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1. **U. T. Dallas: Creation of advisory councils for the Office of International Education, the Institute of Public Affairs, and the Institute for Urban Policy Research (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Rule 60302, relating to advisory councils)**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor ad interim concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Daniel that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the creation and operation of the Office of International Education Advisory Council, the Institute of Public Affairs Advisory Council, and the Institute for Urban Policy Research Advisory Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Office of International Education Advisory Council will focus on providing leadership and advising to strengthen and enrich the development and execution of the existing Office of International Education agenda, including ensuring safety and health issues and reviewing and approving faculty-led program proposals to study abroad. The Council will provide the U. T. Dallas community with the leadership to execute an international agenda that responds to the core values of the U. T. System and U. T. Dallas in a multi-cultural and interdisciplinary academic environment. The creation of this Council will enhance the scope of the U. T. Dallas international agenda, including the university's collaboration with more than 51 higher education institutions around the world.

The Institute of Public Affairs Advisory Council will assist the proposed Institute of Public Affairs staff in establishing Institute goals and in evaluating its success against established parameters. Council members from public and nonprofit organizations that are representative of the Institute's expected clients will provide a valuable perspective on the array of training and consulting services to be provided by the Institute of Public Affairs. Other Council members participating from similar institutes will provide guidance on how to develop and to execute the overall strategy. The Institute of Public Affairs will serve as an outreach arm for U. T. Dallas to local, State, and federal governments, nonprofit organizations, and businesses that routinely deal with public sector organizations. The primary objective of the Institute will be to develop training, consulting, and research projects that Institute staff, Public Affairs program faculty, and graduate students can deliver.

The Institute for Urban Policy Research Advisory Council will work with the Institute director and University president to establish long-term direction for the existing Institute for Urban Policy Research. The Council will be composed of leaders from Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex businesses, academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and neighborhoods. From their various perspectives, Council members will be responsible

for ensuring that the research and engagement direction of the Institute will best meet the policy issues local residents and businesses face now and into the future. The Council will also provide advice regarding strategic development and growth of the Institute. This new entity will bring the sharpest minds from the academy, including fields in the sciences, arts, and humanities to meet the most pressing problems of local urban centers by using a model of community empowerment that ensures a transfer of knowledge and skill to the citizens living in the neighborhoods and regions the Institute studies.

Proposed approval of these advisory councils is pursuant to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 60302, relating to advisory councils of an institution.

2. **U. T. Austin: Request to approve the honorific naming of the new Experimental Science Building as the Norman Hackerman Building**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor ad interim concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Powers that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the honorific naming of the new Experimental Science Building as the Norman Hackerman Building to recognize Dr. Hackerman's significant legacy of service to U. T. Austin.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The new Experimental Science Building will be built on the site of the recently demolished original structure from 1950 located at 100 East 24th Street. This project was approved by the Board of Regents on February 7, 2008, with an expected completion date of 2010/2011.

Dr. Norman Hackerman (1912 - 2007) had a long and highly-esteemed professional life, a substantial portion of which was spent in service to U. T. Austin. He joined the U. T. Austin faculty in 1945 as a professor of chemistry and served as Chairman of the Chemistry Department from 1952 to 1962. He was later appointed as U. T. Austin's Vice President and Provost, as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at U. T. System, and subsequently as President of U. T. Austin. In 1970, he was appointed President of Rice University where, for over 15 years, he is credited with transforming that institution. Dr. Hackerman was inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame for Science, Mathematics, and Technology, and received numerous prestigious awards including the National Medal of Science. He wrote or co-wrote over 200 publications and was a three-term chair of the National Science Board. Dr. Hackerman was a scientist, educator, administrator, editor, and national leader in technology. His achievements have brought great distinction to U. T. Austin.

The proposed naming is consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80307, relating to the honorific naming of facilities, because of the significant history of leadership demonstrated by Dr. Norman Hackerman.

3. U. T. Austin: Update regarding the School of Undergraduate Studies

REPORT

The creation of a new central administrative entity to oversee undergraduate education and to advise undeclared students at U. T. Austin has been recommended by a number of university committees, including the Doluisio Committee on Undergraduate Education (1989), the Bean Committee on the Undergraduate Experience (1991), and the Task Force on Curricular Reform (2005). To that end, a Dean of Undergraduate Studies was appointed in Fall 2006 to oversee undergraduate education at U. T. Austin, with a mandate to design and implement undergraduate curriculum reform. As of May 2008, the School of Undergraduate Studies was created to develop and maintain a solid core curriculum for all undergraduate majors at U. T. Austin and to bring together and sponsor numerous existing undergraduate programs that did not have central leadership.

In Fall 2009, the School will accept its first cohort of first-year students. The School will manage the core curriculum and will be the initial home for students who choose not to select another college or school before the beginning of the first year and for those who are admitted to U. T. Austin but not into the majors they have chosen. Additionally, the School will develop a new central advising center, the Center for Strategic Advising, which will work closely with other advising units across campus to offer special advising resources that will help new students explore potential majors before making a selection. The Center will also support continuing students who are considering a change of major. This Center will also collaborate with the Bridging Disciplines Programs, Signature Courses, First-year Interest Groups, and the Office of Undergraduate Research to provide students with opportunities to explore their academic and career interests.

The School will operate under the policies related to student tuition and other matters as approved for the 2009-2010 academic year by the Board of Regents on March 26, 2008. Accordingly, tuition for students in the School of Undergraduate Studies will be at the flat rate of \$4,477 per semester.

4. **U. T. System: Report on Textbook Study Group recommendations**

REPORT

Dr. James Studer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, will report on the recommendations of the Textbook Study Group charged to review how to reduce textbook costs to students.

Supplemental Materials: Executive summary of report and recommendations of the Study Group on Pages 115 - 116 of Volume 2.

5. **U. T. Arlington: Report on potential natural gas production and plans for investing projected revenues**

REPORT

President Spaniolo will report on the opportunities for investing projected revenues afforded by potential natural gas production at U. T. Arlington. (See related contract on Page Docket - 8 with DFW Midstream for installation and operation of a natural gas transmission pipeline and natural gas compressor facility on the U. T. Arlington campus.)

Supplemental Materials: Natural Gas Production Report on Pages 117 - 129 of Volume 2.

6. **U. T. System: Discussions on academic leadership matters - the importance of research as part of the higher education enterprise**

PURPOSE

Executive Vice Chancellor Prior will lead a presidential discussion and engagement with the Regents on topics related to academic issues and opportunities including the importance of research as part of the higher education enterprise.