"Building Higher Education on the U.S.-Mexico Border"
Binational Higher Education Meeting/Border Region Higher Education Collaborative
University of Texas at El Paso
Work session 10:00 a.m. at the Centennial Museum
Working Lunch at 12:00 p.m. at the Glass Gallery
April 26 10:00 am to 1:30 p.m.

Agenda

A. Intro to Project/Objectives

With funding from the Coca Cola Foundation, UTEP has launched a two-year program to create a Border Region Higher Education Collaborative. Its goal is to promote joint educational activities among universities in the El Paso/Cd. Juárez/Cd. Chihuahua area that bring together students and faculty from higher education institutions in El Paso and the state of Chihuahua on a sustained basis. The unique situation of this region provides a special opportunity for universities to build international experiences in a local environment and to produce graduates with distinctive binational training and perspectives. The exchanges and joint programs that this initiative would stimulate will build on a base of economic, social and family ties that crisscross the border. The program will create cohorts of bilingual college-educated citizens and professionals in both the United States and Mexico who have the understanding and commitment to nurture the critical but extremely complex political and economic relationship between these two neighbors.

Main Elements
1. Border Regional Higher Education Council
2. Student Exchange and Activities (Encuentro)
3. Faculty Exchanges
4. Research Collaboration

B. Background/Foundations

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C. Challenges

**Institutional:**
- Credit transfers/acceptance
- Admission Process
- Tuition
- Faculty Exchange
- Communication
- Synchronization of Academic Calendars
- Research Funding
- Grading System
- Information and Catalog
- Disciplinary Workgroups

**External:**
- Visa
- Travel

D. Project Calendar

1. General
2. Immediate Priorities and Goals
   - Expedite/ Simplify Exchange Student Registration Process
   - UTEP/ UACJ Transfer Course Guide
   - Exchange Student Quick Guide
   - Database of Collaborative Activities

E. Next meeting Date
September 20- 24, 2004