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35th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2008 annual conference theme calls attention to how Chicana/o communities make their voices heard through multiple forms of cultural production: poetry, film, literature, music, low riders, murals, graffiti, clothing, radio, multimedia art, performance, and more.

Chicana/o Studies continuously challenges, contests, and revises scholarly understandings about the power of culture and the social formation of mass media, schooling, public policy processes, healthcare practices, employment opportunities and identity. The Austin conference will focus on the ways that Chicana/o and Latina/o communities engage in cultural politics on a daily basis while also examining the multi-layered complexity of these engagements. Chicana/o Studies within and outside of the academy has historically examined the links between theory and praxis as well as the intersections among race, class, gender, and sexuality as experienced within Chicanas/o communities. In an era when the exclusion, erasure, and suppression of our lived realities proliferate, Chicana/os

and Latina/os perform, embody, and celebrate a culture which challenges the meaning of "America/América."

Within this theme, we invite papers that examine the politics, implications, and future of Chicana/os' cultural production, and we are especially interested in papers that consider mujer-produced cultural

production. How have mujeres engaged in cultural production about gender, sexuality, violence, and voicelessness? Proposals that explore crossborder/ transnational cultural production and social movements across las Américas are also encouraged. NACCS calls for submissions that address Chicana/o cultural politics and movements for social justice in all their forms.

Submitted by: Dr. Mari Castañeda, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 413.545.1307, mari@comm.umass.edu

MARCH 19-22, 2008 - AUSTIN, TEJAS


**Poesía, Baile y Canción:
The Politics, Implications,
and Future of Chicana/os'
Cultural Production**

2008 SCHOLAR NOMINATIONS

The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies invites nominations for the 2008 NACCS Scholar Award. The Award was established in 1981 to recognize "life achievement" contributions of scholars to Chicana and Chicano Studies. To ensure the special quality of the NACCS Scholar award, nominees should be scholars whom the majority of the NACCS membership would readily recognize.

This award is not necessarily an annual award. Nominations can only come from a Foco, Caucus, Research Divisions, or the Board— not from individuals. A list of past recipients is available online.

The nomination must be limited to a CV and a two-page letter of nomination describing how the candidate meets the criterion set forth. In addition to the letter of nomination,

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Unofficial Minutes of NACCS Business Meeting, San Jose, April 11, 2007

Agenda

- I. Dues Accounts and Appreciations
- II. Resolutions
- III. Consent Agenda
- IV. Resolutions requiring discussion
- V. Discussion of pulled resolution
- VI. Announcements

Meeting starts at 5:02 pm. Josie Mendez-Negrete, presiding

I. Dues Accounts and Appreciations – Julia Curry Rodriguez

- a. Thanks all our sponsors, workers, and helpers
- b. Dues Accounts

- 2007 Sub Accounts report
 (Based on pre-registration data. Accounts will be updated after the conference and remain available to Subgroups for the calendar year.)

Caucuses—All Caucuses derive their income from Dues in the amount paid by members. ***Dues are held by each caucus for the calendar year. Unspent dues revert to the general fund of NACCS. Dues structure: 5.00 student/10.00 faculty

***Per Accountant advise in 2001
 Chicana: 450.00; Community: 40.00; COMPAS: 65.00; *Graduate Student: 105.00; Indigenous: 140.00; *Joto: 85.00; Student: 15.00; *LBT: 85.00; Total: \$681.00

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◇ FROM THE CHAIR

Sin Pelos en La Lengua - Leadership often comes with veiled duties.

Dr. Josie Mendez-Negrete, University of Texas at San Antonio

As Chair-Elect for 2007 NACCS, I had to identify and select a committee that ensured that foco, caucus, and research cluster members were included in the review process. I answered emails, and organized the program in collaboration with Julia and Kathy. I also participated in conference call meetings along with the rest of the Board and, of course, problem-solved whatever else arose. I have to agree that I had my plate full. What I did not expect was the intensity of the emotional work that unfolded throughout the conference casting a doubt on our sense of belonging, and our cultural and academic citizenship within NACCS. Such were the unseen responsibilities that came with being Conference Chair.

The one sense of respite, thanks to Julia Curry who loaned me her car, came early in the conference when I snuck away to see my son at his board and care facility—took him a few dollars for his cigarettes. He can't be without them—that's the way he deals with the anxiety that's tied to his illness. If there was ever a time I understood his need to smoke, it might've been that weekend. Thankfully, I didn't rely on this crutch! Instead, I prolonged my escapade by driving to the East Foothills where my mother lives.

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◇ TREASURER'S REPORT

Mari Casteñeda, University of Massachusetts Amherst

First of all, I'd like to thank the membership for helping produce a wonderful conference in San Jose. The conference would not be successful without you! I also want to welcome our new NACCS treasurer, Ana Juarez, who will be occupying this position after May 2007 until May 2009. Congratulations Ana!

One of my final tasks as NACCS treasurer consists of a summary and explanation our conference expenses. We had a total Conference expense of \$68,480.94, which included eight NACCS student fellows (\$110.90 each), awards luncheon (\$32.00 each person), baile (\$35.00 each person), hotel expenditures including audio and visual equipment (\$56,633.01), conference program printing (\$3,655.09), conference newsletter (\$1,044.00), postage (\$600.00), awards (\$1,015.23), by-laws booklets (\$575.00), registration supplies (\$590.77), and conference staff (\$500.00).

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2007 Community Awards

The Northern California Foco had the honor of submitting nominations for the community awards given at this year's conference. Nominations were requested from the Foco membership and discussed during our regular meeting. Three nominations were received and unanimously accepted. We were especially proud to be able to share members of our community whose work is often underestimated, undervalued, or downright ignored. The awards gave us the opportunity to showcase the incredible power of familia in the recognition of **Gwen Araujo**, her mother **Sylvia Guerrero** and extended family. We also were excited to honor our own local student heroes a group of student advocates and their leadership in community education, support, and advocacy for undocumented immigrant students. Lastly, our community award celebrated music and culture in the form of **Jesse "Chuy" Varela**. It was our privilege to share these beloved members of our community with our greater NACCS familia.

