

**Closing the Gaps P-20 Coalition Meeting
Wayland Baptist University
November 19, 2007**

Attendees:	Mary Frances Agnello	TTU-Education
	Sarah Allen	South Plains Tech Prep
	Robbye Appling	THECB
	Monica Barnard	LCU
	Jill Berset	South Plains Tech Prep
	Jack Booe	LISD
	Sebrina Carroll	SPCAA Head Start
	Joan Chandler	Texas Cooperative Extension
	Brenda Cox	WorkSource of the South Plains
	Andrea Cruse	2-1-1
	Sharron Davis	Contact Lubbock
	Yolanda Gonzaga	TTU-HSC
	Beccy Hambright	TTU-T-STEM
	Emily Hicks	TTU-Center for Campus Life
	June Hogue	WBU
	Amy Jarmon	TTU-School of Law
	Stephen John	SPC-Institutional Advancement
	Norma Johnson	Lubbock Chamber of Commerce
	Lisa Kersh	Plainview ISD
	Julie Laughlin	South Plains Tech Prep
	Camille Lewis	SPC-Plainview
	Rosa Llanas	LISD-Lubbock High School
	Thomas Longoria	TTU
	Joe Marnell	WBU
	Pam Moore	South Plains Tech Prep
	Lane Powell	AAUW Mother/Daughter Program
	Kimbra Quinn	South Plains College
	Gina Robles	South Plains Tech Prep
	Sophia Rodriguez	TTU-Student Diversity Relations
	Linda Rowntree	ESC Region 17
	Steven Salvidar	Lamesa ISD
	Dr. Sheryl Santos	TTU-College of Education
	Bonnie Stennett	Frenship ISD
	Ruby Vidaurre	Lubbock ISD
	Dr. Alice White	TTU-Community College Relations
Special	Sandra Holt	Sallie Mae
Guests:	6 FBLA Students	Lubbock High School

Introductions.

Dr. Sheryl Santos greeted everyone, had new attendees introduce themselves, and reviewed the agenda. She also stated that she would be attending a special conference in Austin on Nov. 20 which would address getting more Latinos into college.

FBLA Student Presentation.

Students from Lubbock High School's FBLA chapter made a short presentation and showed a video giving an overview of their new store—A Touch of Paradise. This store is now operated by member Rosa Llanas' FBLA students in order to give them practical experience in business management.

College Funding Opportunities

Sandra Holt, a representative from Sallie Mae, gave a brief presentation regarding the service provided by Sallie Mae to fund a college education. She also presented business partnership opportunities available through the UPromise program.

Structure Update

A list of the mission/vision/goal statements were provided to all members. Dr. Santos reported that these have been submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as required.

Stephen John updated members regarding by-laws development and issues involved with the structure of the Council.

Dr. Santos reported that the P-20 Council received a \$20,000 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, as well as a \$10,000 endowment from Dr. Alice White. Dr. White was allowed to respond.

Dr. Santos reported that the Council's next deadline would be Feb. 14 to submit performance targets/indicators and the evaluation/accountability component as part of our Council plan and \$20,000 grant contract. Members were encouraged to register if they were interested in being a part of a committee to form these measures, and registration sheets were made available. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 11 or 12. More information will follow to those interested.

Review of Smart Connections Conference – Oct. 1-2, 2007

Robbye Appling gave a brief overview of the conference held in Austin. Attendees were Ms. Appling (P-16 Field Specialist), David Vasquez (LISD), Janie Ramirez (TTU-Education), and Terri Patterson (Lubbock Economic Development Alliance). A rep. from higher ed., secondary ed., and business were required to attend. The conference included best practices from P-16 Councils across the state, as well as special breakout sessions for developed (vs. developing) Councils to address special needs and submission of vision/mission/goals statements.

Overview of Wingspread P-20 Conference

Dr. Alice White reported that she was able to attend the Wingspread P-20 Conference due to the connection made by, and generosity of, member Amy Jarmon of the Texas Tech Law School.

The information she collected at the conference was forwarded to Robbye Appling if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

P-20 Outreach Updates

Robbye Appling reported that she was able to attend the Mega Marketing event hosted by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce in order to market P-20 to about 45-50 business reps. She also stated that she had met with Chamber of Commerce President Eddie McBride to discuss how we can get more of the business community involved in the P-20 effort. Efforts would focus on making the college-going culture more visible from the business community. She stated that talks are positive, and the Chamber would be assisting in getting a mix of employers to participate in a roundtable discussion about issues involved.

Meeting adjourned.