

From the Executive Director....

We are in the middle of planning two important gatherings. The first gathering we have planned is an **Internship Summit** of the eighteen doctoral fellows from Arizona State University and New Mexico State University. The summit will take place November 3, 4, and 5 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The purpose of the internship summit is threefold:

1. To have the nine fellows who participated in the internship experience last summer provide an analytical perspective on it.
2. To consider restructuring the internship experience and sites for Summer 2000.
3. To help the nine fellows who will be interning this summer identify their internship experience for Summer 2000.

Two field supervisors will help to strengthen and examine the internship experience. The internship summit meeting will also incorporate an international component. That is, fellows will go over the Mexican border and engage with education officials in Ciudad Juarez.

Also being planned is the **HBLI Annual Meeting**. The Coordinating Council, the National Advisory Panel members, the thirty doctoral fellows, campus directors, and central staff will meet in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on December 2, 3, and 4. The program focus promises to be informative and stimulating, that is, "Policy Leadership: Multiple Voices in the Shaping of Policy." Please see the reverse side for details on the program.

HBLI recently submitted a planning proposal to the Kellogg Foundation seeking ENLACE funds. Our proposal will allow HBLI to expand

and include community based organizations, K-12 school districts, and business partners. Through study teams led by HBLI doctoral fellows, the current "pipeline" policies in the four border states will be examined. We will then recommend policy changes to Hispanic legislators, school board members, and community college trustees and work with them to increase the graduation of Latino students from K-12 and higher education institutions.

Lastly, a number of our doctoral fellows will be participating on programs at international, national, and state meetings. In our November issue of our newsletter, *Adelante*, we will highlight who they are and where they will be presenting. Of course, we will share information about the Internship Summit and HBLI annual meeting as well.

Until next time,
Saludos,

Leonard A. Valverde

NEWS AT SWTSU

Dr. **Jaime Chahin** is currently working on an article based on his recent work with databases of school board members. He has formed a database of Hispanic school board members which is used for recruiting members for the annual HBLI School Board Leadership Seminar. This database of nearly a thousand names is formed from other school board databases from the five states the consortium covers (CA, AZ, NM, TX, and CO). The article addresses issues of governance and leadership in the next millenium for Latinos in public education, higher education, and at community colleges.

**POLICY LEADERSHIP:
MULTIPLE VOICES IN THE SHAPING OF POLICY**

HBLI Annual Meeting

December 3, 1999

Santa Fe, New Mexico

9:00–10:30 am **Voices of Policy Makers** (Elected Officials)

In light of the wide variety of competing information from journalists, advocacy groups, think tanks, unions, political parties, associations, and bureaucracies, in what ways do you find social science research a useful source for policy decision making?

James Taylor, New Mexico State Representative (tentative)

Richard Polanco, California Assemblyman (tentative)

Moderator: HBLI Doctoral Fellow – UCR, **Elizabeth Gutierrez**

(The format for all four sessions will be 30 minutes each and 30 minutes for questions and answers.)

10:45–12:15 **Voices of Policy Analysis** (Professional Associations, Centers)

What defines “good policy analysis,” given that in the governmental process, in developing alternatives for decision makers, a policy analyst must compete with “non-scientific” yet credible information as well as social science knowledge?

Dr. **Maria “Cuca” Robledo Montecel**, Executive Director, Intercultural Development Research Association

Moderator: HBLI Doctoral Fellow – NMSU, **Ed Arellano**

1:30–3:00 pm **Voices of Policy Managers** (CEOs)

A) In what ways do we need to look at policy as a “target of organizational action and change”?

B) What are the challenges experienced in orchestrating the use of educational policy to guide educational reform for the 21st Century?

Ray Cortinas, Former Chancellor, New York Public Schools

Eddie Hernandez, Chancellor, Rancho Santiago Community College District

Moderator: HBLI Fellow – ASU, **Carlos Nevarez**

3:15–4:45 **Voice of Policy Researchers**

Given that scholars, respecting scientific method and professional norms, refuse to draw policy implications from their work, how do they need to assure that others, who are not so restricted, do not draw from their scholarship and use it out of context inappropriately or ignore the research altogether? What is being done to translate “policy research” into recommendations for policy decisions?

Professor **A. Rey Contreras**, San Francisco State University

Professor **Douglas Mitchell**, University of California, Riverside

Moderator: HBLI Fellow – UTPA

6:00 Reception with local dignitaries

7:00 Dinner

Speaker: **Voices from Congress**

Congressman Ruben Hinojosa

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