Jesse "Chuy" Varela has been part of the Bay Area and National music scene for over 30 years. Whether on the radio or in print Varela is one of the most visible voices of Latino

music. As a writer and music director, he has always promoted the Latino sound regardless of its genre. Currently Varela is the music director at KCSM 91.1 FM in San Mateo, CA. A freelance writer, Varela, contributes to the San Francisco Chronicle, Latin Beat Magazine and other publications. He has worked at KPFA 94.1 FM in Berkeley (18 yrs), KJAZ Radio in Alameda (12 yrs), and numerous correspondent assignments for Pacifica Radio, NPR, Latino USA and others. Varela's CD productions include "To A Mambo King - The Carlos Federico Memorial Album (JCV), "Pachuco Boogie" (Arhoolie) and "Ay Califas! Raza rocks the 70s & 80s" (Rhino). He has taught and lectured on Latin Jazz at Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, and at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. He has consulted for the Smithsonian Institution, Oakland Museum, DeYoung Museum and Mexican Museum. For anyone who hears or reads him, his work is most certainly advocacy. He plays a very necessary administrative role in Bay Area radio. He's enthusiastic, warm, and spirited and he knows just about everything there is to know about Latino music. You can hear

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AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Dr. Anne Martinez,
University of Texas at Austin

Pre-Conference

After the midyear meeting we announced through the newsletter our intention to work closely with the FOCOs, Caucuses and Research Divisions through the San Jose conference to smooth the transition to the new association structure. We introduced ourselves to the chairs and reps through the chairs-reps listserve and Arlene Carrasco sent out a recruitment e-mail to directors of Chicana/o/Latina/o Studies programs and departments. We circulated an advanced agenda (started by Kathryn Blackmer-Reyes) for reps and chairs to consider with their constituents and invited them to meet with us on Wednesday evening to get to know each other and discuss concerns.

Conference

We have delayed our report to spend time with our constituents and get a

better sense of our role. Prior to the Board meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2007, we met to map out our plans for the conference and scheduled time with FOCOs, Caucuses and Research Divisions to discuss the structural changes, lack of chairs for some groups, and under-subscribed groups.

Our meeting with the reps and chairs on Wednesday evening brought up a variety of issues. Unfortunately, it was poorly attended (1 research division, 1 FOCO and 3 caucus reps) so we were not able to advance any particular agendas. As expected, there was some concern about the potential elimination of groups. In addition, there was discussion about merging some groups (for example, the Indigenous Caucus and Research Division). Concern was also expressed about the cost, particularly for students, of registration and membership.

Throughout the conference we have been visiting FOCO, Caucus and Research Division meetings to discuss membership, registration and structural issues. We are concerned about the possible elimination of groups that may be more dependent on local populations (Community and K-12, for instance) as well as traditionally underrepresented groups that might otherwise not have a gathering "space" within the confines of the conference (Lesbian/BiMujer/Trans and Joto).

Research Division

At-large representatives, with the assistance of other members of the board, attended Research Divisions that did not have chairs to facilitate the election of chairs and distribute agendas. The research divisions meetings were generally poorly attended (less than 10 people).

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Midwest

FOCO Plans Regional Conference

Dr. Louis Mendoza, Foco Chair, and Dr. Jerry Garcia of Michigan State, have announced plans to host the Midwest Regional FOCO Conference on the weekend of October 20, 2007 at Michigan State University in East Lansing. The working theme is "Social Movement and Communities: From Mexican American to Xicana/o."

For information or to assist with conference organizing, contact: Jerry Garcia, garcia86@msu.edu

Joto Caucus

The Caucus thanks the jotos for their participation in San Jose! We had a great number of queer panels, presenters, and poster presentations, and a number of productive caucus sessions at the conference. The caucus fosters queer activism and scholarship within the organization as well as amongst queer scholars, students, professionals, and activists. For the joto caucus's fifteenth year within NACCS -- our quinceañera year -- we will create activities to rejoice in our successes, look towards our future, and revisit the caucus's long-term vision and mission.

In order to help us attain these goals, and to help organize the mid-year conference that caucus participants requested, members have generated a resource to encourage community participation and feedback. Please stop by the new NACCS Joto Caucus web page, at: www.myspace.com/naccsjotos. Send the co-chairs any pictures,

feedback, comments, or requests you have regarding the website, and let us know how you'd like to see this website

evolve as the mid-year conference approaches

In addition to planning for 2008, the caucus is organizing a mid-year conference focused on fostering connections. Faculty at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas have supported the idea of a conference. So, mark your calendars for September 3 or November 11, and let us know which date works best for you! Send your suggestions for the mid-year and annual conference events and panels. As always, take out your smoking jackets, dancing shoes, and trendiest clothes for a night on the town in gay Las Vegas!

A Quinceañera is a community effort, and hope to organize an amazing fifteenth-year anniversary in Austin by uniting and supporting one another! Madrina de cojines, padrinos del rosario - fifteenth-birthday celebrations have as many roles as there are family and community members. Let us know what kind of role you'd like to take, or perhaps you'd like to pose as the blushing Quinceañera herself? Be sure to get your swanky shoes, slacks, and skirts ready for next year's conference in Austin, and as always, remember this year's goal: ¡QUE VIVA LA JOTERÍA! TOWARDS ONE MILLION JOTOS IN AUSTIN!

To contact the Joto caucus, please e-mail: Eddy Alvarez at efj@umail.ucsb.edu or Rolando Longoria at rlongoria@umail.ucsb.edu

Institutional Impact and Participation Studies Research Division

On Friday, April 6, 2007, the division met at 8:00 am in the Sacramento

Room of the Fairmont Hotel. In attendance were Luis Guevara, NACCS member, and Arlene Carrasco, NACCS At-Large Representative.

After discussing the general goals of the research divisions, and reviewing the number of NACCS members registered for the Institutional Studies Research Division, Luis Guevara volunteered to serve as chair for two years. Because no other NACCS members were present, Luis offered to entertain a re-consideration of the chair role during the second Institutional Studies Research Division meeting scheduled for 6:40 pm in the Sacramento Room on Friday, April 6, 2007. NOTE: Luis attended this meeting for 15 minutes and no other NACCS members were present.

At the initial division meeting, Luis requested a copy of the current NACCS members registered for the Institutional Studies Research Division (18 members) so that he could contact them by email regarding the status of the division. Representative Carrasco provided a copy. Luis provided a report on the Institutional Studies Research Division to the membership during the first Business Meeting on Friday, April 6, 2007. He introduced himself, summarized his conversation with Arlene and the offer to serve as chair pending a re-consideration by registered members of the Institutional Studies Research Division.

