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Resolutions Presented To Membership, Voting Forthcoming

Four resolutions have been brought forth to the membership to review, comment, and vote. The resolutions were submitted to the NACCS Board during the 35th Annual Meeting in Austin. These resolutions have bylaws or financial implications, therefore membership vote is required 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 resolutions have been placed online using a web blog. Each resolution is available for comment. We encourage the membership to ask questions or place your thoughts or opinions on each resolution. You may post anonymously. 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 mari@naccs.org.

Resolution #1: Renaming Research Division "Space and Location" to "Environment: Place, Culture, and Politics" - submitted by the Space and Location Research Division

SUMMARY: Name change only. When the Research Divisions were created, there was discussion that as each one developed that some Divisions would incur a name change. There will be no change to how the Division functions in the organization nor how the Chair of the Division is elected nor term length.

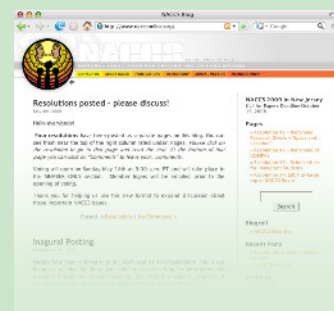
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Listservs Update – NACCSONLINE.ORG Goes Online

As announced in our January issue of Noticias de NACCS, LMRI/ISBER at the University of California, Santa Barbara, has been hosting our listservs since their inception in 1998, and will discontinue the service this coming June. After looking into our options and discussing them with members, the NACCS Board has moved to hosting our listservs through an independent service.

Listservs for the National Board and the Focos have been automatically established and subscribers emails have been transferred to the new listservs. Listservs for Caucuses and Research Divisions, however, must be requested by the current Chair or Representative of each group. This will ensure that the establishment of listservs for Caucuses and Research Divisions will occur for active groups. Currently, we have several Caucuses and Research Divisions that are not active, and thus, the request for a listserv will eliminate unnecessary labor and potential confusion about listserv management.

In addition, listservs requested by Caucuses and Research Divisions will be managed by the groups' chair or representative, which will include the ability to add/delete email addresses and select the desired level of moderation. However, all listservs and users must continue to abide by the online communication policy. Most importantly, racist, sexist, or homophobic content will not be tolerated on the listservs. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Chairs and Representatives of Caucuses or Research Divisions should contact – naccs@naccs.org - in order to request a listserv. The online communication policy will be sent to moderators electronically.



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2008 NACCS
Scholars and
Cervantes
Recipients
Kevin R. Johnson,
Alvaro Huerta,
Joaquin Castaneda,
Norma Cantu (l-r)

EDITOR for Noticias de NACCS Sought

The Board is currently accepting applications for the position of Newsletter Editor, a two-year (voluntary, unpaid) appointment. The Newsletter Editor will work closely with the Chair in order to develop a team of editorial assistants to help with the development of a quarterly, electronic (PDF) newsletter that will be sent to all current NACCS members. Please email if you have any questions, or if you're interested in becoming Newsletter Editor, send a cover letter and CV to mari@naccs.org by June 15th.

Donate In 2008: The Treasure's Fund-Raising Challenge



Ana Juarez,
NACCS Treasurer

I hope everyone agrees that the annual NACCS Conference in Austin was a huge success, and that NACCS continues to provide one of the few spaces where students, scholars and activists can come together. Over the last few years, NACCS staff, board, and members have made a concerted effort to improve and professionalize the organization, including the use of technology to facilitate communication between members. As you may know, NACCS depends almost exclusively on money generated from membership and conference fees to fund our organization, which allows us to host an annual conference, but not much more. As treasurer, I challenged the board to donate a minimum of \$50 per person, and I am happy to report that all board members met the challenge.

Now I am issuing several other challenges. First is to all previous board members, second is to all NACCS scholars, and third is to the general membership: I would like to report that at least 50% of all previous board members, NACCS scholars, and general members cared enough about NACCS to donate in 2008. I am not asking for a minimum donation, but I bet even most students can contribute five or ten dollars. You can donate specifically to one of our established funds, Student Support, Development Fund, Leonor R. Guerrero Fund, or you can just donate to the general fund.

Checks are payable to NACCS.

Send checks to:

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Please contact me if you have any questions about the fund-raising campaign. I look forward to reporting on your generosity in 2008: Si Se Puede!

The Work Continues with All of You!



Mari Castañeda,
2008-2009 NACCS Chair

I'd like to thank once again everyone who attended and/or helped with our recent NACCS conference in Austin, Tejas! I've heard many positive comments about the quality of the panels, the plenaries and overall conference events. Our annual gathering is a collaborative effort, so please feel free to contact us if you have suggestions or comments – we're always looking for ways to improve the conference!

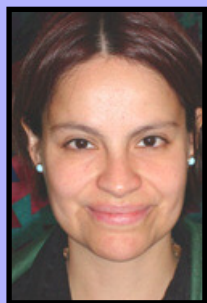
During my tenure as NACCS Chair 2008-2009, I hope to continue the excellent work that the two previous Chairs – Aida Hurtado and Josie Mendez-Negrete – began since the structure of the organization was changed in 2005. The Board is still working through the kinks and gaps that have emerged as a result of the structural changes that the members approved via the resolution process in Miami (this is why voting is important, so please don't forget to vote online for the current slate of resolutions!) but I am confident that the changes that have occurred – and continue to occur – in NACCS will be positive and productive. The structural changes are still fairly new, so we need your support and feedback to continue cultivating the Board's connection with the wider membership as well as improving communication between and within the various

NACCS constituencies. In many ways, this is why the Focos, Caucuses and Research Divisions are so important – they provide the venues through which members can better connect with each other and with NACCS as a whole.

The recent establishment of NACCS ONLINE, for instance, is the result of member feedback and the board listened! It is indeed an effort to strengthen and support well-organized communication within NACCS. The movement to online voting of resolutions is also an attempt to include the broadest possible participation of members. Historically, only those members who attended the second business meeting at the conference voted, but now everyone, whether present at the conference or not, can participate in the discussion of the resolutions via our new blog as well as vote. This year the Board will also be developing the electronic publication of conference proceedings, so keep on the lookout for more information about this new positive change in the near future.

As Chair for this year, I would like to continue with the legacy of collaboration and positive change that the past Chairs and Boards have instituted, but more importantly, extend the pathways through which NACCS members can voice their concerns, opinions and constructive feedback and also collaborate in making NACCS a dynamic and meaningful organization in an era where there is still much work to be done. ¡Adelante!

Looking Towards New Jersey



Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson,
NACCS Chair-Elect

Let me start by saying thank you to the membership for electing me as the 2008-2009 NACCS Chair-Elect. It's an honor to serve the organization in this capacity. If at any time you have comments or questions about NACCS, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at nohemy@naccs.org.

As Program Chair, I look forward to working on the planning of the 2009 NACCS Conference to be held in New Jersey next spring. The official theme

and call for papers will appear in the next Noticias de NACCS, but in the meantime, I would like to call for volunteers to help review proposal submissions.

In the past three years, members of the organization have evaluated proposals for the conference through a peer review process. If you would like to be part of this year's process or know of another NACCS member who should be approached to join us, please contact me. We welcome your participation.

The proposal review process occurs between November and January. Reviewers would be assigned paper, panel, workshop, roundtable, etc., proposals that reflect their areas of expertise, so please include which areas you would like to review. The list of areas matches those which members select when submitting proposals; currently these areas are those represented by the Research Divisions. You can see the list at the NACCS website at http://www.naccs.org/naccs/Research_Divisions_EN.asp?. Once again, you can contact me at nohemy@naccs.org.

Post Conference Reflection



Josie Méndez-Negrete,
NACCS Past-Chair

The 2008 NACCS Conference in Austin, Texas, proved to be an excellent gathering for all Chicana/o scholars and activists who congregated to present their work and to reconnect with colegas in this city of music and dance that so aptly showed its cultural ways with its conjunto, mariachi, and salsa sounds. Thus, embodying Mari Castañeda's theme for the conference. For that

amazing effort, we have many to thank, including those members of NACCS who brought their instruments and gathered their friends, as well as Ana Juarez for inviting Prof. López and his students to share the amazing mariachi and salsa sounds of Texas State University, San Marcos—their gift had us mouthing the lyrics of Mexico's folklore and later swaying our caderas to the beat of their tunes. Few quejas were registered and feedback about the conference was positive. Many, including the Board, expressed gratitude to the site committee for spearheading, under the leadership of Luis Guevara, Dolores Garcia and other UT staff, for their part in bringing about the most successful yet and trouble-free conference.

