



**AGENDA
FOR MEETING
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS**

November 17-18, 2021
Austin, Texas

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

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approximately

RECESS 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 18, 2021

CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:00 a.m.

U. T. San Antonio: Consideration, discussion, and appropriate action regarding recommendation of Faculty Hearing Tribunal concerning termination of Bruce Smith, Ph.D., a tenured faculty member

RECONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM AND TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS 10:00 a.m.
approximately

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 - a. **U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, assignment, and duties of presidents (academic and health institutions including interim presidents); U. T. System Administration officers (Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors); other officers reporting directly to the Board (Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive); Board members; and U. T. System and institutional employees**
 - b. **U. T. Southwestern Medical Center: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed compensation for W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D., FACS, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost and Dean of U. T. Southwestern Medical School, and Professor, Department of Plastic Surgery (Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 20204, regarding compensation for highly compensated employees)**
 - c. **U. T. Southwestern Medical Center: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed compensation for John J. Warner, M.D., MBA, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs, and Professor, Department of Internal Medicine (Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 20204, regarding compensation for highly compensated employees)**
 - d. **U. T. Health Science Center - Houston: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed new hire and compensation for Danny Ramzy, M.D., Ph.D., FACC, FRCSC, FACS, Chief of the Division of Cardiac Surgery, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Department (Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 20204, regarding compensation for highly compensated employees)**
 - e. **U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed new hire and compensation for Omer Sultan, MHA, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 20204, regarding compensation for highly compensated employees)**
2. Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations – Section 551.073
 - a. **U. T. System Academic Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming features**
 - b. **U. T. System Health Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming features**
3. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers – Section 551.071
 - a. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion with Counsel on pending legal issues**
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- c. **U. T. San Antonio: Discussion and appropriate action concerning legal issues regarding acquisition of real property, personal property, and tangible and intangible assets from Southwest School of Art**
 - d. **U. T. Tyler: Discussion and appropriate action concerning legal issues regarding purchase of real property for future campus expansion, including a Medical Education Building, and finding of public purpose**
 - e. **U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Discussion and appropriate action concerning legal issues regarding entering into an extended strategic collaborative relationship with Harris Health System related to the expansion of cancer care services and other mission related issues and finding of public purpose**
4. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits - Sections 551.076 and 551.089
- U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding safety and security issues, including security audits and the deployment of security personnel and devices**
5. Deliberations Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Sale, or Value of Real Property – Section 551.072
- a. **U. T. San Antonio: Discussion and appropriate action regarding the purchase of improved real property totaling approximately 6.6 acres including 300 and 404 Augusta Street, 707, 801 and 811 North St. Mary’s Street, and 1123 and 1201 Navarro Street, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, including personal property including equipment, furnishings, curricula, gifts, endowments, trusts, and other financial assets and other tangible assets, and intangible assets including name, logos and other intellectual property, from Southwest School of Art, a Texas nonprofit corporation, for future campus expansion; and resolution regarding parity debt**
 - b. **U. T. Tyler: Discussion and appropriate action regarding (1) the purchase of an improved land assemblage for future campus expansion, including a Medical Education Building, consisting of approximately 5.37 acres bounded by South Beckham Avenue, East Lake Street, South Fleishel Avenue, Osler Drive and Hospital Drive in Tyler, Smith County, Texas, located at (a) 1034 East Lake Street, from The Lake Street Corporation; (b) 1025 Hospital Drive, from Stuart Irving Roosth, Ann Roosth Melamed, and Joseph Howard Roosth; and (c) 1000 Hospital Drive including surrounding property, from Tyler Regional Hospital, LLC, all for future campus expansion (2) the lease of 1034 East Lake Street to The Lake Street Corporation or its assignee for use by Alcoholics Anonymous; and (3) a finding of public purpose**
 - c. **U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Discussion and appropriate action regarding a ground lease with Harris Health System for the development of a clinical facility located on Harris Health’s Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital campus, 5656 Kelley Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and finding of public purpose**

RECONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

*12:00 p.m.
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*12:15 p.m.
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1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda and consideration of any item referred to the full Board**

RECOMMENDATION

The Board will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda beginning on [Page 113](#).

2. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed revision to Regents' Rules and Regulations, Rule 20203 (Compensation for Key Executives), Sections 2, 4, and 5, regarding executive compensation market review**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor and the General Counsel to the Board recommend that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve revised language for Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 20203 (Compensation for Key Executives), Sections 2, 4, and 5, as set forth below:

Sec. 2 Market Review. To align executive compensation with the relevant market, U. T. System Administration will the Office of the Board of Regents will oversee the conduct of a comprehensive survey and analysis to obtain current and reliable market data on total compensation of key executives in comparable positions at peer institutions. Market data will be adjusted using cost of living information related to respondent's geographic region. The survey will be conducted every three years. In non-survey years, the Office of the Board of Regents will obtain information concerning general changes in executive compensation in the marketplace, and the comprehensive survey will be adjusted accordingly.

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Sec. 4 Peer Institutions. Peer institutions or groups of institutions will be determined by the Chancellor after consultation with the presidents and based on factors including size, mission, budget, and program mix selected through an interactive, consultative process between the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellors, presidents, and the organization engaged to conduct the comprehensive survey. To the extent possible, the same institutions will be surveyed during each comprehensive survey. Peer institutions may be changed based on sound business decisions; such changes will be fully disclosed to the Board of Regents. The Executive Vice Chancellors will maintain the list of peer institutions. Factors to consider in selecting peer institutions include size, purpose, institutions used in assessing U. T. System performance and those from which U. T. System competes for key executives.

Sec. 5 Approval by Board of Regents. All proposed elements of compensation, including taxable and nontaxable items, will be presented to the Board of Regents for approval in advance of the annual budgeting process.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regents' Rule 20203 details a very specific and inflexible process to obtain market data, which allow the Board of Regents to compensate key executives at levels that are competitive in the marketplace, cost effective, and, to the extent possible, internally equitable. Currently, the rules require a comprehensive market survey be conducted by an external party every three years. The proposed revisions are intended to add flexibility, when needed, to allow the collection of market data in a manner determined the most efficient and cost-effective in a particular year, recognizing that the U. T. System Administration has the expertise required for this purpose. The proposed changes also include editorial changes to streamline the language of the Rule and clarify its intent.

The Chancellor will continue to ensure that comparable market information will be updated on a periodic basis, approximately every three years, and that current market information is available for reference before the commencement of any presidential search.

This revision does not impact the full-time equivalent (FTE) employee count Systemwide and could result in cost savings, depending on what methods are used for future market data collection and analysis. The proposed Rules change was reviewed by the institutional presidents and representatives of the Student Advisory Council, the Faculty Advisory Council, and the Employee Advisory Council.

3. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed amendment to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 31001 (Faculty Appointments and Titles)**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel that Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 31001 (Faculty Appointments and Titles), be amended as set forth in congressional style on the following pages.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In Spring 2021, the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) received a request from various U. T. institutions to add three honorific titles to Regents' Rule 31001, Faculty Appointments and Titles. The request prompted a full review of the Rule to ensure that its content reflected current practices and titles across the U. T. institutions. This effort included collaboration with provosts and other representatives from academic and health institutions, the Faculty Advisory Council, the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis, and the Office of General Counsel. After an initial data analysis on the frequency of use for faculty titles, OAA sought feedback and edits from various stakeholders and circulated changes to the institutions for final feedback.

Proposed substantive changes to the rule include the addition of three honorific titles: Distinguished Research Professor, Distinguished University Professor, and Distinguished Service Professor. Other proposed titles include Adjunct Instructor, Senior Clinical Instructor, and Distinguished Clinical Instructor. Other proposed changes are for clarity and reorganization.

The proposed revision does not impact the full-time equivalent (FTE) employee count and is budget-neutral. It was reviewed by the U. T. institutional presidents and representatives of the Student Advisory Council, the Faculty Advisory Council, and the Employee Advisory Council.

