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Dr. Stephen Sears stated to all members of the A. R. Sanchez School of Business, that during his tenure as dean of the School, he expects all to participate in self-governance.

In addition to standing committees, work is being done by members of the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) strategic plan audit. Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) reporting period alternating with the other system schools, and this year happens to be the review year for TAMIU. TAMIU’s strategic plan for 2011-2015 encompasses all of the University’s academic and administrative entities and integrates all objectives and strategies under one plan.

The TCBEED staff are currently assigned to one of eight task forces which are distinct in nature. The task forces range in topic from students; faculty and staff; resources; human, financial and physical resources; and others. The task forces are organized to work together to provide a comprehensive analysis of each area they are considering. As Timm says, “These task forces demand accurate and up-to-date information as they compile their analysis, as well as, insights from area experts as they shared their views and opinions about the economic downturn and the two year recession, as well as, insights into the future.”

Mr. Jesus Cañas stated, “In 2010, weak growth is expected in Mexico, GDP (gross domestic product) should be around 3.5 percent, and just through inertia, Mexico’s economy must work to grow, and there the 10 percent increase in maquiladora output.”

The TCBEED will receive a DVD copy of the presentation. Contact us if you are interested in a copy.
Laredo Hosts 1st City of Laredo-CAFTA Business Roundtable

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