For me, the most inspiring part of it all was the collective leadership we've developed in conducting the affairs of the organization at our Board meetings during the conference as well as at the closing business meeting. It all went smoothly, despite some of the social oversights that took place—one of the reasons the procedure manual we are developing will come in very handy. At next year's conference and others to follow, we won't have to learn by doing, but we will be guided by the record that informs us who gets to do what when, such as introducing all the leadership, including the Board Members, Chairs of the various structures within the organization and any dignitaries or emissaries from the institutions that are supporting our work at the opening ceremony, for example—an oversight and error on my part. While I won't have an opportunity to do it differently ... what's done is done ... others will be able to improve as a result of learning from our mistakes. We are not perfect. We are volunteers with a heart who despite our best efforts still make mistakes.

This year, my hope is that we continue building on the ways we communicate with the membership, as we conduct business on the Internet, and discuss and vote on issues that affect each individual and the organization as a whole. Julia Curry Rodriguez, as she continues to be the counsel and cultural memory of the organization in the capacity as Executive Director will continue to guidance us so that we may develop a strong NACCS. Another accomplishment by the Board was

that after looking into our options, the NACCS Board has moved to host our listservs through an independent service. More information, when policies and other business matter are concretized, will be forthcoming to you. As membership coordinator Kathy Blackmer Reyes, with the support of Mari Castañeda, will continue to advice and us so as to enhance the ways in which we get the word out to our members. Dionne Espinoza and Margaret Villanueva, as At-Large Representatives, will continue to carve out their relationship with the membership—they are your first point of contact whatever your concerns. Cynthia Duarte, who is assuming responsibilities as Secretary of the organization, supported by our fearless leader and Chair Mari Castañeda, Chair-Elect Nohemy Solorzano-Thomposon, will carve her own way of documenting the business of the organization. Daniel E. Perez, who was appointed by the Board to finish Arlene Carrasco's term after the Board accepted her resignation during the conference, I thank you agreeing to serve. Arlene, for your service to NACCS, we thank you for all the work you did during your tenure on the Board. It was evident to each one of us that you made every effort to contribute your ideas as you assisted us in conceptualizing the At-Large Reps duties and responsibilities.

As I near the end of my three years on the Board, as the Past Chair, I feel a great sense of pride and optimism over the ways in which my colleagues have taken on the responsibilities they have assumed when they were elected to office. I have been inspired by their sense of commitment and inclusion. Each member in their respective ways and abilities has carried out their duties in the best interest of the organization and its membership.

My challenge to you, the membership, is that you take the risk of assuming leadership at all levels of the organization by investing in the creation of a NACCS that continues to promote our discipline and work towards actualizing change as we take on social justice causes and hold the academy accountable for our discipline as the attacks on our work continue to surge from many directions. Entre todos y con todos, we can continue to be a force for change—juntos lo haremos.



Board in transition. Aida Hurtado, Josie Méndez-Negrete, Ana Juarez, Cynthia Duarte, Mari Castaneda (l-r)

Immigration: The Elephant In the Room

By Alvaro Huerta



Alvaro Huerta, 2008
Graduate Student
Cervantes Premio Winner

Where's Barak Obama's speech on immigration? Not that I want to place one more burden on the Illinois senator and presidential candidate – he's already been unjustifiably challenged to account for the remnants of racism in the United States. But is there no one else with or without a Spanish surname to deliver an equally powerful discourse about the positive contributions immigrants make to this country?

There's nothing like a presidential election to raise the volume on the xenophobic rhetoric of anti-immigration diehards. Television talk-show hosts and politicians quickly jump at the opportunity to bash Mexican immigrants like a piñata at a kid's birthday party. These same voices suffer from selective amnesia, purposely forgetting the immense contributions of Mexican immigrants, focusing instead on the "costs" associated with our presence here.

As a son of Mexican immigrants who lacked formal education, I often ask myself, "What about the costs that immigrants incur to come here?" I have been pondering this question a lot since my recent migration from UC Los Angeles (M.A., 2006) to UC Berkeley to pursue my doctoral studies in the department of city and regional planning, temporarily leaving my wife Antonia and 8-year-old son Joaquin behind in Los Angeles. I can't help but feel like I'm following in the footsteps of my immigrant father, who came to El Norte more than half-a-century ago to pick fruits and vegetables as part of the U.S.-Mexico guest-worker plan, the Bracero Program.

Although being a doctoral student at a prestigious university cannot compare with being a farm worker – or, indeed, a domestic worker like my mother – it gives me some idea of how my father felt. The sacrifices I'm now making, while temporary, seem very real to me: I worry about how my wife will manage to keep her teaching job while attending graduate school and caring for our son. Will she be able to take him to his piano lessons or chess tournaments or piano? Will I be able to make his third-grade parent conference? How can I focus on Foucault while my son cries himself to sleep because I'm not there to kiss him goodnight?

And yet I want to be careful not to overstate the similarities, given that immigrants like my parents faced much harsher challenges. Between 1942 and 1964, the Bracero Program provided hundreds of thousands of Mexican workers, including my grandfather, father, and uncles, most of whom lived in sub-standard housing, worked long hours under terrible conditions for poor wages, and experienced racism and abuse from American employers and local citizens.

Unlike them, however, I know that my son will have infinite opportunities in his life. What troubles me is the fate of the 12 million-plus undocumented immigrants and their children who are in this country.

Will their hard labor and daily sacrifice produce long-term payoffs for themselves and their offspring? Will mowing lawns, taking care of other people's children, picking fruits and hand-washing SUVs in West L.A. help them accumulate enough wealth to get ahead? Will they be able to purchase a home some day on (sub)minimum wages or establish enough financial and human capital to send their children to the world's top public universities?

Ethriam Brammer Selected Children's Humanities Scholar

Center for Chicano-Boricua Studies (CBS) Assistant Director for Recruitment and Retention at Wayne State University, Ethriam Brammer, was recently selected to serve as the Humanities Scholar for a new family literacy program, PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME® to be hosted by the Campbell Branch of the Detroit Public Library made possible in Michigan by the Michigan Humanities Council.

The Campbell Branch is one of 18 libraries selected nationwide to participate in PRIME TIME. Each series will take

place once a week for six weeks. Reading and discussion leaders will conduct 90-minute meetings at public libraries for parents or guardians and their children. At each session, a storyteller, Flor Walker, will present stories and will model reading aloud. Brammer, the humanities scholar, will serve as the discussion leader. The library representative, Laurie Townsend, will introduce families to library resources and services. Younger siblings, ages 3-5, will participate in separate pre-reading activities. For further information contact ethriam@wayne.edu.

Call for Proposals/Papers

The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Joto Caucus & The California State University, Los Angeles' Center for the Study of Genders and Sexualities presents the

2ND NACCS JOTO CAUCUS CONFERENCE

SACRED SPACE MAKING: MAPPING QUEER SCHOLARSHIP, ACTIVISM, AND PERFORMANCE

October 10-12, 2008

California State University, Los Angeles

Submissions due August 1st to: naccs-joto@naccs.org

PRESENTATION FORMAT

Proposals and papers are currently being accepted for: Interactive workshops, Roundtables, Academic paper presentations/panels, and, Undergraduate student plenary (limited to undergraduate students only)

Please note that all submissions will be carefully assessed by a team of reviewers. The number of submissions accepted will be limited although we will work towards accommodating as many presentations as the schedule permits. All presentations will be granted one hour. Caucus members suggest that all presentations include time for interaction (question and answer) with the participants. A moderator or discussant will be assigned for each panel. Please note that presentations are defined as follows: Workshops consist of hands-on group facilitation. We encourage facilitators to develop activities to incorporate the participants into the discussion. Roundtables consist of an open discussion on selected topics. We encourage roundtables to include participants into the discussion of the topic(s) selected. Panels consist of academic research presentations, reports, scholarly papers, or projects. These can be submitted individually (the program committee will group selected submissions into panels that are closely related). We encourage the submission of collective panels consisting of no more than three panelists.

Undergraduate Plenary will be a special session during the program where selected undergraduates will present their research papers to the collective

audience. Undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to submit papers related to the conference theme or other topics mentioned above.