Questions regarding this report and the status of the Institutional Impact and Participation Studies Research Division can be directed to Luis Guevara, Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas at Austin at (512) 475-6769 or lvg@mail.utexas.edu

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❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM NACCS MEMBERS

Ethnic Studies Library at UC Berkeley Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

The Ethnic Studies Library at UC Berkeley opened on July 14, 1997 at UC Berkeley, and includes extensive archival materials relating to Chicano, Native American and Asian American Studies. The Chicano Studies Collection produces the Chicano Database and conducts an ongoing project to microfilm and distribute Chicano newspapers, journals, and magazines. Celebrating our tenth anniversary, we are re-designing our website and planning a fundraising event for the fall. [Access our website at <http://eslibrary.berkeley.edu>.] We hope to raise enough funds to renovate our archive processing space and expand and improve our collections. If you would like to contribute to these Ethnic Studies Library projects, please write a check made payable to UC Regents--Ethnic Studies Library. Mail the check to: L. Castillo-Speed, Ethnic Studies Library, 30 Stephens Hall #2360, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-2360. *For more information about donating, volunteering, or joining the fundraising network, please contact Lily Castillo-Speed, Head Librarian and Chicano Studies Librarian, at csl@library.berkeley.edu or call 510-642-3947.*

Betita Martinez new book on Chicana History

Dr. Elizabeth (Betita) Martínez of San Francisco announces the Fall 2007 publication of 500 YEARS OF CHICANA HISTORY this new release from Rutgers University Press is bilingual and pictorial, with 700 images of Chicanas over the centuries. NACCS members may order now at a 20% discount: Send \$19.15 (the regular price is \$23.95) plus \$6.00 for shipping to: Longleaf Services, Inc., P.O. Box 8895, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-8895. *For more information, call Rutgers Univ. Press at 1-800-848-6224*

Carlos Mock, M.D., announces new series for Floricanto Press

Floricanto Press, recognizing the void in today's GLBT Latino Literature, is launching its new line, and Dr. Carlos Mock will be the editor for the series. To create a network of Latino/a LGBT writers, Floricanto will go through the process of gaining recognition from

LAMBDA Literary Foundation Awards (Lammies), The Publishing Triangle Awards, and the American Library Association GLBT Roundtable Stonewall Awards.

Upcoming title for the series are: Papi Chulo: A Legend, A Novel, and the Puerto Rican Identity, by Carlos Mock, with editor Felice Ponce; and Leo Cabranes-Grant's The Chat Room and other plays—a Puerto Rican Anthology. In addition, Emanuel Xavier will be soliciting submissions from around the country so that we can have the First Modern Anthology of Latino GLBT Poetry—Mariposas. We anticipate a Summer 2008 release. *For more information contact Carlos T. Mock, MD at ctmock@yahoo.com or visit www.carlostmock.com*

Mario Barrera s documentary on Chicano veterans of WW II

Dr. Mario Barrera, Professor Emeritus of UC-Berkeley recently completed a one hour documentary entitled Latino Stories of World War II. In it, four Latino veterans of that war tell their stories in their own words, accompanied by archival footage, historical photographs, and music. Two PBS stations (Los Angeles and Tampa) have already agreed to show this film as a supplement to the forthcoming Ken Burns series on World War II, universally criticized for omitting Latinos. *Anyone interested in ordering a copy for individual or organizational use may contact Mario Barrera at mbarrera8@yahoo.com*

Louis Mendoza s Journey across Nuestra Am rica

Follow the progress of Dr. Louis Mendoza, Chicano Studies Chair at University of Minnesota, as he traces the 1891 journey of José Martí across "Our America" on a bicycle this summer. In preparation for a new book, Louis sets out to explore a distinctively American culture that "embraces rather than denies the dynamic and organic relationship between place, language, and experience that shapes our continent." To follow his progress, log on to the blog for his project: "A Journey Across Our America: Observations & Reflections on the Latinoization of the U.S., July-December 2007" at <http://journey-acrossouramerica.blogspot.com/>

New position for Silvia Calzada

Silvia Calzada, Hispanic Serving Institutions Grant Librarian at California State University Northridge, has accepted the position of Diversity Coordinator in the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University. She has also been accepted in the Ph.D program at the same institution. Silvia holds a Masters in Latin American History and Library and Information Science from UCLA. *For more information, contact Dr. Karin Duran, Karin.duran@csun.edu* ■

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a complete packet must include supporting materials: for example, a selected list of publications, additional letters of support, etc. (Recent NACCS Scholars have had in excess of five additional supporting letters from prominent Chicana/o studies scholars across the country.) All letters submitted must be originals and contain signatures.

The packets must be presented in a professional manner – this is the highest honor given by NACCS and packets should reflect this.

Nominations must be addressed to the NACCS Scholar Committee, must be submitted in paper form, and must be received on or before October 5. Nominations received after the deadline or received in electronic format will not be considered.

Nominations from past years may be resubmitted only with additional supporting materials, although earlier supporting materials may also be reused provided they are not more than two years old. However, NACCS will not keep any previously submitted packets. Materials will not be returned.

Criteria to be considered for the NACCS Scholar Award include both of the following. Nominating letters should speak to both criteria.

1. A scholar's history of involvement in the development of Chicana and Chicano studies as a discipline AND/OR an individual's significant contributions to scholarly research and writing on the Mexican population of the United States; AND

2. An individual's significant contribution to the NACCS organization.

The award is presented at the Annual Conference and carries a lifetime membership in NACCS.

Nominations deadline is October 5, 2007. NO faxes or e-mail are accepted.

Mail your nominee packet to:

NACCS
P.O. Box 720052
San Jose, CA 95172-0052

Questions regarding a packet should be addressed to any member of the NACCS Board or your FOCO representative, Caucus or Division chair, or the Committee chair. ■

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Although we had 467 conference registrants, 520 memberships, and 18 exhibitors, sponsored receptions (Welcome, Graduate Student, Arte Público in the amount of \$7,400.00) we fell short of our expenses, our conference income was \$56,540.00. The difference of \$11,940.94 will need to be taken from the NACCS operational budget. Unfortunately, this will limit our organization's ability to increase its operational capacity and will lessen the monies available for future conferences. Despite these figures I want to say that in fact we end this conference season stronger as we have been able to sus-

tain our financial stability not having to go into our reserves. Nevertheless, I urge all of you to please pay your membership and conference fees while we continue to search new ways to make the conference affordable for all members while also strengthening our financial viability and sustainability well into the future.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me (Mari Castañeda) at mari@comm.umass.edu ■

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Board communication with Caucuses

At-large reps visited at-risk Caucuses to discuss compliance with the bylaws. We were uniformly met with concern and confusion about the structural changes. As needed, we assisted in the election of new chairs for Caucuses (K-12 and Student). These meetings were poorly attended, with the exception of the Stu-

dent Caucus, which had approximately 15 attendees.

Office Hours

The at-large reps held "Office Hours" in the lobby from 10 to 11 on Friday. We announced at the reps-chairs meeting, as well as the group meetings we attended, that we would be available during this time slot to address concerns of our constituencies.

Louis Mendoza (Midwest FOCO rep) came and asked that a representative attend the second Foco meeting at 6:40 (rescheduled at their discretion). Anne Martínez attended.

No other reps or chairs came to office hours.

For any question about this report, Contact Anna M. Martinez, ammtz@mail.utexas.edu ■

the voice of Latin jazz in the Bay on Sunday afternoons from 2-6pm online at www.kcsm.org or on the radio.

