



January 2025 ACS Board Retreat – DRAFT AGENDA
 January 7-8, 2025
 Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

Hotel & Registration

Register for the event [here](#)
 Accommodations available at the [Omni La Mansion Del Rio](#), 112 College St, San Antonio, TX 78205
[Use this link](#) to reserve a room under the ACS rate by December 10th

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Campus Information: pending

Wireless Information: pending

Complementary Shuttle Information:

Shuttle transportation will be available from the CIC JW Marriott to the Omni, from the Omni to campus, and from campus to the airport. Golf carts will also be available should guests need assistance on campus.

Retreat Objectives:

1. Share and discuss opportunities to enhance ACS’s value and impact to members and the field
2. Cultivate strategic discussion of emerging and future challenges facing ACS member institutions

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Time	Session Details	Location
Tuesday, January 7th		
4:00 PM	Shuttle transportation from CIC Marriott to Omni La Mansion del Rio (~30 minutes/22 miles)	Pickup at JW Marriott main guest entrance
6:00-7:30 PM	Welcome Reception (Heavy Hors D’oeuvres)	President’s Residence 150 Oakmont
Wednesday, January 8th		
7:15 AM	Shuttle from Omni to campus (~15 min/3 miles)	Pickup at Omni main guest entrance
7:30 AM	Breakfast Available	Board Room

8:30 AM	Welcome & ACS Business Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of June 2024 board minutes • Report from executive committee on audit • Update from Anna on ACS goals & priorities 	Board Room
9:45 AM	Campus Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's going well? • What's challenging? • What do you hope to learn from your peers? 	Board Room
10:45 AM	Break	Board Room
11:00 AM	2024 Election & Implications for Private Higher Ed (Presentation & Discussion) Dr. Barbara Mistick , President, NAICU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What policy considerations should ACS anticipate under the new administration? • What opportunities for collective engagement or influence can we leverage? • What have we learned about student engagement, activism, and campus administration in this political era? 	
12:00 PM	Lunch (<i>5 min walk from Board Room</i>)	Great Hall
1:00 PM	AI & Humanistic Inquiry in Residential Liberal Arts Colleges (Presentation & Discussion) Dr. Lauren Tilton (via Zoom), Professor of Digital Humanities, Director of the Center for Liberal Arts and AI at the University of Richmond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are ACS institutions leveraging AI? • What practical & policy challenges are institutions encountering? • How can ACS institutions collaborate to advance AI as a learning and teaching tool? 	Dicke Hall
2:00 PM	Break	
2:15 PM	Breakout Group Discussions Presidents spend 20 min. discussing a topic of their choice in small groups of ~5, followed by 20 min. full group discussion on themes from each topic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Equity & inclusion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How are you navigating DEI priorities within the surrounding political climate? • <i>Student success & retention</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How are you building your data's capacity to inform proactive outreach? • <i>New business models</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What new or expanded opportunities are you exploring to generate revenue? 	Dicke Hall
3:30 PM	Adjourn	