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1. **U. T. San Antonio: Overview of an institution**

REPORT

President Romo will provide an overview of the transformational activities at U. T. San Antonio.

2. **U. T. Pan American: Authorization to purchase approximately 1.241 acres and improvements located at 2406 West University Drive, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, from Rio Bank, a Texas state banking corporation, at a purchase price not to exceed fair market value as determined by independent appraisals for use as administrative offices or other purposes related to the institution's mission**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and President Nelsen that authorization be granted by the U. T. System Board of Regents, on behalf of U. T. Pan American, to:

- a. purchase approximately 1.241 acres and improvements located at 2406 West University Drive, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, from Rio Bank, a Texas state banking corporation, at a purchase price not to exceed fair market value as determined by independent appraisals, plus all due diligence expenses, closing costs, and other costs and expenses to complete the acquisition as deemed necessary or advisable by the Executive Director of Real Estate, for use as administrative offices or other purposes related to the institution's mission; and
- b. authorize the Executive Director of Real Estate to execute all documents, instruments, and other agreements, and to take all further actions deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing recommendation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Pan American desires to purchase the subject property and improvements located at 2406 West University Drive, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property includes a commercial office building with approximately 6,800 square feet of space on the first floor and 2,000 square feet of space in a mezzanine, a detached building with approximately 2,050 square feet of unfinished climate controlled storage space, and surface parking accommodating 59 vehicles. The improvements were built in 2002.

This property is approximately one-half mile west of the campus and is directly linked to the campus by West University Drive, the major commercial street in and out of the campus. There are few other office buildings close to U. T. Pan American's campus with adequate parking. The building is a single-tenant office building and is now vacant. The parties have negotiated a purchase price of \$1,000,000 (\$92.17 per square foot of building area).

Current strategic planning efforts have identified a space deficit of over 450,000 square feet on U. T. Pan American's campus. With a large space deficit and thus no adequate surge space, undertaking future projects to replace or renovate existing buildings on campus can only be done with great difficulty. This building will provide office space for administrative staff and other uses, and will free space on campus for academic uses.

U. T. Pan American will use Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF) allocations for the purchase. A transaction summary and map showing the location of the subject property follow.

Transaction Summary

Institution:	U. T. Pan American
Type of Transaction:	Purchase
Total Area:	Approximately 1.241 acres
Improvements:	Commercial office building with approximately 6,800 square feet of space on the first floor and 2,000 square feet of space in a mezzanine, a detached building with approximately 2,050 square feet of unfinished climate controlled storage space, and surface parking accommodating 59 vehicles; the improvements were built in 2002
Location:	2406 West University Drive, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas; see map on following page
Sellers:	Rio Bank, a Texas state banking corporation
Purchase Price:	\$1,000,000 (\$92.17 per square foot of building area)
Appraised Value:	\$1,000,000 (Joe Patterson, MAI, Aguirre & Patterson, Inc., November 18, 2011); Appraisal by John Malcom, Jr., MAI, Professional Appraisal Services, Inc., pending and expected on or about February 3, 2012
Source of Funds:	HEAF allocations
Intended Use:	Administrative offices or other purposes related to the institution's mission



3. **U. T. El Paso: Honorific naming of the Academic Services Building as the Mike Loya Academic Services Building**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Natalicio that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the honorific naming of the Academic Services Building at U. T. El Paso as the Mike Loya Academic Services Building to recognize the significant contributions of Mr. Loya to U. T. El Paso.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Academic Services Building, located at 601 West Schuster Avenue, is a two-story building that houses 14 key student services departments, including the Offices of Financial Aid, Registrar and Records, Scholarships, the Graduate School, and the Veterans Affairs Office. The building, completed in 2004, includes 52,604 square feet with a replacement value of \$13.9 million.

Mr. Miguel "Mike" A. Loya is president of Vitol, Inc. in Houston, the North and South American arm of the Vitol Group. Vitol, Inc. is one of the world's largest trading companies of commodities, primarily oil and energy. Mr. Loya has been with Vitol since 1992 where he worked in the company's London office until 1999, when he was brought back to Houston to head operations for North and South America. He is the oldest of five children, graduating from El Paso's Burges High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from U. T. El Paso in 1977, and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard in 1979.

Mr. Loya has contributed \$5 million and has committed an additional \$5 million to U. T. El Paso to support scholarships, a distinguished Chair in Engineering, an Innovation Fund to support the Colleges of Engineering and Business Administration, and support for the Graduate Fellows Program in Engineering. In 2004, Mr. Loya received the College of Engineering's Gold Nugget Award and was recognized in 2010 with U. T. El Paso's Distinguished Alumnus award, the highest honor the University bestows on its alumni.

The proposed naming is consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80307, relating to the honorific naming of facilities. This honorific naming request is made to recognize Mr. Loya's exceptional achievements and contributions to his profession, community, and the University.