Sylvia Guerrero explained that her daughter **Gwen Araujo** (1985-2002) was brutally murdered in October of 2002 because she was found out as a Trans teen. Since Gwen's death her mother, Sylvia Guerrero has been tireless in her effort to insure Gwen is not forgotten. Gwen and Sylvia represent important legal and political firebrands for our communities at large; within Chicana and Chicano Studies they also represent familia. This recognition is not an academic endeavor but an acknowledgement to the power of people's struggles leading to the change of the very fabric of our humanity. Gwen's life and death have been used to bring attention to the importance of defense techniques reifying misogynous and heteronormative ideals in society. In California AB 1160 [Gwen Araujo Justice for Victims Act] became law in September 2006 amending jury instructions regarding the use of "panic defenses" as inconsistent with California's comprehensive hate crimes law.

Sylvia Guerrero won the right in 2004 to legally change Gwen's name so that her name and reference is consistent with whom she came to be at the end of her life. On the first anniversary of Gwen's murder the Gwen Araujo Memorial Fund for Transgender Education was created. The purpose is to support school-based programs in the nine-county Bay Area that promote understanding of transgender people and issues, through annual modest-sized grants. Sylvia and her family have worked tirelessly at making changes in school practices to teach youth about LGBT issues and rights as well as to transform the culture of hate surrounding these members of our community.

Saul Verduzco and **SAHE** de SJSU formed in 2004 under the leadership of Saul Verduzco. Their mission embodies the col-

lective mission and consciousness of Chicana and Chicano Studies at its core. Their aim is raising the consciousness of our communities about the dilemmas of undocumented students. Their major accomplishment is their use of self-help and a dedication to challenge the normative practices of immigrant exclusion. SAHE is a small, but dedicated group which speaks out on the rights of undocumented students in higher education. SAHE's vocation rests on the idea of raising consciousness for empowerment, survival, and challenge to oppressive ideologies and policies that affect them and many people in our communities. Immigrant group mobilization in its most recent embodiment became part of the public consciousness with the marches of spring 2006 throughout the United States and some areas of Mexico. Saul began his efforts during the Proposition 187 battle while he was still in high school. Making the classrooms, community centers, public meetings, and silent acts of resistance the spaces for consciousness raising he envisioned the organization of SAHE as a graduate student in Biology at SJSU. Using student skills Saul and SAHE developed modules for educating parents, students, teachers and politicians about the experiences of immigrant students in search of academic dreams. Saul is a role model for the importance of hope and perseverance. He overcame his personal fears about living in "the shadow" as a student recognizing the importance of testimony to let others know they were not alone in their political status. Saul was the recipient of the first NCal Foco Becas. In recognizing Saul and SAHE at the 34th annual conference of NACCS we celebrate the role of student leadership in making the mission of NACCS alive and promising.

For further information, contact Executive Director Dr. Julia Curry, prof.curry@gmail.com ■

Informational, Bibliographic, & Archival Methodology Research Division

The division held a meeting during the NACCS annual conference on 4/6/07. In attendance were: Romelia Salinas, Rhonda Rios Kravitz, Lillian Castillo-Speed, Peggy Cabrera, Kathryn Blackmer, and Silvia Calzada. We will continue to work and finish the Chicana/o Studies Core list which has been under construction for some time and have it posted on the NACCS webpage.

For the NACCS 2008 Conference in Austin Texas, we are planning a tour of the Perry Castaneda Library which houses the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection at the University of Texas at Austin.

Yolanda Alaniz will consider having a panel presentation which will be devoted to informing NACCS faculty on the process of donating their work to academic and other institutions. Romelia Salinas will consider offering a presentation/workshop that will focus on the importance of information literacy within the discipline of Chicana/o Studies. Other topics we considered

were: having Adan Griego, librarian at Stanford University, give a presentation on some of the important collections housed in that institution. Louie Moreno, Assistant Archivist at CSUN, could also give a presentation on Rudy Acuña's papers which he processed and are housed at the Oviatt Library there.

The above topics were explored as a way to focus on pertinent material we could use to organize our division's contributions to the NACCS conference.

For more information, contact: Silvia F. Calzada, silvia.calzada@csun.edu ■

Although teasing me for paying another one of those *visitas de doctor*, what she's prone to call my infrequent visits whenever I do drop-by, she was glad to see me and even more relieved to know that I had taken Tito some money.

As I was leaving the Fairmont Hotel, I ran into Maya Guirao and, seeing this as a learning opportunity, I invited her to come along. Maya is the copy editor for the Spanish version of *Las Hijas*, and sharing my hometown with her became an opportunity to illustrate the text. She agreed and together we left the hotel parking lot around 3:30 pm. In that one-hour-and-a-half I gave Maya a glimpse of my life and my town. To get to our destination, we left the Fairmont Hotel, making a left onto Market Street, then "cruising" from Santa Clara, to Jackson Avenue, to McKee and finally, North White Road, where I made a left. My son was happy to see me but even happier to get the money! Now, he could smoke his precious cigarettes. I didn't stay long. After briefly introducing him to Maya, I asked my son how he was doing. We made small talk and then it was time to go see my mother—*Amá*.

On the way to *Amá's* house, I took Maya by some of my former neighborhoods—Linda Vista and James Lick areas—to get to Calco Drive, where my mother lives. After hugging her and kissing her all up, we stayed long enough to chat for a while. She was glad to meet Maya; it made my work more real to her and she finally met one of my students.

On our return to the Fairmont, down Story Road we drove. I showed Maya the first house I ever purchased, which is nearby the National Hispanic University. Jackson Avenue and what's left of Summer Street in *Sal Si Puedes* and other portions of the Mayfair area were next. They offered us a glimpse of a neighborhood that was destroyed by the freeway and that I had once called my own. Then, I showed her the CSO casita where César Chávez had his start as an organizer, as well as the hall that used to be Our Lady

of Guadalupe, which now stands behind the new Church. Spearheaded by the Chicano Priests of San José, the new church was built under the leadership of Anthony Soto, Reynaldo Flores, and Father MacDonald, among others. We also passed by the county's first domestic violence shelter, the Brandon House. Long gone now, we found an area dense with low income and moderate housing.

On San Antonio Street going west, I showed Maya the homes where some friends from my youth had lived, as well as the Azteca Hall, one of the many sites where my sisters and I had been part of quinceañeras and where we had attended the dances of our youthful days—Jimmy and the Barons of Soul—Jimmy Bojorquez' band played there. Just before that, I showed her the corner where Best Buy Tortillas, the first tortillería in East San Jose stood in competition with Ozuna Products that focused on selling pan dulce and other Mexican goods, rather than tortillas. The Best Buy building now stands as a store that sells burritos and other goods in the neighborhood—on the corner of 28th and San Antonio. What a journey of remembrance that was—a lifetime in an-hour-and-a-half.