1. Title

Faculty Appointments and Titles

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Introduction. *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.943](#) outlines the steps Texas public institutions of higher education must follow in reappointing faculty. That statute specifies that faculty members as defined in Subsection 2.1 and 2.2 who are to be reappointed shall be offered a written contract at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the academic year. The statute also outlines the steps an institution ~~of the System~~ must take if it is unable to provide a written contract, commonly referred to as a Memorandum of Appointment, within the specified time frame. ~~It is important that t~~The content of such contracts must appropriately reflect the rights of the institution and the faculty. ~~The terms and conditions of employment of all faculty members shall be embodied in a Memorandum of Appointment in the form and containing the content specified in the standard contracts found on the web site of the U. T. System Administration's Office of General Counsel.~~

Sec. 2 Academic Titles. To achieve consistency in the use of academic titles among the institutions of the System, the following Subsections describe the use of titles to apply in all institutions.

2.1 Tenure Titles. The three titles Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor. These titles, and the titles listed in Subsection 2.3, with the exception of 2.3(g), are Except for the titles Regental Professor and Regents' Research Scholar, the only titles to be used in which faculty members may hold tenure or be on the tenure track. Tenured or tenure-track faculty members with one of these three titles may also simultaneously hold honorific titles as described in Subsection 2.3. The conferring of an honorific title does not change a faculty member's tenure or tenure-track status except as described in Subsection 2.3. are as follows:

~~(a) Professor~~

~~(b) Associate Professor~~

~~(c) Assistant Professor~~

2.2 Other NonTenure-Track Titles. The academic titles listed in this subsection may also be used by U. T. institutions. Tenure may not be awarded to an individual appointed to one of these titles.

Academic service with these titles, with the exception of the title of Instructor, does not allow for the accrual of time toward tenure.

Appointments shall terminate at the expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal, except for appointments to the title of Instructor. Instructor appointments may only be terminated in accordance with Regents' Rule 31008.

If an institution determines that it is to the benefit of the institution, it may offer reappointments to faculty holding these titles in accordance with *Texas Education Code* Section 51.943, except that an institution may not offer reappointments to individuals holding the titles Visiting Professor, Visiting Associate Professor, or Visiting Assistant Professor. Such reappointments may be renewed annually for one, two, or three years.

~~The following academic titles may also be used by the institutions of the U. T. System. Tenure may not be awarded to a person appointed to these titles. With the exception of the title of Instructor, academic service with these titles may not be counted toward the satisfaction of any maximum probationary period. Appointments to these titles shall be for a period of time not to exceed one academic year except in the case of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, or a clinical or research position with a title authorized by Section 2.2(g) below when an appointment may be for periods of time not to exceed three academic years. With the exception of the title of Instructor, such appointments shall terminate at the expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal. Except for the titles described in Sections 2.2(n) and 2.2(o), if an institution determines that it is to the benefit of the institution, it may offer reappointments to these titles in accordance with *Texas Education Code* Section 51.943 and may provide annual renewability of two- and three-year appointments.~~

- (a) Instructor. This title denotes a probationary teaching appointment and may allow for the accrual of time toward tenure.
- (b) Lecturer. This title may be used for individuals who will augment and complement regular teaching faculty. ~~serve as Teachers and whose teaching experience and qualifications are comparable to those of faculty members in untenured, tenure-track positions.~~ Upon approval by the president, an institution may identify up to three divisions within this rank to be designated Lecturer I, Lecturer II, and Lecturer III.

- (c) Senior Lecturer. This title may be used for individuals Teachers who will augment and complement regular teaching faculty and who demonstrate excellence in service and performance in their experience and qualifications ~~and whose teaching experience and qualifications are comparable to those in tenure positions.~~
- (d) Distinguished Senior Lecturer. This title may be used for individuals Teachers who will augment and complement regular teaching faculty and who demonstrate excellence in service and performance in their experience and qualifications. ~~se teaching experience and qualifications demonstrate extraordinary service and performance.~~
- (e) Faculty Associate. This title may be used for an individual who is participating in nonteaching clinical practices or may be applied to for an individual person assigned to a research or nonteaching center, institute, or other unit or interdisciplinary program of an institution.
- (f) Specialist. This title may be used for professional individuals who will serve as practitioners in specific areas of instruction, training, or supervision. In accordance with institutional policy, the title may carry appropriate descriptive prefixes ~~so as~~ to indicate the specific areas of proficiency, such as Practice Teaching Specialist, Physical Activity Specialist, or Social Work Field Training Specialist.
- (g) Professor of (title of specialty), Associate Professor of (title of specialty), Assistant Professor of (title of specialty), and Instructor of (title of specialty). ~~Patient Care or Research. These titles may be used for individuals Persons~~ appointed to full-time or part-time positions for the primary purpose of patient care and other service activities or to full-time or part-time positions for the primary purpose of research activities ~~shall be given one of the following titles~~, even though the individuals may be assigned teaching responsibilities.∴
- ~~(1) Professor of (title of specialty)~~
 - ~~(2) Associate Professor of (title of specialty)~~
 - ~~(3) Assistant Professor of (title of specialty)~~
 - ~~(4) Instructor in (title of specialty)~~

