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"Meeting the Test:
Responding to the Big
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Welcome to the 63rd Annual Meeting of ACAD!

The joint meeting between AAC&U and ACAD is a time each year in which we look forward to seeing each other, sharing our

ideas and challenges as leaders in liberal education. It is also an opportunity to network and meet new colleagues joining us for the first time. Our program theme, "Meeting the Test: Responding to the Big Questions" complements this year's AAC&U theme. ACAD sponsored sessions will focus on the dean's role initiating, clarifying and implementing responses to the real tests faced by colleges and universities across the country. The Case Study Open Discussion session on Friday afternoon will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss the often thorny issues that deans face on their campuses. Our sessions are open to all conference attendees and we welcome your participation.

We are particularly pleased to

welcome as our luncheon speaker on Friday, January 19, Dr. Scott S. Cowen, President of Tulane University. President Cowen will speak about Tulane's recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the Renewal Plan that focuses on the university's academic mission in the post-Katrina era.

On behalf of the members of the ACAD Board I invite you to join us at our reception on Friday afternoon co-sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa. The location is printed in the conference program.

Enjoy the conference!

Ginny Coombs, Chair

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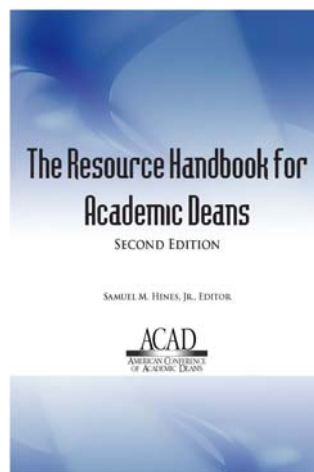
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SCOTT S. COWEN, PRESIDENT, TULANE UNIVERSITY, KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ACAD LUNCHEON

Scott S. Cowen is Tulane University's 14th President. He also holds joint appointments as the Seymour S. Goodman Memorial Professor of Business in Tulane's A.B. Freeman School of Business and Professor of Economics in its School of Liberal Arts. In August of 2005, Hurricane Katrina flooded two-thirds of Tulane's campus. Despite incurring more than \$400 million in damage, Tulane was repaired and 87% of its students returned for classes in January of 2006. In order to ensure the university's financial stability and secure its continuation as one of the nation's leading univer-

sities, President Cowen implemented a Renewal Plan representing the most sweeping reorganization of an American university in more than a century. Tulane University is also the largest employer in New Orleans. It took the lead in re-opening the city's first post-Katrina public school and has helped other New Orleans higher education institutions recover. Prior to coming to Tulane in 1998, Scott Cowen was a member of the faculty at Case Western Reserve University for 23 years Dean and Albert J. Weatherhead III Professor of Management.



ACAD Addresses Minority Faculty Retention Issue

Last October ACAD addressed another important academic challenge when they presented "Hiring and Retaining Faculty of Color"—a pre-conference workshop at the AAC&U Network for Academic Renewal **Diversity and Learning: A Defining Moment** conference. Focusing on the benefits of racially and ethnically diverse faculty and the key issues involved in hiring and retaining them, this session was attended by over 35 academic leaders from across the country. Participants discussed case studies, shared successful endeavors and left the session with the knowledge and the tools to devise and implement initiatives at their own colleges and universities.

Look for our upcoming workshop "Leadership for Change and Curriculum Development" which will be held in conjunction with the AAC&U General Education and Assessment Network for Academic Renewal Conference: **Engaging Critical Questions, Fostering Critical Learning** held in Miami, FL, March, 1-3 2007. Please visit www.aacu.org for more information and to register for the workshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

•MARCH 1, 2007:

ACAD Pre-Conference Workshop at the AAC&U General Education and Assessment Network for Academic Renewal Conference (March 1-3, 2007 Miami, Florida) Leadership for Change and Curriculum Development with presenters **Geoffrey W. Chase**, Dean, Division of Undergraduate Studies, San Diego State University and **Karen Pugliesi**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, Northern Arizona University. Visit www.aacu.org to register and for more information.

•OCTOBER 25-27, 2007:

ACAD/PBK Joint Conference, Washington, DC.

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•JANUARY 23-26, 2008:

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