I came back in time for the business meeting and to continue doing what was expected of me. But, what I had to do wasn't all that much work. For the *noche de cultura*, I delighted in the performances of our homegrown talents—brother and sister Steve and Lorna Dee Cervantes, followed by Monica Palacios. Steve and his music and Lorna Dee's poetry took me back to the days when I enjoyed them at the *Semana Chicana* or the *Cinco de Mayo* events that spread culture throughout our community. It was a special coming home. Her poetry and his music were magic to my ears. Monica's comedy made San José and the people of whom she is part—her relatives, Art and Frances Palacios—come alive in my heart. As I listened to her words, I conjured their presence and smiled, thinking of Martin's toothless grin.

But it wasn't all fun, games, and visiting for me at the conference. The Fairmont in San José, California, while the ideal place for our 2007 NACCS Conference also became a site of tension and struggle as the politics of academia flooded our midst. The ever-present charges of elitism and privileging middle class culture arose when students from Southern California critiqued NACCS for not having the conference in the community, among our own people. AB540 students and the *jotería* raised concerns regarding their rights to be supported and to be protected, while tensions emerged among members who criticized decisions the Board had made. I take responsibility for trying to create a transparent environment that unfortunately resulted in a marathon meeting where the same points kept being hashed and re-hashed without reaching any consensus—it was a mistake to assume that democratic practices always yield the desired results. However difficult it was to stand before the membership at the last meeting, I tried to run the meeting with passion and compassion.

As an activist MEChistA leader from San Jose City College and the South Bay Central, I knew the problems all too well—their criticisms had been my own. But, in my day, I tried not to spiritually decimate or deride anyone in the process. I agree that there is nothing wrong with reminding each other about the common vision and hope we have for our communities and the education of our people. But, not by assassinating anyone's spirit. I am not so naïve as to believe that we cannot be open and above board with everything we do, especially in this continued anti-Mexican, anti-immigrant, and anti-"other" climate. I do know that we do not need to destroy each other in the process of honoring our place in the halls of learning.

As a Chicana, who is an ally, I stand in support of those who need to be anonymous—if the time has come to choose strategic invisibility—so be it! It is not my

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*all pre-reg dues have been spent at this conference for receptions.

Focos (Rebates from membership dues were reinstated in 1999 to support local efforts). Regions receive 5.00 per faculty membership paid/ 2.00 per student membership paid.

MW: 132.00; NCal: 410.00; Tejas: 201.00 + 270.00 local dues/reg fees =471.00; SCal: 406.00; RM: 152.00; CO: 32.00; EC: 29.00; PNW: 107.00 + dues/reg conference fees = 107.00*: Total: \$1,739.00

*Excludes deposits made at this annual conference.

Donations

Student Support: 380.00; Development: 160.00; L. Guerrero Fund: 145.00; Legal Fund: 145.00; Joteria Reception: 300.00: Total: \$1,130.00. We passed a resolution in 2003 to match donations to the Legal Fund up to 5,000.00

Divisions: Dues are collected for second and subsequent division memberships only. Dues Support the work of the Divisions—but as of 2007 no policy has been determined about the procedure for disbursement.

II. Resolutions

a. Consent Agenda

i. Approved consent agenda resolutions

Motion to adopt the consent agenda items made by Julia Curry Rodriguez. Seconded by Amelia L. Montes. Resolution 7 has been set aside by Keta Miranda. A motion is made to vote on the consent agenda. Seconded. Motion to vote on consent agenda. Yes 65, No 0, Abstain 0. Consent agenda (Resolutions 1-6 and 8-9) passes unanimously

ii. Resolution 7 – discussion of this resolution. Comments for and against Resolution 7 from the resolution sponsors and the membership. Kathy calls the question. Motion to vote on Resolution 7. Yes 14, No 44, Abstain 9, Resolution 7 does not pass

b. Resolutions requiring discussion

i. Resolution 10

Resolution 10 is read by Mari Castañeda. Questions and discussions from the membership regarding the resolution. A member makes a question about the registration numbers. Kathy answers that Pre-conference registration was: 218 students, and 190 faculty. Jose Moreno makes a motion to table the resolution until Resolution 11 has been discussed and voted on. Yolanda Marquez seconds the motion to table. Discussion of the motion to table. Josie calls for the question to table Resolution 10. Motion to table Resolution 10: Yes 47, No 14, Abstain 5. Motion to table Resolution 10 until Resolution 11 has been discussed and voted on passes.

ii. Resolution 11

Resolution 11 is read by Mari Castañeda. Discussion. Question is called. Objection is made to the question being called. Discussion is renewed. Question is called. Seconded. Another objection is made to the question being called. Discussion is renewed. Question is called for the third time. Second. Motion to vote on. Resolution 11: Yes 25, No 24, Abstain 1. Resolution 11 does not pass

iii. Resolution 10

Return discussion to Resolution 10. Question is called. Seconded. Motion to vote on Resolution 10: Yes 40, No 6, Abstain 6. Resolution 10 passes

III. Discussion Concerning Caucus Membership

In the spirit of transparency to the membership, the NACCS Board informs those in attendance of a pulled resolution concerning caucus membership. Background presented to the membership by Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson, NACCS Secretary, on behalf of the NACCS Board: Recently the NACCS Board communicated with Caucus Chairs of caucuses that do not meet the requisite 30 dues-paying members – a category affecting all the caucus except for the Chicana Caucus. The Joto and Lesbian, Bisexual Mujeres, Trans Caucus proposed a resolution to create a special exception for their two caucuses due to issues of confidentiality, issues of coming out publicly, and the special populations that these two caucuses serve and represent. The NACCS Board, hoping to be supportive of these caucuses and in the spirit of fairness towards other caucuses, decided to draft a more general resolution that covered all caucuses affected by not meeting the required membership numbers. However, when drafting this resolution, the Board neglected to take into account the work that goes into maintaining all caucuses (membership lists, list serves, accounts, websites, etc.). After a discussion with the Membership Coordinator, the Board agreed to pull the resolution and to begin a formal discussion about caucus membership guidelines. The Board is committed to work with all caucus chairs in order to ensure that they remain part of the organization. These issues will be discussed by the Board – along with appropriate caucus chairs – over the course of next calendar year. A resolution or series of resolutions might be brought to the membership during the 2008 Austin Conference. A discussion with the membership ensues around the issue of membership guidelines for all NACCS subunits. Kathy Blackmer Reyes motions to suspend the bylaws in order to be able to discuss the item as a resolution.

Seconded by Amelia L. Montes. Discussion of motion. Discussion of resolution concerning caucus membership. Kathy makes an amendment to the resolution to include Focos and Research Divisions

Amendment is not accepted. Discussion continues. Kathy moves to withdraw her motion. Discussion end.

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decision to make. But, I am solely interested in recruiting members into the various units of the organization, not a homophobe who wants to expose those who need our protection. As Chair of the organization, it is my wish that NACCS thrives so that it can move to the next stage of its formation. In my position, I will do all I can to achieve that.