Instructions to submit: Please submit a proposal of 250 words describing the theme, goal, or activity planned. Proposals for panel and paper presentations should include information regarding how these scholarly works are relevant to the conference theme and goal. For submission of panels (of more than one presenter), please include a title for the panel, and individual titles for each presentation.

For the Undergraduate Plenary: (limited to undergraduate students only) Please submit your academic paper (no more than eight (8) pages in length) with a title, proper citations, and a bibliography. Please indicate in your submission how your paper is relevant to the conference theme and goal.

Please include the following information with your submission: Name(s) of presenter(s), Presentation title(s), University or Organization you represent, City and State, Type of submission (workshop, roundtable, panel, or undergraduate plenary), Type of audio/visual equipment required. Note that limited equipment is available. Submissions should be sent as word documents to naccs-joto@naccs.org. Proposals accepted into the conference program will be notified by August 15, 2008 via email.

Questions can be directed to: José M. Aguilar-Hernández, Emmanuelle J. Leal-Santillan, Joto Caucus co-chairs



Plenary Speakers with Chair: Mari Castaneda, Maggie Rivas Rodriguez, Adriana Katzew, Juan Mora-Torres (l-r)

New and Returning Foco, Caucus and Research Division Chairs and Reps

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Critical Semiotics; Cultural Production; Gender & Sexuality Studies; Institutional Impact & Participation Studies; Political

Economic Studies; Race, Ethnicity, National Character & Identity Studies; Social and Cultural Studies – VACANT

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Student Caucus – VACANT

◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM NACCS MEMBERS

A Conference To Remember: Overview of the 2008 NACCS Tejas Regional

Submitted by Víctor Gómez, Tejas Foco Rep



2008 NACCS Tejas' Premio Letras de Aztlán Recipients from UTSA and Víctor Gómez and Trini Gonzales from South Texas College

For the first time in its history, the NACCS Tejas Regional was hosted by a Community College. South Texas College in McAllen, Texas, acted as host during the 2008 conference held February 28-March 1. Offering the theme, “Mi Educación es la Causa: Chicana and Chicano Pedagogy in the 21st Century,” the Regional had over 260 registrants and 500 attendees and succeeded in exposing the campus community to a variety of topics and discussions important to Chicana/o studies. Most notably, the participation of scholars and students from California, the Mid-West, Colorado, Arizona, and Texas was greatly felt. This included twenty-eight scholars who participated in the conference book signing session.

Rodolfo Acuña and Martha Cotera were the keynote speakers. Acuña presented on Chicana/o pedagogy past, present, and

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Resolution #2: Renaming Caucus COMPAS to Rene Nuñez Political Actions Caucus - submitted by COMPAS

SUMMARY: Name change only. In honor of his work and his dedication to not only the Caucus and the organization but to work and action that he did as an activist professor, the Caucus requests this name change. There will be no change to how the Caucus functions in the organization nor on how the Chairs is elected nor term length.

Resolution #3: Creation of Scholarships for Immigrant Students - submitted by Northern California Foco

SUMMARY: The NACCS board will earmark an amount for scholarships to be given beginning in 2009 from its Savings Fund. The current fund is valued at \$32,000.00. Membership Dues and Conference Registration fees will not be affected by this action. To be eligible for these scholarships students must be enrolled full-time at an accredited U.S. University in a degree-granting program at the undergraduate or graduate level. Applicants must demonstrate involvement in NACCS as members, and must be immigrants not eligible for other financial aid.

Resolution #4: LBGT at-large representative in NACCS Board - submitted by the Lesbian BiMujeres Transgender and Joto Caucuses

SUMMARY: No additional representatives will be added to the composition of the board. The board would stay with 3 At Large Reps. If this resolution passes, the LBMT and Joto Caucuses would provide two names for one of the at-large representative positions, and the two nominees would run against each other. This would guarantee at least one LBMT/Joto rep on the Board. The At-large rep term would remain unchanged. While the Board or the Nominating Committee may give recommendations or input on the candidates, it is the LBMT and the Joto caucuses that will determine the final slate for this position. Only when the LBMT and the Joto Caucuses do not provide names for this given seat, will the Board or the Nominating Committee be able to identify the final slate.

You can review the text of the resolutions through www.naccs.org. Follow the links. Or go directly to www.naccsonline.org.

Voting will open on Sunday May 18th at 9:00 a.m. PT and will take place in the MEMBER ONLY section. Voting will be open for two weeks. Member logins will be emailed prior to the opening of voting. If you have any questions regarding logging in or your membership status, please email naccs@naccs.org or call Kathy at 408.808.2097.



Center for Mexican American Studies honored by NACCS. We thank CMAS for their support of this conference, NACCS, and for 35 years in continuing the efforts to build Chicana and Chicano Studies!

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future while Cotera shared her experience as an activist for education, Chicanas, and social justice. Their passion for Chicana/o Studies and their messages was felt by students and community members alike.

The highlight of the conference, however, was a special reunion by organizers and students of Colegio Jacinto Treviño—the first Chicana/o College in the United States established in 1969 in Mercedes, Texas. Twenty of Colegio's members came together for a roundtable discussion where they shared their experience, vision, and purpose for Colegio. For most, this was the first time they had seen each other in over thirty years. This was a special reunion for everyone and it will be remembered as an important part of NACCS and NACCS Tejas history. "We saw our Chicano philosophy at work," stated Esmeralda Moheno (founding member of the Colegio), "we were surrounded by young Chicanos who truly appreciated our efforts to drive Mexican American education, opportunity, and documentation of our history. It was the realization of a dream."

As per NACCS Tejas tradition, the organizing committee awarded Premio Letras de Aztlán to students, faculty, and staff from The University of Texas-San Antonio for their commitment to NACCS and NACCS Tejas Foco. This Premio recognizes an organization, scholar, or individual who make a significant impact to the Tejas Region through their work and dedication to others. Receiving South Texas College's Premio Sol de Aztlán was the National Director for La Unión del Pueblo Entero, Juanita Valdez-Cox, for her tireless efforts for justice on behalf of farm workers and community members. This Premio is given to activists, scholars, leaders, or members who have made significant contributions to the local community.

The Noche Cultural, honoring Chicanas, featured "Chicana Her-Story" by Maria Ramírez, from Ohlone College-California and the UT-Pan American Ballet Folklórico who performed "Mujeres de la Revolución Mexicana" and "Ángel Negro: The life of Frida Kahlo." Both performances were highly praised for their powerful messages, costumes, and dances. "This event has been highly energizing," said María Ramírez, "It has been terrific to connect with people from different generations...It has been a remarkable experience." UT-San Antonio will host the next Tejas Regional in spring of 2009.

NACCS Business Meeting Minutes

XXXV NACCS Conference

Austin, TX

Saturday, March 22, 2008

Business Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome

II. Officer Reports

III. At-Large Representatives Announcements

IV. Foco, Caucus, and Research Division Reports

V. Resolutions: Consent Agenda (to be affirmed)

VI. Presentation of resolutions with bylaws and fiduciary implications (to be voted online)

VII. Announcement from the NACCS Treasurer

VIII. Announcements and thank you

I. Welcome – Josie Méndez-Negrete, NACCS Chair 2007-2008

a) Welcome to the XXXV NACCS Conference: Poesía, Baile, y Canción: The Politics, Implications, and Future of Chicanas/os' Cultural Production

b) Introduction of Board, Chairs and Representatives, and New Officers

c) Mari Castañeda, NACCS Chair 2008-2009, is introduced

II. Officer Reports – Mari Castañeda

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

III. At-Large Representatives – Susan Green reports on behalf of the At-Large Representatives

a) The At-Large Representatives are seeking list serves feedback from the membership; please email them at at-large_reps@naccs.org

b) The Board is seeking nominations and volunteers to be the new *Noticias de NACCS* Newsletter Editor

c) The Board is also seeking feedback from the membership on Research Divisions

d) Details about all these are forthcoming in the next *Noticias de NACCS*

IV. Foco, Caucus, and Research Division Reports – Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson, Secretary

Report Guidelines: Complete written reports should be emailed to the NACCS Secretary at nohemy@naccs.org so they can be included in their entirety in the Business Meeting minutes for the Newsletter. Please email these by Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