- (h) Visiting Professor, Visiting Associate Professor, and Visiting Assistant Professor. These titles are used only for temporary appointments of ~~individuals persons~~ either visiting from other institutions where they hold similar ranks or who are brought to the institution on a trial basis. Such appointments are limited to two years and are not renewable.
- (i) Adjunct Professor, Adjunct Associate Professor, ~~and~~ Adjunct Assistant Professor, and Adjunct Instructor. One of these titles may be used when a qualified ~~person individual~~ from business, industry, government, private practice, or another institution of higher education may be participating in teaching or, research, or clinical care ~~teaching a course or participating in the teaching of a course at a one of the U. T. institutions. For the health institutions, this prefix should be used only for those persons not involved in patient care who otherwise satisfy the above criteria.~~ Appointments to the faculty with an adjunct title may be with or without pay and shall be for a stated period of time not to exceed one academic year. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal.
- (j) Clinical Professor, Clinical Associate Professor, Clinical Assistant Professor, ~~and~~ Clinical Instructor, Senior Clinical Instructor, Distinguished Clinical Instructor. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate regular part-time or full-time service on the faculty while involved in research or a professional clinical experience program. Appointments to the faculty with a clinical title may be with or without pay and shall be for a period of time not to exceed three academic years. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal.
- (k) Adjoint Professor, Adjoint Associate Professor, and Adjoint Assistant Professor. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate faculty who serve the institution in cooperative or joint programs pursuant to a memorandum of understanding, cooperative research and development agreement, or similar partnership instrument. ~~Persons Individuals~~ holding these titles will be employees of and compensated by the partnership organization. They will not be deemed employees of the institution. They will, however, have the same obligations, responsibilities, and authority as regular faculty employed directly by the institution when performing faculty functions pursuant to the agreement. Appointments will

usually be part-time for the purpose of supervising theses and dissertations or for the teaching of highly specialized courses. The term of the appointment shall be specified in the agreement with the partner organization.

- (l) Professor of Practice, Associate Professor of Practice, and Assistant Professor of Practice. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate regular part-time or full-time service for faculty qualified to teach or conduct research by virtue of professional experience in lieu of typical academic credentials. Appointments to the faculty with these titles a Professor of Practice title may be with or without pay and shall be for a period of time not to exceed three academic years. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal.
- (m) Professor of Instruction, Associate Professor of Instruction, and Assistant Professor of Instruction. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate nontenure-track faculty primarily engaged in instruction. Appointments to the faculty with a Professor of Instruction title may be with or without pay and shall be for a period of time not to exceed three academic years. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal.

~~(n) Assistant Instructor or Graduate Teaching Associate. These titles may be used interchangeably for:~~

- ~~▪ -certain graduate students teaching on a part-time or full-time basis who are in the last phase of their doctoral programs and who are unconditionally enrolled in graduate study, or~~
- ~~▪ -persons who, because of the nature of their duties, such as in a laboratory or hospital, do not qualify for one of the usual academic titles and do not hold the academic training or professional distinction usually required for attaining tenured positions.~~

~~(o) Teaching Assistant. This title usually applies to graduate students who assist faculty and who are employed on a part-time basis.~~

2.3 Honoric Titles. Faculty members may hold multiple honorific titles at the same time.

(a) Regental Professor. Any faculty member who is awarded the Nobel Prize or who has in the past been awarded the Nobel Prize may, upon recommendation of the president of the institution, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor, be given the title Regental Professor by the Board. Because of the great honor associated with the award of a Nobel Prize, institutional tenure is awarded to Regental Professors by virtue of the appointment to this rank.