Now that the conference has passed, while the emotional that comes with the responsibilities is not evident, the conference has reaffirmed that leadership implicates the political and the personal because these are perpetually intertwined. Beginning with the opening plenary, this conference reminded me of the urgency to continue open dialogue, as we aim to

understand the difference as well as the similarities that are inherent to our academic activism. Sin pelos en la lengua, I am a Chicana whose work is motivated by speaking truth to power, especially when it is in my own vecindad.

Contact: Dr. Josie Mendez-Negrete, University of Texas at San Antonio,
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IV. Announcements and ending remarks

- a. **Closing reception**
- b. **Baile**
- c. **1000 to Austin**
- d. **Josie Mendez-Negrete delivers ending remarks** stressing the need to remain professional and attentive to other people's voices and feelings during NACCS meetings and functions. At several instances during the business meeting two, some members of the membership did not adhere to these guidelines. Hopefully this will not be the case in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

*Minutes submitted by Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson, NACCS Secretary.
Edited for newsletter publication by Kathryn Blackmer Reyes.*

Appendix I: Resolutions

Consent Agenda (Resolutions 1 to 9)

1. *Resolution 1:* Ethnic Studies and equity/diversity programs in the CSU system
2. *Resolution 2:* CSUN Mel Gibson Event
3. *Resolution 3:* Resolution Concerning El Paso Downtown Plan
4. *Resolution 4:* Resolution to Support The Gwen Araujo Community Award and to draw attention to the recent brutal murder of Ruby Rodriguez, March 2007
5. *Resolution 5:* Resolution for NACCS Action and Intervention on the 2010 U.S. Census
6. *Resolution 6:* Resolution To Support Boycott of Ken Burn's WWII Documentary
7. *Resolution 7:* Resolution Regarding the 2007 Mobilizations
8. *Resolution 8:* Resolution regarding the removal of The American Vision: Modern Times textbook from all 11th grade classrooms in the LAUSD and from all 11th grade classrooms in California public schools
9. *Resolution 9:* Resolution Recognizing Rene Nunez

Resolutions requiring discussion and with financial and Bylaws implications

(These three resolutions require 2/3 membership approval as per the Bylaws Article XV)

1. *Resolution 10:* Resolution to address the needs of student presenters who cannot afford NACCS fees
 2. *Resolution 11:* Resolution to Decrease Fees for Students
Pulled Resolution – for discussion only
- Resolution:* Resolution Concerning Caucus Membership

Resolution 1: Ethnic Studies and equity/diversity programs in the CSU system

Submitted by the Northern California Foco

Whereas, at several California State University (CSU) campuses, including Northridge, Sacramento, and Stanislaus, Chicana/o and Latina/o students face hostility and racial injustice on a daily basis; and *Whereas*, the injustices are perpetuated by high-level administrators whose programs and actions legitimate inequality and promote alienation and distrust; and *Whereas*, Ethnic Studies and equality/diversity programs are under assault and are being reduced and/or eliminated; and *Whereas*, the continual increase in fees has been a major barrier to the recruitment and retention of Chicana/o and Latina/o students; and *Whereas*, the number of Chicana/o and Latina/o faculty recruited and retained has remained low or non-existent;

Therefore, be it resolved that NACCS take an active role in denouncing the injustices in the CSU system; and *Be it Further Resolved that* NACCS work with the activists that have produced this resolution to support resolutions sit-ins, demonstrations and other actions to denounce campus efforts that minimize Ethnic Studies and equity/diversity programs and promote institutional racism.

Cost: \$0 No Bylaws implications

Resolution 2: CSUN Mel Gibson Event

Submitted by the Southern California Foco

Whereas, Mel Gibson's use of hate language directed at Dr. Alicia Estrada following the screening of Gibson's *Apocalypto* at CSUN on Thursday March 22, 2007 was an offense to the Central American and Mayan communities and Therefore an insult to us all.

Whereas, Dr. Estrada's questioning was characterized as a "disruption" by Mr. Chandler, CSUN public relations officer, thereby undermining her academic expertise and freedom of speech.

Whereas, Dr. Estrada and the Mayan community representative were aggressively removed from the public forum by an armed guard and silenced because they dared to question the work of an artist, who also happens to be a powerful white male celebrity.

Whereas, Mr. Gibson has a highly publicized pattern of belligerently offending entire social groups, and to excuse Mr. Gibson's latest hateful outburst and intolerance is an example of the disrespect he has for Chicana@-Latin@ scholarship and activism.

Whereas, university officials, including Mr. Chandler, the director of public relations and strategic communication for the university and President Jolene Koester have failed to demand an apology from Mr. Gibson.

Whereas, Dr. Estrada has been the target of hate mail and threats with racist undertones and the incident had contributed to increased racial hostility on the CSUN campus.

Therefore, be it resolved that NACCS requests an apology from Mel Gibson to be issued both to Alicia Estrada and representative of the Mayan communities.

Secondly, NACCS should send letter to President Jolene Koester and Provost Harry Hellenbrand, asking them to officially correct Mr. Chandler's inaccuracies, which have contributed to an inordinate amount of hostility directed at Dr. Estrada and her family, the Central American Studies Program and the Department of Chicana/o Studies.

Finally, NACCS should also request that President Koester and Provost Hellenbrand meet to discuss the incident with members of the Chicana@ Studies and Central American faculty.

Cost: \$0 No bylaws implications

Resolution 3: Resolution Concerning El Paso Downtown Plan

Submitted by the Tejas Foco

Whereas the City of El Paso approved a downtown revitalization plan in October 2006.

And Whereas the plan will result in the demolition of over 130 acres of historic South El Paso neighborhoods.

Whereas the plan will displace over 1,800 people.

Whereas the City has funded a report using racial images of Mexican people to justify the plan.

Whereas the City has failed to adequately address questions regarding the future of renters, homeowners and business owners.

Whereas the City has ignored clear evidence of conflict of interest.

Whereas the plan has divided the city.

Whereas the City and supporters of the plan have created and fomented a culture of intimidation against critics of the plan.

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Whereas the city has sanctioned a plan that is part of a larger binational development plan that has resulted in violence and murders in Ciudad Juarez.

Therefore, be it resolved that NACCS calls on the City of El Paso to stop implementation of this plan, create a new planning process that is devoid of corruption and conflict of interest and truly utilizes the communities creative resources, talents and priorities.

Cost: \$0 No bylaws implications

Resolution 4: Resolution to Support The Gwen Araujo Community Award and to draw attention to the recent brutal murder of Ruby Rodriguez, March 2007

Submitted by Lesbian, Bisexual Mujeres, Trans Caucus Resolution

Whereas the NACCS Northern California Foco is presenting a Community Award to Gwen Araujo and her mother Sylvia Guerrero, who worked hard to support AB 1160 the "Gwen Araujo Justice for Victims Act" which amends jury instructions to state that the use of the so-called "panic defense" is inconsistent with California's comprehensive hate crimes law.