1. Foco Reports

• **Southern California** – Dionne Espinoza reports on behalf of the Southern California Foco. Written report as submitted by Dionne Espinoza of the Southern California Foco activities and discussions: NACCS So Cal Foco Meeting Report. Present: Jorge Garcia, Maria Soldatenko, Mary Pardo, Clarissa Rojas, Gabriel Estrada, Mike Soldatenko, Dionne Espinoza, Milo Alvarez, Isidro Ortiz, and another member of the Foco Agenda Items/Discussion Points 1. Foco Rep: There was a brief discussion about the role of the Foco rep. Among the duties of the Foco rep noted: Communicate concerns to the At Large members, organize at least one local meeting, and organize a 1 day symposium. (We should also consult by-laws for the description of duties). Mike Soldatenko was nominated and accepted the position of new Foco Rep for Southern California. 2. List Serv: The listserv's will no longer be housed at UCSB's server as of June 2008. Foco's were asked to brainstorm on what they'd like to see happen. The group wished to know more about their options. They also suggested asking Lisa J. Hernandez (computer science major and a Professor at St. Edward's University) for her technical expertise. Finally, the group expressed a wish to see the listserv centralized and maintained. 3. Focos and Board: There was some question about the relationship between the Focos and the Board. The issue of exclusion and distance from the center of power in NACCS was raised. Is there a way to create a meeting between the Foco Reps, Caucus Chairs, Division Chairs during NACCS? There was a meeting scheduled on Wednesday for this, but this was not a convenient time and it would be more convenient to schedule a meeting on Thursday or Friday of NACCS. 4. NACCS Conference Schedule: A member

commented on the need for lunch breaks during the conference. It was suggested that Focos could sponsor panels or there could be a certain number of submissions per region. Another member asked if there was a way to make the dance ticket and lunch optional and if that would be subtracted from the cost of registration (Note: Students do not pay for the dance and lunch. There tickets are subsidized by the registration costs for other members). 5. Resolutions: Isidro Ortiz introduced a resolution to support the creation of a Chicana/o Studies department at CSU San Marcos. The Foco supported the resolution and it will be sent to the Board Secretary by Dionne Espinoza for inclusion in the Business Meeting. 6. Final Comments/Action Plan: The So Cal Foco wishes to send it's thanks to the organizers of the NACCS conference for their hard work. A Fall Conference may be planned to celebrate the anniversaries of Chicana/o Studies departments in the So Cal Region and to discuss the current state of Chicana/o Studies. The So Cal Foco will meet Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the California State University, Los Angeles. Coffee and tamales will be provided. Please RSVP your attendance (for food and parking purposes) to Mike Soldatenko, msoldat@calstatela.edu.

• **Northern California** – Susan Green reports on behalf of the Northern California Foco. Susan Green is the new Foco representative, as she is ending her term as At-Large Representative. The Foco had a conference on February 1 and 2, 2008 at UC-Merced, which will become an HIS and have a new Chicano Studies program. The Foco is also selling t-shirts to raise funds – which were produced for the conference at UC-Merced. The Foco has met several times in the year, at UC-Merced, Sac State, and Sac City College. The Foco is planning a summer retreat at Manzanar, using the Foco dues; last year the retreat was at Immigration Station at Angel Island. The Foco organized a panel for the 2008 NACCS Conference focusing on AB540 students, they have been supporting these students for four-years in a row. The Foco has submitted two resolutions for the membership to consider. Susan Green then turns the podium to Northern California

Foco student members Betsy Bueno and Erika Ayala, who have a short video about supporting immigrant and undocumented students from the Canal Alliance.

- **East Coast** – Cynthia Duarte reports on behalf of the East Coast Foco. The Foco will work with the Board to help plan the upcoming NACCS 2009 conference to be held in the East Coast. The Foco will have a fall meeting to organize. The Foco hopes to be able to have its own listserve through Duke University, they are working on that.

- **Colorado** – Elisa Facio reports on behalf of the Colorado Foco. Elisa Facio is the unofficial Foco representative. The Foco is working on rebuilding itself and perhaps rejoining Wyoming to make the Foco larger and more active. They have also discussed the possibility of renaming the Foco, especially if they join with Wyoming. They plan a conference in the fall on the status of Chicana/o Studies and continue discussions about the Foco and how to rebuild it.

- **Midwest** – Margaret Villanueva reports on behalf of the Midwest Foco. At the Foco meeting at the conference, they had 20 attendees, many of them students from the University of Minnesota. The Foco has forwarded a resolution to be approved by the membership. They also support the resolution forwarded by the LBT mujeres and the resolution about the Space and Location Research Division. The Foco is yet to discuss the changes to the list serves. They have not scheduled yet their fall meeting, last fall of 2007, the Foco meet at MSU.

- **Mexico** – no representative

- **Pacific Northwest** – José Alamillo, Foco Representative, reports. The new Foco Representative will be Gilberto García, Center Washington University. He accepted the nomination and was voted by the Foco at its conference meeting in Austin. The Foco has submitted a resolution for the membership to approve. The next regional conference will be at Center Washington University.

Year-End Report: The Pacific Northwest FOCO submitted a resolution in support of Dr. Eloisa Garcia Tamez, a Lipan Apache woman who is defending her land and those of the Lipan-Apache Communities along the Lower Rio Grande. This resolution condemns the construction of the border wall along the international boundary zone connecting United States of Mexico and the United States of America. This resolution was approved by the NACCS board and membership. A letter has been written in support of Dr. Tamez and

another one sent to Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Department of Homeland Security protesting the building of a border walls on Tamez's property and through the ancestral homelands of the Lipan Apaches. Also, discussions are under way to organize a one day symposium at the University of Idaho (Moscow, Idaho) and another conference at Central Washington State University (Ellensburg, WA) during fall 2009. Lastly, José Alamillo will be stepping down as regional representative and Gilberto Garcia, Assistant Professor in Political Science and Latino/Latin American Studies, Central Washington University has been elected as the new representative for the Pacific Northwest FOCO.

- **Rocky Mountain** – Daniel Enrique Pérez, Foco Representative, reports. As Daniel Enrique Pérez is now an At-Large Representative, the Foco needs a new Representative to replace him. Please contact him directly to discuss this.

- **Tejas** – Josie Méndez-Negrete and Ana Juarez report on behalf of the Tejas Foco. They had a regional conference that drew 600 people and had two prominent national speakers. The keynote speeches were standing room only. Over 300 people attended the plenary. The new Tejas Foco Representative is Victor Gómez, he has already secured funding and three sites for the next foco regional conferences. The Tejas Foco has become very active and they are encouraging more people to become active in their Foco activities and in NACCS. The Tejas Foco has forwarded a resolution to be approved by the membership. The Foco recognizes the work of Jaime Garcia.

II. Caucus Reports

- **Chicana Caucus** – Elisa Facio reports on behalf of the Chicana Caucus. The caucus discussed the list serve changes and they will check with Lisa Agustina Hernández to talk about options. The caucus also wants to know what everyone else is doing and learn from their ideas; they wish to have a conversation about the issue. They discussed the role of the Research Divisions within NACCS; whether or not they hinder or enhance the organization. The next year will mark the 25 Anniversary of the Chicana Caucus – they want to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of the caucus to NACCS. The Caucus is also looking for members interested in being the Chicana Caucus Chair Elect for next year, please contact Mary Pardo, Chicana Caucus Chair, if interested. Dionne Espinoza adds to the report by stating that the Chicana Caucus discussed the LBT mujeres resolution and that they support it.

- **Community Caucus** – no representative

- **Compas** – Raoul Contreras, Compas Caucus Co-Chair, reports. Compas is working on reconstituting itself and its formal listing. They call all those interested in the objectives of the caucus to join; pleases submit your names so we can contact you and keep you informed. For the 2008 conference, the caucus planned a session (which was supported by a resolution passed in 2007) in honor of Rene Nuñez, who passed away last year. The session was very well attended and successful. The caucus has also submitted a resolution to change their name in order to honor the work of Rene Nuñez, who was an exemplar of the Chicano Movement and represented the ideals of Scholar Activism. His name engages the political ideals of what Compas represents. The caucus hosted two additional sessions today, they were very successful. The caucus hopes to continue hosting sessions in the future.