(b) Distinguished Teaching Professor. In recognition of their significant contributions to education, members of an institutional academy of distinguished teachers may use the honorific title Distinguished Teaching Professor. The use of this title may be conferred or removed only upon approval by the president of the institution or by another official in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

(c) Regents' Research Scholar. The Regents' Research Scholar program ended in 2017, and this title is no longer offered; however, faculty members with the title may retain it at U. T. institutions. Under the program, Any tenure-track faculty recruit, regardless of rank, would be was eligible for the Regents' Research Scholar title. To be eligible for this title, the U. T. System institution would identify an important recruitment of a Regents' Research Scholar and obtain philanthropic commitments for the specific recruitment. Recipients of these monies would be known as Regents' Research Scholars for the duration of the financial support and could also bear the name of the donor.

(d) Distinguished Research Professor. In recognition of their significant contributions to research, members of an institutional academy of distinguished researchers may use the honorific title Distinguished Research Professor. This title may be conferred or removed only upon approval in accordance with procedures included in the institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures.

(e) Distinguished University Professor. In recognition of their significant contributions through membership in the National Academies (e.g., Medicine, Engineering, Science, Humanities) or an equivalent recognition, faculty may use the honorific title Distinguished University Professor. This title may be conferred

or removed only upon approval in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

(f) Distinguished Service Professor. In recognition of their significant contributions through service to their institution or U.T. System; the profession; and/or the community, state, or nation, faculty may use the honorific title Distinguished Service Professor. This title may be conferred or removed only upon in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

~~(d)~~ (g) Honorary Emeritus Titles. ~~Honorary~~ Titles such as Dean Emeritus, Chair Emeritus, Professor Emeritus, and similar honorary designations may be given to an institution's retired faculty member or in anticipation of the retirement of a faculty member, effective upon retirement. The conferring of one of these titles is not automatic upon retirement and may be conferred only upon approval ~~by the president of the institution or by another official~~ in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

2.4 Student, Trainee and Other Non-Faculty Titles

(a) Assistant Instructor and Graduate Teaching Associate. These titles may be used for:

- Enrolled graduate students or trainees (e.g., chief residents or fellows) who are teaching part-time or full-time and are the instructors of record for a course; or
- Individuals who, because of the nature of their duties, do not qualify for one of the usual academic titles.

(b) Graduate Teaching Assistant. This title may be used for graduate students who are not the instructor of record for a course but are employed on a part-time basis and assist faculty.

Sec. 3 Departure from an Administrative Position. Administrative and academic (faculty) titles, duties, and pay rates for individuals who hold both administrative and academic appointments are distinct and severable. Departure or removal from an administrative position does not impair the individual's rights and responsibilities as a faculty member.

3. Definitions:

~~Faculty Member – a faculty member is any individual holding an academic title listed above, with the exception of Assistant Instructors or Teaching Assistants.~~

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.943](#) – Renewal of Faculty Employment Contracts

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

~~U. T. System, Office of General Counsel, [Standard Contracts](#) – Memorandum of Appointment~~

None

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4. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Recognition of recipients of the 2021 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards**

PRESENTATION

The Board and Chancellor Milliken will recognize the 2021 recipients for the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards, as listed below:

U. T. Arlington:

Alicia Rueda-Acedo, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Spanish Translation and Literature
Distinguished Teaching Professor

U. T. Austin:

Nathaniel Brickens, D.M.A.
Mary D. Bold Regents Professor

Janice Fischer, Ph.D.
Professor

U. T. Dallas:

Carol Cirulli-Lanham, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Instruction

U. T. Rio Grande Valley:

Josef Sifuentes, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

U. T. San Antonio:

Gina Amatangelo, M.P.A.
Associate Professor of Practice

Luca Pozzi, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

U. T. Southwestern Medical Center:

Vivienne Roche, M.D.
Professor

U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston:

Marjan Afrouzian, M.D., F.C.A.P.
Associate Professor

U. T. Health Science Center - Houston:

Harold Alonso Henson, R.D.H., M.Ed., Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Claire Narvaez Singletary, M.S., C.G.C.
Professor

U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio:

Annette Occhialini, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Associate Professor/Clinical

Barbara S. Taylor, M.D., M.S.
Associate Professor
Assistant Dean for the M.D./M.P.H. Program

U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center:

Ching-Wei D. Tzeng, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.S.S.O.
Associate Professor

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Regents of the U. T. System places the highest priority on undergraduate teaching at U. T. System universities and encourages teaching excellence by recognizing those faculty who deliver the highest quality of undergraduate instruction, demonstrate their commitment to teaching, and have a history and promising future of sustained excellence with undergraduate teaching in the classroom, in the laboratory, in the field, or online.