We the Lesbian, Bisexual Mujeres, Trans Caucus wish to recognize and acknowledge the importance and timeliness of this award considering two recent murders of TransMujeres, most notably the brutal murder of Ruby Rodriguez in San Francisco on March 16, 2007.

Whereas the murder of transpeople is part of the violent systemic policing of non-conforming gender expression in families, schools, work places, and communities.

We the Lesbian, Bisexual Mujeres, Trans Caucus acknowledge the necessity for a letter to be drafted by the NACCS Board which will strongly state the necessity for education, resource materials, and demand respect for Trans self-determination in life and in death.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Lesbian, Bisexual Mujeres, Trans Caucus shall work with the NACCS Board to write this letter and have it published in Noticias de NACCS as well as have it sent to the City of San Francisco, the San Francisco Police Department, the District Attorney's Office and local media.

Cost: \$0 No bylaws implications

Resolution 5: Resolution for NACCS Action and Intervention on the 2010 U.S. Census

Submitted by the Indigenous Caucus

Whereas, after several years in the making the Indigenous Caucus was recently recognized within the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS);

Whereas, several Chicana/o scholars have noted the historically questionable and contested practices of the Census Bureau in regards to the classification of peoples of Mexican origin, as well as peoples from Central America and South America;

Whereas, historically the Census Bureau has intentionally, or by default, placed Mexican people into the "white" racial category despite a consensus among U.S. and Mexican scholars that this is inaccurate as Mexicans are not a white population;

Whereas, Mexico is primarily a historically Indigenous-based, as well as a multi-racial and multi-cultural nation;

Whereas, NACCS, as well as the Census Bureau, respect the right of all people's to self identify; and

Whereas, for reasons of racism and/or shame in the past, people either chose the "other" or "white" racial categories;

Let it be resolved, that NACCS create a working group to work with the Census Bureau to promote more accurate options and to encourage a

social campaign that promotes awareness of the options available to the U.S. population.

Let it be further resolved, that NACCS authorize the creation of a working group comprised of the Indigenous caucus and any other interested NACCS members to commence work on this initiative and to contact the Bureau on this matter within the next several months, so as to timely assist in creating such options for the 2010 census.

Cost: \$0 No By-Laws Implications

Resolution 6: Resolution To Support Boycott of Ken Burns' WWII Documentary

Submitted by the Tejas Foco

Whereas, The National Association of Chicana Chicano Studies NACCS is a national organization advocating educational representation for Chicanas, Chicanos, and Latina, Latinos; and

Whereas, NACCS believes that representations within United States educational institutions and materials continue to ignore Chicana, Chicano, and Latina, Latino accomplishments; and

Whereas, Chicana, Chicano, and Latina, Latino communities contributed significantly to the United States victory of World War II either through servicing in combat or supporting the county at home; and

Whereas, The Public Broadcasting Station PBS is a primary avenue for providing the general public of the United States educational programming and materials; and

Whereas, PBS documentaries and materials are utilized throughout the United States in K-12 and institutions of higher learning as educational resources; and

Whereas, Ken Burns' documentary of World War II to be aired nationally on September 23, 2007, ignores Chicana, Chicano and Latina, Latino contributions to the United States victory of World War II; and

Whereas, Chicana, Chicano and Latina, Latino organizations communicated to both PBS and Ken Burns about the grave harm that would occur to the Chicana, Chicano, and Latina, Latino communities if a documentary about World War II is aired that fails to acknowledge their contributions to the victory of World War II; and

Whereas, Both PBS and Ken Burns refuse to rectify the omission of Chicana, Chicano, and Latina, Latino contributions to the United States victory of World War II; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, That NACCS requests all corporations and other sponsors of PBS and Ken Burns to revoke their financial and any other support of both PBS and Ken Burns's projects until the World War II documentary is edited to incorporate the contributions of Chicana, Chicano, and Latina, Latino communities to the United States victory of World War II; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, That those corporations and other sponsors of PBS and Ken Burns's projects that fail to revoke their support of PBS and Ken Burns's projects should have their businesses, products and services boycotted by the Chicana, Chicano, and Latina, Latino communities across the United States; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, That NACCS seek to work with other Chicana, Chicano, and Latina, Latino organizations across the United States to support the boycott; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, That NACCS urge local, state and national elected officials to support the boycott and/or bring to bear political pressure on both PBS and Ken Burns to rectify the lack of Chicana, Chicano, and Latina, Latino representation within Ken Burns World War II documentary.

Cost: \$0 No Bylaws Implications

Resolution 7: Resolution Regarding the 2007 Mobilizations

Submitted by the Northern California Foco

Whereas, our communities experience legislative, institutional, and economic attacks

Whereas, the mobilizations of 2006 in support of workers, immigrants, and our communities at large raised awareness of our capacity to organize

Whereas activist efforts can be expressed in various forms,

Whereas our schools are adversely affected economically when our students are absent,

Whereas laborers are fired from their jobs by missing work,

Therefore let it be resolved that as Dolores Huerta exhorted us at the opening plenary, the 2007 mobilization for May 1 take the form of educating the community about our struggles in the schools, community centers, and other forms of consciousness raising as a national day of action through writing letters, sending postcards, and holding children's marches in front of local legislative offices whenever possible, on Sunday April 29.

Cost: \$0 No Bylaws Implications

Resolution 8: Resolution regarding the removal of The American Vision: Modern Times textbook from all 11th grade classrooms in the LAUSD and from all 11th grade classrooms in California public schools

Submitted by the Southern California Foco

Whereas, The American Vision is 1,098 pages long, but only contains about 10 pages of content dealing with Mexican American or Chicana/os; and,

Whereas, The American Vision represents the exclusion of 43 million Hispanics in the historical, cultural, social, and economic development of the United States; and,

Whereas, The American Vision totally leaves out Chicana and Chicano participation in the Civil Rights Movement and does not even mention the Chicano Movement of the 1960's; and,

Whereas, the exclusion of the history and culture of the Chicana and Chicano contributions and people does not expose the positive contributions and rich history and culture to Chicanas and Chicano students, and to non-Chicana/o students as well; and,

Whereas, The American Vision relies too much on standards-based instruction and does not present an accurate account of how the United States evolved socially, racially, ethnically, and historically; and,

Whereas, The American Vision is a male centered narrative and leaves out the struggles and contributions of Chicana feminist, lesbians, and gays in the development and history of the United States; and,

Whereas, Harold McGraw III was appointed to President Bush's transition advisory team on educational issues; and,

Whereas, The American Vision was adopted by the LAUSD without first having met several provisions of the California Education Code and complied with State Board of Education Standards for evaluating instructional materials to insure that instructional materials portray accurately and equitably the cultural and racial diversity of American society and demonstrate the contributions of minority groups and males and females to the development of California and the United States.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NACCS leadership write a letter to LAUSD board President Marlene Canter urging the LAUSD board to remove The American Vision from District's entire 11th grade US history classrooms;

Resolved further, that the NACCS leadership write a letter to the California State Board of Education urging the State Board of Education to remove The American Vision from all its public schools where it is being used in 11th grade US history classes;

Be It Finally Resolved, that the NACCS leadership post this resolution on its Website and encourage NACCS member to e-mail the California

State Board of Education and the Board of Education of The City of Los Angeles (LAUSD) and demand that they remove The American Vision from all their 11th grade US History classes.

