

MAC3
(Metroplex Area Consortium of Career Centers)
4 March 2009

MAC3 met on March 4, 2009, at the University of Texas at Dallas Career Center. The meeting opened with a welcome by UTD Career Center Director, Michael Doty, who gave a brief overview of UTD's history and described current and future construction projects and improvements to the campus. Janie Shipman passed around a flyer with information and tidbits about the university.

Best Practices:

Darrell Whitsell provided an overview of a Special Populations Directory he created listing DFW area employer who hire ex-offenders, persons with disabilities, and the elderly. He also presented a brief skills quiz and awarded 4 copies of the booklet *Quick Jo Search for People with Disabilities* as prizes.

Business Meeting:

The business meeting opened at 1:15 with a welcome by Francynne Maynard and a community-building exercise called "Two truths and a Lie" presented by Crustal Larthridge.

Minutes: Janie Shipman—Minutes of the February 2009 meeting were approved with one correction (the February Best Practices was presented by Elaine Stewart; none objecting).

Finances: Melissa Yip—Melissa was absent but had forwarded the financial report: beginning balance was \$500.72; income received was \$1500.00; expensed were \$70.64; and ending balance was \$1930.08 as of 02/28/09. The income was from member school dues; as of 2/28/2009 dues had been received from the following schools:

Collin College	Northwood University	Texas Christian University
Dallas Baptist University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Texas
Brookhaven	SW Assemblies of God University	University of Texas at Arlington
North Lake College	Tarleton State University	University of Texas at Dallas
Eastfield College	Tarrant County College - Northeast	
Midwestern State University	Tarrant County College - Northwest	

Old Business: Bylaws Amendment

The Membership/Bylaws committee recommends an amendment to the Bylaws: *Member dues will be due by January 31 of each year. A late fee of \$50 will be assessed if dues are not paid by March 31. A member school experiencing extenuating circumstances may appeal the late fee by contacting the MAC3 President, and the appeal will be reviewed by the President and the Executive Board.* The amendment was voted on and approved by the membership with none opposed.

New Business: Francynne Maynard reported there is a speaker for the May meeting, Dr. Mac McLain from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. He will address the current economy and job-seeking and will target our area of Texas specifically. Francynne had been asked about the possibility of offering an honorarium for Dr. McLain and for speakers in the future. The membership voted to give Dr. McLain a \$50 gift card as a token of appreciation; future gifts or honorariums will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, with no amendment to the Bylaws at this time.

Committee Breakout Sessions: overview worksheets were provided for breakout sessions so committees can record their discussions for use in the minutes. Committee notes below are taken from those worksheets:

Professional Development:

Patsy is going to do the community building exercise next month. They have a speaker scheduled for May. They are going to research speakers for August and December

Employer Relations:

The Employer Relations group is going to be a vehicle of information for employers and provide them information such as NACE reports; MAC3 could serve as a speakers bureau, etc.; suggested reaching out to Non-Profits for employer site visits and meetings. One of the members of the group is on the Board of the Urban League and she is going to try to set up a MAC3 meeting there for one of our employer visits. Budget: request \$50 for refreshments if the employer host is unable to provide refreshments.

Membership:

Membership came up with some great recommendations: consider discounting the price of membership to schools that have not been members for a while; have Mac3 participate in LinkedIn as a consortium (the committee is willing to assist us with that by doing a professional development activity for us.); and start a mentorship program for members who are new to the MAC3.

Website Committee:

The website committee let us view the website and it looks GREAT! They said that maybe we can have the linked in site on there. The site should be live by the next MAC3 meeting date.

Announcements:

Barbara Peet will consider having UTA host the August MAC3 meeting

Patsy Caropresi reported on having been contacted by a company called Job Vue who offers no-fee webcam/video interviews, and wanted to know if any of us had heard of the company. She searched for job several different ways on the site and only came up with the same two each time, which appeared to be ads for jobs in Afghanistan.

Jessica Cates mentioned that New Western Acquisition appeared to be a reputable company. They had come to the UTA job fair and were offering “commission only” as well as “salary+” jobs related.

Darrell Whitsell referred us to www.criminalbackgroundjobhelp.com as a resource.

MAC3 congratulated both Karla Landours and Debbie Villagomez who both had baby boys this semester; MAC3 had sent them both cards and Target gift card.

Cheri Butler from UTA has been elected President-elect of the NCDA and will begin her term in July this year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm and Nakoya Moss took members on a tour of the UTD Career Center.

Best Practices:

April – Collin College – Spring Creek; Northwood University; TCU

May – Eastfield College; Paul Quinn College; TCU Graduate Career Services Center

August – Brookhaven College; SMU; Texas Wesleyan University

September – El Centro; Southwestern Assemblies of God; Texas Woman’s University

October – Mountain View; Tarleton State; UNT

November – North Lake College; TCC NE; UTA

December – Richland College; TCC NW; UTD

Upcoming Meetings:

April 1, 2009 – Employer tour/visit to Southwest Airlines Headquarters and business meeting— because of security, for this employer visit members must RSVP to Janie Shipman at jane.shipman@utdallas.edu no later than March that 12:00 Noon on Wednesday March 25

May 6, 2009 – Business meeting: **Eastfield College**, new Learning Center building in room LC 101-102

No meetings in June and July