies need to begin a process to make links to Native American Studies, and a critical indigenous lens that analyzes Chicana and Chicano history;

WHEREAS we wish to honor Steve Casanova, a founding and active member of the Indigenous Caucus and a member of the Midwest FOCO, who passed away in 2009;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the program chair of NACCS 2010 include Indigenous perspectives in the conference theme and in the NACCS Plenary.

Northern California FOCO Resolution: Addressing Issues Affecting Young Chicano Males

WHEREAS the purpose of NACCS is to encourage research to further actualization of the Chicana and Chicano community. NACCS was envisioned not as an academic embellishment but as a structure rooted in political life;

WHEREAS the Association contends that our research generate new knowledge about the Chicana and Chicano community. It should also help solve problems in the community;

WHEREAS problem-solving cannot be detached from an understanding of our position in this society, solutions must be based on careful study and analysis of our communities;

WHEREAS the Advocates for our Children and Youth Initiative was adopted during the NACCS Annual Conference in 2000 in Portland, Oregon, in order to address some of the concerns affecting the Chicana and Chicano youth population;

WHEREAS the current situation of young male Chicanos in higher education is in peril, rooting from the institutional disparities within and outside of the K-12 educational system;

WHEREAS we see an increase in the number of Hispanic males in the juvenile justice system;

WHEREAS Latino males hold the record for highest number of suicides annually;

WHEREAS the urgency of addressing the contemporary challenges facing young male Chicano youth is essential to improve the wellbeing of the Chicana and Chicano community as a whole;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the program chair encourage paper and panel submissions focusing on issues of young male Chicano youth at the 2010 NACCS Annual Conference.

Appendix II: Resolutions with Bylaws and/or Judiciary Implications

1) NACCS National Board: Dissolution of Research Divisions

NACCS National Board: Resolution to Dissolve Research Divisions

WHEREAS Research Divisions were instituted in 2005 under a provisional status which required that they be evaluated for a two year period to determine whether or not they were viable or generated sufficient interest;

WHEREAS the NACCS By-laws require a Research Division to have a minimum of thirty members and many Research Division has managed to attain said criteria;

WHEREAS the majority of Research Division listservs have not been constituted or remain inactive;

WHEREAS many of Research Divisions do not have active members;

WHEREAS the probationary period for evaluating the Research Divisions expired in 2008;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Research Divisions be discontinued and removed from the by-laws.

Draft minutes submitted by Cynthia Duarte, NACCS Secretary 2008-2010, edited for newsletter publication by Mari Castañeda.

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and a 2/3's approval of the voting membership is required for passage. In implementing the Board's effort to include all members in the governance of the organization the resolution has been placed online using a web blog. The resolution is available for comment. We encourage the membership to ask questions or place your thoughts or opinions on the resolution. You may post anonymously at the link located at www.naccs.org. Comments should be limited to speaking towards the resolution. If you would rather direct a question without posting, you can email the NACCS Chair at nohemy@naccs.org.

Resolution: Dissolution of the Research Divisions – Submitted by the NACCS National Board

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BY-LAWS IMPLICATIONS:

Exact items to be removed from the NACCS By-laws: Article VIII

COST: NACCS will save time and resources related to maintaining and supporting the Research Divisions such as reserving spaces at the national annual meeting and maintaining listservs.

Scenes from the NACCS Annual Conference — New Brunswick, NJ 2009



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