On August 14, 2008, the Board established the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards (ROTA), which are a recognition of the importance the Board places on the provision of teaching and learning of the highest order, by honoring those who serve students in an exemplary manner and as an incentive for others who aspire to such service. These teaching awards complement existing ways in which faculty excellence is recognized and incentivized.

Up to 15 awards may be given across both academic and health institutions. The number of awards will be determined by the number of applications, recommendations from the review committee, and other factors.

5. U. T. Austin: Allocation of \$10.6 million of Available University Fund (AUF) proceeds for the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC)

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, and the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the allocation of \$10.6 million of Available University Fund (AUF) proceeds for the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) at U. T. Austin. The allocated funding will provide continued support for TACC staff dedicated to the U. T. Research Cyberinfrastructure (UTRC).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Austin requests additional support for the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) for continued operations and evolution of the U. T. Research Cyberinfrastructure (UTRC). TACC provides world-class computing resources to the research enterprise across the U. T. System and currently houses the largest university-based supercomputer in the world. UTRC funding opens up TACC resources to numerous students and faculty at all 13 U. T. institutions, continues the investment to maintain leadership in this critical technology area, and helps U. T. institutions attract top faculty across most science and engineering fields.

On November 14, 2013, the Board approved a \$10 million Permanent University Fund (PUF) allocation to design and construct an annex to the TACC and a \$2 million Available University Funds (AUF) allocation to support TACC staffing dedicated to the UTRC. On February 12, 2015, the Board authorized \$3.4 million in PUF for the Lonestar 5 Supercomputing System platform at TACC and network monitoring to support the UTRC. On August 20, 2015, the Board approved \$4.4 million in PUF and \$2.6 million in AUF to increase performance of the U. T. System Network to support growth in health, research, and administrative computing needs, including researchers who use TACC. On December 21, 2020, the Board approved an \$8.4 million PUF allocation for computing and large-scale data storage hardware at the TACC and a \$300,000 AUF allocation for Cybersecurity Audits.

If approved, the new AUF allocation will be used to continue funding for dedicated staff to the UTRC.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM
MEETING OF THE BOARD
NOVEMBER 17-18, 2021

6. U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action related to allocation of funding to support the Diana Natalicio Institute for Hispanic Education at U. T. El Paso

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor recommends that the U. T. System Board of Regents authorize allocation of \$1 million from the Internal Lending Program (ILP) to create the Regents' Endowed Distinguished Directorship at the new Diana Natalicio Institute for Hispanic Education at U. T. El Paso. The funds will be used to recruit and retain an exceptional administrative leader.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Diana Natalicio Institute for Hispanic Education at U. T. El Paso will be dedicated to studying and implementing systemic changes that will allow greater access to higher education and lifetime achievement. The Institute will serve as a national resource and model for Hispanic student success. Central to U. T. El Paso's strategic plan, the Institute will support researchers and serve as an incubator for novel educational strategies. It will promote diversification of the professoriate and professional development of administrators at Hispanic Serving Institutions, build broad partnerships with other institutions, and work on policy issues. Institute goals will be achieved using evidence-based practices in ways that affirm and support students' cultural and familial backgrounds.

The Institute is named in honor of Dr. Diana Natalicio, who served as president of U. T. El Paso for 31 years before her retirement in 2019. President Emerita Natalicio died on September 24, 2021. Among her many accomplishments was leading U. T. El Paso's national rise as a Carnegie 1 research institution. She was very committed to ensuring that underprivileged and first-generation Hispanic students had access to high quality higher education. The new Institute will work to further Dr. Natalicio's greatest aspiration.

Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Terry Hull has determined that, following distribution of ILP for this Regents' Endowed Distinguished Directorship based on Board approval of this item, revenues generated through the ILP will exceed amounts needed to maintain a sufficient interest rate buffer to meet principal and interest due on external debt and to provide necessary liquidity.