

Profile of Dr. Stephen B. Kinslow

Dr. Stephen B. Kinslow was appointed President/CEO in June, 2005, and previously served ACC in the roles of Interim President; Executive Vice President of Academic, Student & Campus Affairs; Vice President of School Relations; Provost; Dean; and Associate Dean. He joined ACC in 1977. Dr. Kinslow has over 37 years experience in community college administration, in the areas of academic, student, and business affairs. He has also taught as an adjunct instructor of English and Human Development.

Prior to ACC, he worked for the Dallas County Community College District (El Centro College) and was a public school teacher in Big Spring, Texas.

He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master's Degree from Southern Methodist University, and a B.A. from the University of Texas at Arlington.

A tireless proponent of accessible, affordable higher education and training, Dr. Kinslow is proud of the diverse and unique role the community college plays in transforming lives and communities.

Dr. Kinslow was named a distinguished graduate of the UT Austin College of Education in 2004 and received the NISOD International Leadership Award in 2008.

He serves on the Board of Directors of the Austin and Round Rock Chambers of Commerce, the Board of Leadership Round Rock (having served as Chair three times), the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, the ACC Center for Public Policy and Political Studies, the Board of the E³ Alliance, and as Vice Chair of the Texas Campus Compact. He previously was a Board Member of Skillpoint Alliance and Austin Partners in Education. Dr. Kinslow is a graduate of Leadership Austin and participates in a variety of community activities throughout Central Texas.

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Position on Service Areas

1. The designation of Service Areas for community colleges is an important parameter for ensuring efficient and cost-effective delivery of higher education programs and services. It also provides consistency and deeper levels of partnerships among the community college, local independent school districts, local four-year colleges and universities, local business and industry, and local Chambers and community-based organizations who are addressing important *Closing the Gaps* strategies in the State of Texas.
2. There is ample flexibility and logical processes in current Service Area legislation to allow requests for Service Area changes to be considered in a thoughtful manner, and to allow shared instruction between other community colleges and TSTC where one institution can meet a local need that perhaps the area community college cannot.

What Typically Prompts Requests for Service Area Changes?

- A community may develop a stronger identity to another community college (perhaps from geographic proximity or the “menu” of programs and services)
- The cost of tuition may generate an interest in exploring other colleges’ tuition structure
(in the case of ACC, there is little difference in the out-of-district tuition rates between ACC, Temple College, and Central Texas College).

History of ACC Service Area Changes

- 2003 (77th Session) Changes to Service Areas of Austin Community College District and Central Texas College District (CTC):

Marble Falls requested to be reassigned from ACC to CTC; both colleges supported.

Hutto requested to be reassigned to Temple College; both colleges supported

- 2005 (79th Session) Changes to the Service Areas of Austin Community College District and Alamo Community College District:

Nixon-Smiley ISD requested to be assigned to ACC Service Area and the two colleges concurred.

- 2007 (80th Session) Changes to ACC Service Area and Blinn College Service Area:

Added to ACC District the part of Elgin ISD in Lee County and the part of Smithville ISD in Fayette County, with all of Bastrop County except the Lexington ISD retained in ACC Service Area (HB3236).

Recent Service Area Contacts

- Several business leaders in Hutto expressed interest in re-joining the ACC Service Area.
- An individual contacted ACC to express interest in New Braunfels being part of ACC Service Area.

In both cases, ACC explained the Service Area process and protocols, encouraged the individuals to contact their local community college president to discuss their interests, and contacted the CEOs of those two institutions to ensure that they knew we had not solicited nor encouraged any effort for reassignments to the Service Areas of our three institutions.