- **Graduate Student Caucus** – Ana Lilia Soto, Graduate Student Caucus Chair, reports. The caucus wishes to increase the number of graduate students that participate in NACCS and in the caucus; they are looking for both MA and PhD students. The caucus is in support of the two resolutions from the Northern California Foco. They are planning to use their funds to help pay for the membership dues of graduate students and help community college students. During NACCS conferences, they wish to visit local universities in order to connect with more graduate students and programs. As Ana Lilia Soto will be graduating soon, the Graduate Student Caucus is searching for a new Chair, please contact her for information. The caucus will be starting a new list serve and requests that members interested in being part of it submit their names to be included and exchange information.

- **Indigenous Peoples / Knowledges Caucus** – Roberto Hernández, Indigenous Peoples / Knowledges Caucus Chair, reports. The Caucus has four new co-chairs; they hope to continue a balance of gender representation and have shared responsibilities. New Caucus Co-Chairs:

Teresa Sotelo, ta4humans@hotmail.com, Octavio Barajas, tabo_azln@yahoo.com, Cynthia Renteria, renteria.cynthia@gmail.com, Raul Herrera, raul.herrera2012@gmail.com. They hosted Grandma Ortega, who performed a water prayer in the morning. It was very successful and 80 to 100 people participated. The events' success shows the need that a lot of NACCS members have for this type of

event. The caucus continued its conversation as to whether they need both a caucus and a research division. The membership concluded that there is a need for both. There is some overlap, but other issues are not overlapping. Each one of these serves particular needs. The caucus also has forwarded a resolution for the membership to approve.

• **Joto Caucus** – Eddy Alvarez, Joto Caucus Co-Chair, reports, along with the new Joto Caucus Co-Chairs, Emmanuelle “Neza” Leal and Jose Manuel Aguilar-Hernández. Written report as submitted by Jose Manuel Aguilar-Hernández on the Joto Caucus activities and discussions: 2008 Joto Caucus conference. The caucus has elected two new co-chairs: José Manuel Aguilar-Hernández and Emmanuelle Leal. On November 9th and 10th, 2007, the Joto Caucus hosted the 1st Annual NACCS Joto Caucus Conference at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. We had over 100 participants and our event was co-sponsored by the UNLV Women Studies Department, Rocky Mountain Foco, and MEChA de UNLV. The conference provided various panels on queer Chicana and Chicano issues. The NACCS Joto Caucus hosted its Quinceañera this weekend. We were blessed to have support from the Mexican American Cultural Center, ALLGO, and the NACCS Lesbian, BiMujeres, and Trans Caucus. The Caucus will be supporting La Jotería de UCLA's scholarship fund geared to queer students. Our caucus is going to communicate with other caucuses and focus on what options we have for the listserve issue. The caucus is also fully supportive of the Resolution put forth by the Lesbian, BiMujeres, and Trans Caucus. We also thank the various focus and caucuses that have demonstrated their support for it.

• **K-12 Caucus** – Cynthia Renteria reports on behalf of the K-12 Caucus. The K-12 Caucus is still hanging there. There are interested in forming curricular networks and gather different models on how to incorporate Chicana/o Studies in the K-12 curriculum. They ask that researchers interested in K-12 Chicana/o Studies curriculum join the caucus and help gather curricular models. The caucus wishes to work at the university and K-12 level on these issues and work towards the establishment of a standard curriculum. They wish to work with other caucuses – for example the Indigenous Caucus. The caucus wishes to increase its membership. Eric Romero, the K-12 Chair, commits to have better communication within the caucus and with the NACCS Board.

• **Lesbian, BiMujeres, and Trans Caucus** – Amelia María de la Luz Montes, Lesbian, BiMujeres, and Trans Caucus Chair, reports. The caucus met twice and drafted a resolution to be voted by the membership. They are very excited to have this resolution and to increase the LGBT representation within NACCS units and the Board. The caucus also discussed the list serve changes. They are concerned about the list serves potentially being public. They prefer to have a university host the list serves, as trust and privacy should not be compromised, especially when it comes to underrepresented and marginalized groups. The caucus suggests looking into a university list serve. They will continue this discussion. The caucus also wishes to explore the possibility of having the NACCS conference at a university setting in order to help lower costs. They suggest a plenary on the future of Chicana/o Studies. If the conference were to be at a university, the caucus felt that would place Chicana/o Studies within an academic setting and help the discipline have more representation. They will continue this discussion online. The caucus also wishes to thank all those who are supporting the resolution they have submitted.

• **Student Caucus** – no representative

III. Research Division Reports

• **Critical Semiotics** – no representative

• **Cultural Production** – no representative

• **Gender & Sexuality Studies** – no representative

• **Indigenous Studies** – Roberto Hernández, Indigenous Studies Chair, reports. New chairs: Yolanda Leyva, ylevya@utep.edu and Gabriel Estrada, gestrada@csulb.edu. The Research Division considered submitting a resolution to support Andrea Smith's tenure case at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, but were not able to do so. They encourage all members to support Dr. Smith's tenure case.

• **Informational, Bibliographic, & Archival Methodology** – Silvia F. Calzada, Informational, Bibliographic, & Archival Methodology Research Division Chair, reports. Written report as submitted by Silvia F. Calzada of the Informational, Bibliographic, & Archival Methodology Research Division activities and discussions. Present: Miguel Juarez, Lillian Castillo Speed, Norma Corral, Karin Duran, Jennie Quinones Skinner, Romelia Salinas, Rhonda Rios Kravitz, Jamie Lamberiti, Silvia Calzada. We met in the morning and evening sessions to discuss possible topics/issues for next conference.

Incorporate ACRL's information competency/literacy standards into the CHS curriculum. Model: CSUN's policy has led the CHS department to successfully incorporate standards into their curriculum's Student Learning Outcomes as well as program mission statement. Action Point: Lili and Romelia agreed to develop a tool kit librarians and faculty could use for when faculty plans/request library instruction for classes. Chairs and faculty buy-in is essential in incorporating ACRL standards into CHS. Tool kit could be the topic of a workshop for faculty during the next conference. The process and results have the potential to become publications. Action Point: Miguel and Jennie to plan a workshop (Web 2.0) featuring Facebook, gov't docs, electronic sources, etc. that can simplify/enhance the research process. E-mail: jquinonez@csun.edu, rsalina@calstatela.edu, jmontero@csos.edu, rioskrr@scc.osrios.edu, Karin.duran@csun.edu, ncorral@librarian.ucla.edu, csl@library.berkeley.edu, eesign@aol.com.

• **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

• **Space and Location** – Priscilla Ybarra reports. The Space and Location Research Division met and only three members showed up. As they were new members and unsure about the research division's history and original intent, they have decided to rename the research division and have made a commitment to create a panel about environmental issues. The name change will be presented in a resolution to be voted by the membership.

Year-End Report: NACCS members with an interest in this research division met during the annual convention in Austin on March 21, 2008. Members at the research division meeting reached a consensus that the current name does not fit the interests and goals of its members. Therefore, a resolution was drafted to change the name of this research division to "Environment: Place, Culture, and Politics." We hope the NACCS membership will support this change. With this new research division, we aim to encourage the further development of the important scholarship, activism, and creativity that features Chicana and Chicano environmental thought. Chicana and

Chicano environmentalism seeks to overcome historical inequity while still preserving long-standing wisdom about the land and intimacy with the natural environment. This work is particularly important in these times when the environment becomes more and more commodified and people of color are disproportionately paying the price for environmental ills.

Chicana/o environmental scholarship works to transcend the idea that Mexican Americans do not significantly contribute to environmental thought. This scholarship functions in two ways: to showcase Chicana/o environmental thought and to study the ways that environmental injustice impacts the Chicana/o community. Significant works on Chicana/o environmental approaches are found in the social sciences, with the only book-length studies so far published in the fields of cultural anthropology, geography, and urban studies. The humanities are starting to respond as well, with publication of several journal articles that feature Chicana/o environmental writing and history. The consideration of Chicana/o environmental thought reshapes the discussion of environmental studies in significant ways. For example, the idea of wilderness does not accord with Chicana/o present and historical sustainable dwelling on the land in North America. Moreover, the limitation of access to public lands by the National Park Service and other U.S. governmental agencies came at a time when Mexican Americans were fighting for recognition of their ancestral access and, sometimes, ownership of those same lands. In the same way, environmental studies also reshape Chicana/o studies, encouraging Chicana/o studies to see environmentalism as a social justice issue and another opportunity to feature our traditional thought. Chicana/o environmental studies remains a field with a great deal of room for development and further important contributions.