4. **U. T. San Antonio: Approval of changes to the Undergraduate Admissions Policy**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and President Romo that the Board of Regents approve changes to U. T. San Antonio's admission criteria as shown in congressional style on the following pages.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. San Antonio proposes changes to the admission requirements for First-Time Freshman and Transfer applicants for admission. U. T. San Antonio will continue to participate in the U. T. System Enrollment Management Workgroup that supports institutions in their efforts to reach targets for the size and composition of the student body. Effective enrollment management will enable U. T. San Antonio to manage growth by taking into account financial, physical, and human (faculty, student, and staff) resources and constraints.

The proposed changes are to be included in the Information Catalog of U. T. San Antonio. The changes have been administratively approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and are recommended for approval by the U. T. System Board of Regents.

CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS CRITERIA**Proposed Changes to First-Time Freshman Admissions Criteria**

The following table shows the minimum total scores required where applicable, based on high school rank-in-class and on either the SAT Reasoning Test of the College Board or the ACT Assessment. *

High School Rank in Class	Minimum Combined SAT Scores of (Math and Critical Reading)	Minimum Total Composite ACT Score
Top 25%	Guaranteed Admission <u>(GA)</u>	Guaranteed Admission <u>(GA)</u>
Second 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SAT > 960** 1100: GA</u> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 900</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ACT > 20** 24:GA</u> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 19</u>
Third 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 1000</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 21</u>
Fourth 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 1000</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 24</u>
Non-Ranking Programs: GED, Unaccredited High School, Home Schooled, Non-Ranking High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 1100</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 24</u>
<u>Non-Ranking Accredited High School</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SAT > 1100: GA</u> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 900</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ACT > 24:GA</u> • <u>Individual Review Recommended Min. = 19</u>

* Minimum completion of the Texas Recommended Curriculum (or its documented equivalent), or satisfaction of ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment, or earning on the SAT assessment a combined score of at least 1,500 on the Math, Critical Reading, and Writing sections is a requirement for all first-time freshman admissions.

Texas resident students who are in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class at an accredited high school are admitted without minimum score requirements on the ACT or SAT, but their scores must be submitted to U. T. San Antonio.

CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

Meeting the above Recommended Minimums does not guarantee admission. Students who are granted admission to the university are not guaranteed admission to a specific academic program.

~~**Applicants from non-ranking programs, those ranked in the third and fourth high school quartile, and from those not meeting second quartile criteria will be considered by way of individual review.~~

Proposed Changes to Transfer Admissions Criteria

Transfer Students

Students should apply for admission as transfer students if they have previously completed any credit courses at the college level after high school graduation, with the exception of those who attend college during the summer immediately after high school graduation (first-time freshmen). Applicants may be attending another regionally accredited college or university and may have coursework in progress at the time of their application to UTSA.

Applicants for admission as transfer students must have at least a “C” ~~2.0~~ 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale) admission grade point average. ***When calculating the grade point average to determine eligibility for admission for transfer students, all transferable college-level courses are used in the calculation (grades are not replaced).***

For applicants with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.5, it is possible that an admissions decision will be delayed until receipt of grades from the semester. When transfer students have met all of the admission requirements listed in this bulletin, they will be granted admission.

Application Procedures

An ApplyTexas Application, nonrefundable application fee, and official college transcripts from each institution from which college-level work was ever attempted must be received by the appropriate application deadline. The transcripts are to be requested and sent officially from the colleges from which the college work was attempted/earned. For Freshmen Transfers, a final high school transcript and an official copy of the SAT or ACT score must also be provided to the Office of Undergraduate Admission by the appropriate deadline.

Admission is conditional for students who are admitted with Work in Progress from another institution. An official transcript reflecting the work-in-progress and any subsequent work must be submitted upon completion of the work. Financial aid can be

CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

applied toward tuition and fees upon submission of the complete college transcript(s) indicating all college coursework attempted. Registration for future semesters is also contingent upon receipt of the college transcript(s).

With Fewer Than 30 Semester Credit Hours

Applicants for admission who have earned fewer than 30 semester credit hours at the time of application from accredited colleges or universities must:

- meet the same rank in class (or CED) and SAT/ACT guaranteed admission requirements as for first-time freshmen;
- have a minimum "C" (~~2.0~~ 2.25) (on a 4.0 scale) admission grade point average on college coursework attempted;
- ~~not be ineligible to return to the most recently attended institution for academic reasons. Transcripts or additional documentation may be required to demonstrate that this requirement has been met; and~~
- ~~not be ineligible to return to the most recently attended institution for disciplinary reasons. By applying to UTSA, applicants affirm that they meet this requirement.~~
- be eligible to return to their most recently attended institution.

With 30 or More Semester Credit Hours

Applicants for admission to UTSA who have earned 30 or more semester credit hours at the time of application from accredited colleges or universities must:

- have a minimum "C" (~~2.0~~ 2.25) (on a 4.0 scale) admission grade point average on college coursework attempted;
- ~~not be ineligible to return to the most recently attended institution for academic reasons. Transcripts or additional documentation may be required to demonstrate that this requirement has been met; and~~
- ~~not be ineligible to return to the most recently attended institution for disciplinary reasons. By applying to UTSA, applicants affirm that they meet this requirement.~~
- be eligible to return to their most recently attended institution.