Cost: \$0 No Bylaws implications

NACCS members can e-mail LAUSD board President Marlene Canter at: Marlene.canter@lausd.net and/or NACCS members can send a compliant directly to the California State Board of Education Website

Resolution 9: Resolution Recognizing Rene Nunez

Submitted by the Midwest Foco

Whereas in recognition of the role of Rene Nuñez in the formation and constitution of Chicana/o Studies as an academic discipline

Whereas in recognition of the role of Rene Nuñez in the formation and development of NACCS as the academic association of Chicana and Chicano Studies

Be it resolved that the conference committee for the 2008 national conference reserve a time and facilities to recognize his participation and contributions to Chicana/o Studies and to NACCS.

Cost: \$0 No Bylaws implications

Resolution 10: Resolution to address the needs of student presenters who cannot afford NACCS fees

Submitted by the NACCS Board

Whereas NACCS wishes to acknowledge the circumstances and special requests of students with extreme financial need that have been selected to present at the NACCS national conference,

Whereas NACCS hopes to facilitate the attendance, participation, and presentation of those students selected to present at the NACCS national conference,

Let it be resolved that the NACCS Chair-Elect be given the authority to make decisions in cases with extenuating circumstances to waive partial or full membership fees, registration fees, and/or provide conference programs and materials to student presenters who have exhausted institutional funding options and are in extreme financial need

Let it further be resolved that NACCS will prioritize fellowships for student presenters who have exhausted institutional funding options and are in extreme financial need when selecting the NACCS Fellows.

With financial implications. Bylaws implications and requires 2/3 member vote approval (Bylaws Article XV)

Resolution 11: Resolution to Decrease Fees for Students

Submitted by the Southern California Foco and endorsed by the Student Caucus and K-12 Caucus

History: In 1968, students walked-out of different high schools in East Los Angeles demanding objectives such as relevant education and access to higher education. The East LA Blowouts, consisting of students, faculty and community members, sparked a great interest in obtaining these goals and thus provided a space to create an inclusive plan of action. El Plan de Santa Barbara, outlining a concrete demand for relevant education through out the system of education, sparked the movement of creating Chicana y Chicano Studies departments, majors, and minors. As the creation of Chicana/o Studies discipline solidified, the National Association of Chicana y Chicano Studies was created to produce "research that confronts the perspectives and challenges the structures and ideologies of inequality based on classist, racist, sexist, heterosexist, privileges in society" (NACCS Preamble). However, the National Association of Chicana y Chicano Studies does not currently uphold the ideal of ideas being translated

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Community: Ernesto Bustillos

K-12: Eric Romero

Joto: Eddy Alvarez & Rolando Langoria III

Lesbian: Amelia Montes

COMPAS: Jose Moreno

Indigenous: Roberto Hernandez

Vacant: Graduate; Undergraduate.

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into political action in order to foster change (NACCS Preamble) and is not reflective of the community as a whole.

Whereas, there is a lack of student participation in this and other NACCS conferences; *Whereas*, students are the essential component in order "to advance research in Chicana and Chicano Studies" (NACCS Mission Statement);

Whereas, one of the purposes of NACCS is to "facilitate the recruitment of Chicana and Chicanos to all levels of institutions of higher education" (Bylaws Article II section 3);

Whereas, the lack of student financial resources create a burden to simply travel to and obtain lodging for a conference;

Whereas, many students have expressed that the conference fees are too high and limits access to students;

Whereas, "inclusion is the solution" and more students should become active members of NACCS;

Whereas, the cost of the venues chosen in recent years has and have created a limitation in the attendants of the conference;

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies will limit undergraduate conference registration fees to no more than fifty dollars (\$50.00); and will allow students from the K-12 sector free admission.

Furthermore, let it also be resolved that the membership fee for K-12 students be reduced to five dollars (\$5.00) that also includes free membership in one (1) caucus.

Furthermore, let it also be resolved that future conference organizers look at more affordable alternatives such as community centers and institutions of higher education as conference venues.

With financial implications. Bylaws implications and requires 2/3 member vote approval (Bylaws Article XI: Section 3 and Article XV)

Text of Pulled Resolution Concerning Caucus Membership

Submitted by the NACCS Board

Whereas the new governing and organizational structure of NACCS has reduced the size of the NACCS Board and hence allowed for more fiscally responsible expenses at Midyear Meetings and other NACCS events,

Whereas Caucuses fulfill an important role within NACCS and embody important and historically marginalized voices within our organization,

Whereas Caucuses provide a safe space for the expression and affirmation of sexual, gender, political, social, cultural, racial, ethnic, and economic identities and performances,

Let it be resolved that Caucuses no longer need to maintain a set number of active members to continue to be in good standing and active within NACCS,

Let it also be resolved, that for the creation of new Caucuses, it will still be necessary for at least 30 active members to sign up and support the creation of a new Caucus; however, let it be further resolved that once a Caucus has been established as per the guidelines in the Bylaws, the Caucus will no longer need to maintain a set number of members to continue to be in good standing and active within NACCS.

With financial implications. Bylaws implications and requires 2/3 member vote approval (Bylaws Article XV). ■

NACCS Membership Report: May, 2007

Total 519 with Scholars

Lifetime Members: 2

Faulty: 243

47 - Professor

47 - Associate

93 - Assistant

24 - Lecturer

2 - Post Docs

Admin/Professional - 16

K12/Admin - 7

Students: 264

182 - Graduate

82 - Undergrad

Community - 12

Retired - 7

FOCOS:

Colorado - 9

East Coast - 11

Midwest - 52

Mexico - 2

Northern California - 155

Pacific Northwest - 28

Rocky Mountain - 43

Southern California - 136

Tejas - 61

Conference Registration, San Jose CA

Total Paid Registrants: 472

52 - Members, Undergraduate

(26 onsite)

146 - Members, Graduate

(90 onsite)

175 - Members (73 onsite)

55 - Non Members, Students

(Grad and Undergrad)(39

onsite)

24 - Non Member (12 onsite)

12 - Income less than \$20k

(6 onsite)

8 - One day - onsite