This research division will organize panels for the next NACCS convention. Please consider organizing a panel or submitting an individual paper on Chicana/o environmental scholarship, creativity, and/or activism. For further information, please contact Dr. Priscilla Ybarra (priscilla.ybarra@ttu.edu).

V. Resolutions: Consent Agenda (to be affirmed) – Mari Castañeda and Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson. Mari Castañeda explains the process of how the consent agenda is going to be approved by the membership. Nohemy Solórzano-

Thompson reads the text of the consent agenda resolutions.

Consent Agenda

- 1) Southern California Foco
- 2) Northern California Foco One: EOPS
- 3) Midwest Foco
- 4) Tejas Foco
- 5) Indigenous Peoples/Knowledges
- 6) Pacific Northwest Foco

The membership approves the consent agenda by affirmation.

Presentation of resolutions with bylaws and fiduciary implications (to be further discussed and voted online) – Mari Castañeda and Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson. Mari Castañeda informs the membership that these resolutions will be discussed briefly at this Business Meeting, and then further discussed and voted online. Information will be sent via email to the membership. This change was implemented in order to allow the entire dues-paying membership the opportunity to discuss and vote on the resolutions, not just those attending the Business Meeting at the NACCS conference. As these resolutions have bylaws and fiduciary implications, in order to pass these resolutions need 2/3 approval of those voting. Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson reads the text of the resolutions. Resolutions with Bylaws and/or Fiduciary Implications.

1) Space and Location Research Division

After the resolution is read, Priscilla Ybarra briefly talks about its intent and how it reflects the desires of the Research Division's membership. She answers questions from the membership.

2) COMPAS resolution

After the resolution is read, Raoul Contreras talks about the significance of Rene Nuñez and answers questions. A friendly amendment is made by the membership and accepted by Raoul Contreras, the changed text is as follows:

Be it resolved that the COMPAS caucus is now officially re-named the "Rene Nuñez Political Actions Caucus." This name change for the COMPAS caucus should be introduced into the NAACS bylaws at the next formal session of bylaw revisions.

The amendment removes NACCS from the title to avoid redundancy and to shorten it for practical reasons.

3) Northern California Foco Two: Scholarship for Undocumented Students

After the resolution is read, Susan Green speaks on behalf of the resolution and about the long-standing becas program already established by the Northern California Foco. Julia Curry-Rodriguez answers questions and also states that the becas program is the most affirming project the Northern California Foco does. They have been doing it for eight years and have established it at several Northern California campuses.

4) Lesbian, BiMujeres, Trans Caucus

Amelia María de la Luz Montes answers questions and comments about the resolution.

VII. Announcement from the NACCS

Treasurer – Ana Juarez. Ana Juarez reports that 501 people registered for the 2008 Austin NACCS Conference and many more attended the sessions. As of today, there are 505 dues-paying members in NACCS – thank you to all who have paid your dues. The national conference is where we get re-energized, but Ana Juarez reminds us that it is expensive to organize the conference. She asks for volunteers for a committee to look into ways of making the conference more affordable and to help NACCS fundraise. The conference costs about \$265 per person, but members are asked to pay much less for registration. Our next goal is to start a fundraising campaign. Everyone on the Board has already collaborated with a donation of at least \$50. Ana Juarez extends the challenge to the membership, to give donations to NACCS in any amount and to also bring new members into NACCS.

VIII. Announcements and Thank You – Mari Castañeda and Julia Curry-Rodriguez, NACCS Executive Director. Thank you to all who made the 2008 Austin NACCS Conference happen. Acknowledgements of individuals and organizations that helped. See you in 2009!

Meeting ends at 6:40 pm

Appendix I: Consent Agenda Resolutions

- 1) Southern California Foco
- 2) Northern California Foco One: EOPS
- 3) Midwest Foco
- 4) Tejas Foco
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- 6) Pacific Northwest Foco

Southern California Foco Resolution

Whereas California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) is a publicly funded institution.

Whereas Chicana/os and Latina/os reside in the CSUSM service area and continue to experience educational inequality,

Whereas enrollment of Chicana/os and Latina/os at CSUSM continues to grow,

Whereas CSUSM has declared its intent to become a Hispanic Serving Institution,

Whereas CSUSM currently lacks a program or department of Chicana and Chicano Studies

Whereas Chicana and Chicano Studies (CCS) is now recognized as a legitimate scholarly field,

Whereas the academic validation and training provided by CCS are vital to academic success on the part of Chicano/Latino students and the ability to function in a multicultural society for other students,

Be it therefore resolved that the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies endorses student, community, and faculty efforts towards the establishment of Chicana and Chicano Studies at CSUSM, and instructs its national chair to formally communicate its endorsement to the president of CSUSM.

Northern California Foco Resolution One: EOPS

EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND SERVICES (EOPS)

WHEREAS, the California governor's initial 2008-2009 state-wide budget plan in January, called for massive budget cuts to combat the state's projected \$16 billion budget deficit; and

WHEREAS, the California governor's plan would reduce funding for categorical programs like EOPS; and

WHEREAS, the Extended Opportunity Program and Services program provides state funds to support outreach to low income students, to families who have no college experience and whose preparation is not yet at college level-largely Native American, Chicana/o and Latina/o, Black students and a large number of single re-entry mothers, and

WHEREAS, EOPS provides critical services for students, e.g., small grants, tutorial services, emergency loans, and special activities that seek to level the playing field for students as they begin their college experience; and

WHEREAS, it is clear through both research and anecdotal experience that the programs provided by EOPS including academic advising and educational goal

setting are key elements to the success of all students; and

WHEREAS, cuts to EOPS have a negative impact on the delivery of information and services critical to the success of all students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NACCS write a letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger protesting the cuts to EOPS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACCS send this resolution along with the letter to the CSU Board of Trustees, the UC Regents, and the California community College Board of Governors.

Midwest Foco Resolution

Resolution to Incorporate Environmental Justice as part of the 2009 NACCS Theme

WHEREAS, only two of the 128 sessions at the 35th Annual NACCS conference directly address Chicana/o contributions to environmental discourse (NACCS, 2008); and,

WHEREAS, human treatment of the earth has created unjust societal and environmental issues; and,

WHEREAS, the environmental movement in the United States is dominated by middle to upper class Anglo citizens, yet concerns all those in the United States as well as all people of the world; and,

WHEREAS, emphasizing and incorporating sustainable and just environmental practices into our Chicana/o identity is crucial in providing safe, healthy and sustainable living conditions for our community as well as our future Chicana/o generations; and,

WHEREAS, maintaining a strong connection to our environment is central to the Chicana/o culture and identity,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal to have the role of environmental issues in relation to Chicana/o identity be approved by the NACCS committee and instated at the following NACCS Conference as the one of the themes of gathering.

Tejas Foco Resolution

Proposed Resolution Against Security America through Verification and Enforcement Act (SAVE Act, H.R. 4088). Introduced by Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC) and Brian Bilbray (R-CA) in November 2007. The "SAVE Act" is an immigration deportation-only package that would expand the error-ridden Basic Pilot/E-Verification electronic employment system for all employers in addition to Social Security Administration "no-match letters"

program, put police on track to become immigration agents, narrow the religious worker exception to harboring statute, and expand the amount of expensive deportation-only resources along the border. The bills real impact would be to push undocumented workers further underground, making a bad situation worse and putting off real reform for another Congress.

WHEREAS local police departments currently have the option to enforce federal immigration polices, SAVE Act will further pressure these departments to do so through increasing funds and personnel programs. Consequently, leading to costly mistakes and civil rights violations, additional strain to overstretched police departments, and eroding the trust between police and immigrant communities and;

WHEREAS the basic pilot employment verification system has had numerous limitations leading to errors in verifying work authorization SAVE Act will expand an already flawed system to all employers and to be used with current and future employees and;

WHEREAS current law on harboring undocumented immigrants contains exceptions for aid that is provided by certain religious workers, SAVE Act expands the scope of this activity to be considered "alien smuggling" and simultaneously narrows the religious workers exceptions in law and;

WHEREAS there are no provisions for legalization, SAVE Act has an enforcement only focus that will expand the amount of deportation-only resources along the border and the interior. Such funds will increase the number of federal immigration agents, Federal District Court Judges, detention beds, technology and infrastructure along the U.S.-Mexico border.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Chicana Chicano Studies (NACCS) call, email, meet, and/or write local, state, and federal legislators to impede the passage of SAVE Act and future acts of the sort before congress reconvenes at the start of April and;

BE IT RESOLVED that NACCS encourage members to publicly condemn the SAVE Act by disseminating information about the SAVE Act through writing opinion editorials, public talks, educational forums, informing our wide range of professional and community contacts, and other creative measures to inform on the political, economic, and social endangerment to all members of our communities regardless of documentation status.

Indigenous Peoples/Knowledges Resolution

Resolution condemning the construction of a boarder wall along the international boundary zone connecting the United States of Mexico and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the United Nations, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, affirm the fundamental importance of the right to self-determination of all peoples through which they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social, and cultural development;

WHEREAS, the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) in its mission has historically shared commitment to the declarations and covenants noted above, as well as to matters of justice for indigenous peoples on both sides of the international boundary between the United States of Mexico and the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples are equal to all other peoples, including all peoples residing in the United States of America, while recognizing the right of all peoples to be different, to consider themselves different, and to be respected as such;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to respect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples which derive from their political, economic and social structures as well as from their cultures, spiritual traditions, histories and philosophies, especially their rights to their lands, territories, and resources;

WHEREAS, there is also an urgent need to respect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples affirmed in treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements with States, including the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo;

WHEREAS, there is a favorable impact of demilitarizing the lands and territories of indigenous peoples, upon peace, economic and social progress, development, understanding, and friendly relations among nations and peoples of the world;

WHEREAS, last year the United States Congress appropriated 1.2 billion dollars for the construction of a wall along the United States (US)-Mexico border to help eliminate migration and drug trafficking;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security (Department) has recently proceeded with the plan to construct a border wall by giving property owners

along the US-Mexico border a 30 day notice asking owners to sign waivers allowing access to Department personnel or else the federal government will file a law suit so that federal employees can have unimpeded access to private land;

WHEREAS, Article 13 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights that states "Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state," and "Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his (or her) own, and to return to his (or her) country";

WHEREAS, the border wall represents a human rights crisis for indigenous and other peoples living along the international boundary zone between the United States of México and America and this human rights crisis has resulted in over 4,000 migrant deaths in recent years;

WHEREAS, the border wall will have devastating consequences on local economies, the environment, and human rights, and will result in landowners and farmers losing land and critical access to river water irrigation and will adversely affect the relationship between the United States of México and America and indigenous nations;

WHEREAS, military policies, immigration policies, and United States foreign policy, including economic policies outlined in treaties, agreements and other constructive agreements like the North American Free Trade Agreement, directly impact state and local government policies, including but not limited to, the provision of services to address the migration of individuals into the United States local economies;

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley opposes spending tax dollars on the construction of an ineffective border wall where such walls have been shown to be easily breached in as little as seven (7) minutes;

WHEREAS, billions of federal dollars intended for the border wall should be invested in health care, housing, education, job training, and infrastructure that will provide a visible and tangible return to the country, such as increasing opportunities, reducing poverty, diabetes, childhood obesity, and other preventable maladies;

WHEREAS, the federal government has reserved for itself "the authority to waive all legal requirements" which, in the sole discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security, have been deemed "necessary to ensure expeditious construction" of the border wall and it is prepared to use its powers of eminent domain to supersede the property rights of indigenous peoples and

other landowners along the international boundary zone;

WHEREAS, the federal government, through its power to waive in their entirety the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Archeological Resources Protection Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Noise Control Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Farmland Protection Policy Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and countless other democratically established laws, ordinances, statutes, and judicial decisions, would construct a border wall that would slice through the heart of numerous wildlife refuges, parks, sanctuaries and other similar tracts established to protect wildlife in their respective natural environments and other historical sites along the international boundary zone;

WHEREAS, no region of the United States of America has a greater interest in border security than the communities along the international boundary zone between the United States of México and America.

LET IT BE RESOLVED NACCS hereby expresses its opposition and condemnation of the United States of America Federal Government funding and construction of the border wall, which would be imposed upon the international boundary zone connecting the United States of México and the United States of America, directly impacting indigenous peoples and other landowners; an infrastructure project that would not coincide with a humane strategy for comprehensive immigration reform and increased security for the United States but would instead cause untold death and damage of historic proportions to human life, wildlife, ecosystems, local and state economies, private properties, land grant entitlements, sacred indigenous burial and ceremonial sites, historical properties and sites, farmland, and international relations between the United States of Mexico, the United States of America, and other indigenous nations and communities.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the NACCS Chair (or a delegated member of the Association as deemed necessary) write a letter stating the position of NACCS as included herein, to be sent to the following individuals and entities: Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security; United States District Judge Andrew S. Hanen; House Committee on Immigration; Senate Committee on Immigration; The City of El

Calaboz, Texas; The University of Texas, Brownsville; Margo Tamez, Lipan Apache Land Grant Women Defense

Pacific Northwest Foco Resolution

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BORDER WALL ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY ZONE CONNECTING THE UNITED STATES OF MÉXICO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, the Charter of the United Nations, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, affirm the fundamental importance of the right to self-determination of all peoples through which they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social, and cultural development, and

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples are equal to all other peoples, including all peoples residing in the United States of America, while recognizing the right of all peoples to be different, to consider themselves different, and to be respected as such, and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to respect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples which derive from their political, economic and social structures as well as from their cultures, spiritual traditions, histories and philosophies, especially their rights to their lands, territories, and resources, and

WHEREAS, there is also an urgent need to respect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples affirmed in treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements with States, including the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to respect and promote the rights of the Lipan Apache people, specifically the rights of Dr. Eloisa Garcia Tamez a Lipan Apache woman and defender of her elders, and the cultural, economic, social, and political rights of her children, grandchildren, and future generations as the aboriginal peoples of El Calaboz, in the San Pedro de Carricitos Land Grant, in the larger southern Athapaskan Nde', Nnee', Tinde' territories and

WHEREAS, the indigenous Lipan Apache people of the San Pedro de Carricitos Land Grant were recognized as indigenous first peoples of their territories by the Spanish and Texas empresarios in the area designated the colonial powers named

"Provincia Apacheria", recognized under juridical international customary law and

WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache people of the San Pedro de Carricitos porciones (customary indigenous lands) described in this manner in the Texas Land Office, a legal entity recognized by the State of Texas as a legitimate archive of Texas land records: "San Pedro de Carricitos land grant consisted of 12,730.59 acres in Cameron County. It was granted by Mexico, October 30, 1833. Pedro Bouchard applies for himself and Ramon Garcia for the heirs of Matias Garcia and the heirs of Jose Maria Villarreal and the heirs of Miguel Cabazos for three leagues originally granted to Pedro Villarreal in 1784. Witnesses prove occupation, cultivation and pasturage of said tract for many years prior to March 2, 1836, and never heard of any adverse claimants. All the papers and other documents formerly presented to the Board were lost by shipwreck. Recommended. Confirmed by the Legislature, Act of February 10, 1852. Decree of District Court of Cameron County, January 24, 1872," and

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WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache people of South Texas have an extensive history of resisting genocide, forced removals, occupation, forced assimilation and acculturation, and gender oppression imposed upon them by settler societies and have been forced to the peripheries of said society, as a marginalized ethnic group in their own territories, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eloisa Garcia Tamez and her daughter, Margo Tamez, as legitimate representatives of the elders of El Calaboz clans of Cavazos and Garcias, refuse to be

further harassed, intimidated, and oppressed by the settler society's insistence on the increased militarization of their traditional and aboriginal lands which has had negative and persistent lethal impacts on Apache lifeways, ecologies, agricultural ways, religious practices, and their future generations' possibility to practice their Native American culture. Through their practiced, peace-keeping resistance they redefine 'peace & security' and model an indigenous-based model of how to be the stewards of the ancient plant medicines and families of animals, and how to stand in protection to secure the peace and security of their sacred sites and burial grounds against disturbance by orders of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eloisa Garcia Tamez and her daughter, Margo Tamez, [a Jumano Apache on her shit'aa's paternal Carrasco clan] recognize the threat of increased injuries and deaths in their lands as well as their neighbor relative bands of the Jumano Apache in the village and towns of El Polvo [Redford, Texas], Presidio and Ojinaga, Chihuahua, experienced as terror, murder, covert JTF6 operations, and increased checkpoints within the village by testimony of Jumano Apache families. As well, Lipan Apache Women of El Calaboz recognize the increasing threats to indigenous communities and T'ohono O'odham families in Arizona and Sonora, who lost loved ones to U.S. Marines and U.S. Border Patrol armed personnel, and who continue to experience trauma, terror, racism, hostility and oppression in their own lands, and

WHEREAS, there is a favorable impact of demilitarizing the lands and territories of indigenous peoples at the Mexico-U.S. international boundary region of 400,000 contiguous square miles, and to replace that violent model of 'security' with an indigenous clan mother society model of 'peace and security' whereby peace, economic and social progress, development, understanding, and friendly relations among nations and peoples of the world are governed by indigenous women's clan tribal law and custom of indigenous territories and first rights, and

WHEREAS, last year the United States Congress appropriated 1.2 billion dollars for the construction of a wall along the United States (US)-Mexico border to help eliminate migration and drug trafficking;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security (Department) has recently proceeded with the plan to construct a border wall by giving property owners along the US-Mexico border a 30 day notice asking owners to sign waivers

allowing access to Department personnel or else the federal government will file a law suit so that federal employees can have unimpeded access to private land; and,

WHEREAS, Article 13 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights that states "Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state," and "Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his (or her) own, and to return to his (or her) country," and

WHEREAS, the border wall represents a human rights crisis for indigenous and other peoples living along the international boundary zone between the United States of México and America and this human rights crisis has resulted in over 4,000 migrant deaths in recent years; and at the same time is a human rights crisis for displaced, forcibly removed, and forcibly relocating indigenous people of the continent in desperate economic, social and political circumstances brought upon them by forcible laws and governments of settler groups, and by the juridical exclusions of 'rule of law' which governs the U.S., Mexico and Canada and their trading partners, but which does not legitimately govern indigenous communities, and

WHEREAS, the border wall does and will continue to have devastating consequences on local economies, the environment, and human rights, and has and will continue to result in indigenous and non-indigenous landowners and farmers losing subsistence livelihoods which are honorable and proper, and will lose critical lands and critical access to river water irrigation, and the border wall does and will adversely affect the relationship between the United States of México and America and indigenous nations aboriginal to these territories; and

WHEREAS, military policies, immigration policies, and United States foreign policy, including economic policies outlined in treaties, agreements and other constructive agreements like the North American Free Trade Agreement, directly impact state and local government policies, including but not limited to, the provision of services to address the migration of individuals into the United States local economies; and

WHEREAS, billions of federal dollars intended for the border wall should be invested in health care, housing, education, job training, and infrastructure that will provide a visible and tangible return to the country, such as increasing opportunities, reducing poverty, diabetes, childhood obesity, and other preventable maladies; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has reserved for itself "the authority to waive all legal requirements" which, in the sole discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security, have been deemed "necessary to ensure expeditious construction" of the border wall [4] and it is prepared to use its powers of eminent domain to supersede the property rights of indigenous peoples and other landowners along the international boundary zone; and

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WHEREAS, no region of the United States of America has a greater interest in border security than the communities along the international boundary zone between the United States of México and America.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Indigenous Lipan Apache People of El Calaboz Rancheria, Nde' Shima Ha'tii Shi'ni' [Athapaskan Mother Clan Lands] and their allies who hereby express their opposition to the United States of America Federal Government funding and construction of the border wall, which would be imposed upon the international boundary zone connecting the United States of México and the United States of America, directly impacting indigenous peoples, an infrastructure project that would not coincide with a humane strategy for comprehensive immigration reform and increased security for the United States but would instead cause untold death and damage of historic proportions to indigenous cultures inherent to sustainable futures, human life, wildlife, water rights, ecosystems, endangered species sacred to indigenous people of the region, local and state economies, private properties, land grant entitlements of indigenous people,

sacred indigenous burial and ceremonial sites, historical properties and sites, farmland, and international relations between the United States of Mexico, the United States of America, and indigenous nations and communities.

And **LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that an editorial stating the support of this resolution by the NACCS membership will be published in the next issue of Noticias de NACCS. The Pacific Northwest FOCO Representative, Jose Alamillo, will work with the NACCS Board to write this editorial.

Appendix II: Resolutions with Bylaws and/or Judiciary Implications

- 1) Space and Location Research Division
- 2) COMPAS resolution
- 3) Northern California Foco Two: Scholarship for Undocumented Students
- 4) Lesbian, BiMujeres, Trans Caucus

Space and Location Research Division Resolution with Bylaws Implications

WHEREAS the Research Division convened under the title "Space and Location" met on Friday, March 21, 2008, and

WHEREAS the attendees of this Research Division finds the title unsuitable for its research interests,

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the name of the Research Division "Space and Location" be changed to "Environment: Place, Culture, and Politics" so as to better accord with the research of the division membership.

COMPAS Resolution with Bylaws Implications

WHEREAS Rene Nuñez was a prominent and a significant participant and organizer in many of the important struggles and campaigns of the Chicano Movement,

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WHEREAS Rene Nuñez through his ideas, writings, and academic and political activities in NACCS personified the historical and political relationship between the Chicano Movement and Chicano/a Studies, Chicano Movement Chicano Studies;

BE IT RESOLVED that the COMPAS caucus is now officially re-named the "Rene Nuñez Political Actions Caucus." This name change for the COMPAS caucus should be

introduced into the NAACS bylaws at the next formal session of bylaw revisions.

Northern California Foco Resolution Two with Judiciary Implications

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

WHEREAS, there are 10-12 million undocumented residents living in the United States today; and

WHEREAS, every year 65,000 undocumented graduating high school students would qualify for federal DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien [Aspiring] Minors)/Student Adjustment Act benefits if the Act were in place; and

WHEREAS, only ten states, California, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Washington enable undocumented residents to pay in-state tuition; and

WHEREAS, undocumented high school graduates confront on a daily basis the difficult challenge of financing their college education because they are ineligible in almost all of the 50 states for federal grants, state grants, or loans; and;

WHEREAS, undocumented students face additional barriers, including the fact that they cannot vote, they cannot drive legally, they can't work legally, and they live in continuous fear of being deported; and

WHEREAS, undocumented students should not file a FAFSA because it may affect their future application for legalization; and

WHEREAS, NACCS remains committed to enabling undocumented students to achieve their dream of a college education; and

WHEREAS, the Northern California Foco of NACCS has raised funds for scholarships for undocumented students living in northern California;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that national NACCS establishes a scholarship fund for undocumented students, who have graduated from a high school or completed a GED; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern California Foco work with National NACCS to develop an application process and a mechanism to solicit funds for scholarships to undocumented students who have graduated from a high school or completed a GED.

Lesbian BiMujeres Trans Caucus Resolution with Bylaws Implications

WHEREAS the Lesbian, BiMujeres, Trans Caucus is very pleased to see the number of presentations at the 2008 NACCS conference that support LGBT research and scholarship

WHEREAS the scholarship of LGBT on Sexuality and Gender has enhanced Chicana and Chicano Studies' academics by gaining recognition both nationally and internationally

WHEREAS the Lesbian, BiMujeres, Trans and Joto Caucuses were founded to bring about safe spaces for marginalized people

WHEREAS the NACCS preamble states that it recognizes "that mainstream research . . . has obscured and distorted the significant historical roles class, race, gender, sexuality and group interests have played in shaping our existence as a people" and that [NACCS] wishes to "confront these perspectives and challenges the structures and ideologies of inequality based on

classist, racist, sexist, and heterosexist privileges in society"

WHEREAS NACCS was founded to represent the voiceless

WHEREAS in 2008 the LGBT communities are still continually targets of violence on a number of levels: physical and mental

WHEREAS homophobia continues to exist on our campuses and in our organizations

WHEREAS to continue the progress we have made, institutional representation on the NACCS Board is vital

THEREFORE, the Lesbian, BiMujeres, Trans Caucus asks that NACCS continue to support LGBT scholarship and research by (1) making sure there will be LGBT representation on the Board every year by requiring one of the three At-Large Representative be elected by the NACCS membership from the Lesbian, BiMujeres, Trans and/or the Joto Caucuses. In order for this to occur, the two caucuses guarantee to provide a slate for one of the three At-Large Representatives open positions during an election when an opening exists; if the caucuses are unable to provide at least one candidate, the NACCS Board will select alternate candidates from the membership at large and (2) during the introductions at the NACCS opening reception—that all the Caucus Chairs be introduced in order for new NACCS members to know who we are.

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