



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

**May 5-6, 2021**  
Austin, Texas

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

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CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION	9:00 a.m.	
<b>U. T. System Board of Regents: Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Regent David J. Beck</b>		
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	
BREAK	10:45 a.m. approximately	
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
RECESS	12:00 p.m.	

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS	9:00 a.m.	
STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD	9:05 a.m.	
1. <b>U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda and consideration of any item referred to the full Board</b>	9:15 a.m.	<b>5</b>
2. <b>U. T. System: Annual Meeting with Officers of the U. T. System Student Advisory Council</b>		<b>6</b>
RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551	9:45 a.m.	
BREAK, as needed		
1. Individual Personnel Matters Relating to Officers or Employees – Section 551.074		
a. <b>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>		

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- b. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding the evaluation of responsibilities and expectations of members of the Board [Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10101 (Board Authority and Duties), Section 4 (Board Self-Evaluation)]**
  - c. **U. T. Southwestern Medical Center: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed compensation for Neelan S. Doolabh, M.D., Associate Professor and Director of Minimally Invasive Valve Surgery, Department of Cardiothoracic and Thoracic Surgery (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 hire and compensation for Robert Lee Smith, II, M.D., Professor and Chief, Division of Cardiac Surgery, Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery (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 compensation for James P. Allison, Ph.D., Vice President for Immunobiology, Regental Professor and Chair of the Department of Immunology, Olga Keith Wiess Distinguished University Chair for Cancer Research, Executive Director of the Immunotherapy Platform, and Director of the Parker Institute for Cancer Research (Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 20204, regarding compensation for highly compensated employees)**
  - f. **U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters associated with proposed expansion of the clinical enterprise at U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio, including proposed future transactions with Proton International, Inc.**
  - g. **U. T. Arlington: Discussion of individual personnel issues related to presidency of the institution**
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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- b. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding legal issues concerning pending legal claims by and against U. T. System**
  - c. **U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Discussion and appropriate action regarding legal issues associated with proposed future transactions with Proton International, Inc., including a proposed exclusive physician services agreement and proposed trademark licensing agreement**
  - d. **U. T. Rio Grande Valley: Discussion and appropriate action regarding legal issues associated with the lease of an approximately 51,254 square foot to-be-built building located at the northeast corner of East Sioux Road and North Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas, from the City of Pharr for mission use, including academic uses and a related mission support agreement with the City of Pharr for the U. T. Rio Grande Valley School of Nursing program**
  - e. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action related to legal issues concerning negotiations associated with gifts**
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

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

11:30 a.m.

- 3. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion regarding the Board's ongoing process for evaluation of its responsibilities and expectations [Regents' Rules and Regulations, Rule 10101 (Board Authority and Duties), Section 4 (Board Self-Evaluation)]** 10
- 4. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Student Regent Patrick O. Ojeaga, II** 10

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12:00 p.m.  
approximately

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 132](#).

2. **U. T. System: Annual Meeting with Officers of the U. T. System Student Advisory Council**

**INTRODUCTION**

The U. T. System Student Advisory Council will discuss recommendations with the Board of Regents. The Council's recommendations are set forth on the following pages.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The U. T. System Student Advisory Council was established in 1989 to provide input to the U. T. System Board of Regents working through and with the Chancellor and U. T. System Administration on issues of student concern. The operating guidelines of the Council require that recommendations have a multi-institutional focus and that the Council explore individual campus issues with institutional administrators prior to any consideration thereof. The Student Advisory Council consists of two student representatives from each U. T. System institution in addition to five elected officers and meets three times a year in Austin.

Council officers are:

**Chair:** Mr. Austin Gay, U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio, Medical Student, Long School of Medicine

**Academic Success and Affordability Committee:** Mr. Dominic Kelly, U. T. El Paso, Mechanical Engineering

**Campus Wellness and Career Success Committee:** Ms. Savannah Seely, U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Racial Justice Committee:** Ms. Blaize LaFleur, U. T. Arlington, Political Science

**COVID-19 Committee:** Mr. Austin Stephens, U. T. El Paso, History



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**TO:** Chancellor James B. Milliken  
**FROM:** The 2020 – 2021 U. T. System Student Advisory Council  
**DATE:** April 27, 2021  
**RE:** Report on Recommendations for the 2020 – 2021 U. T. System Student Advisory Council

On behalf of the 240,000 students across The University of Texas System, it is my privilege to submit the recommendations of the 2020-2021 Student Advisory Council (SAC). Over the past academic year, representatives from all fourteen U. T. institutions convened virtually with the aim of identifying Systemwide policy issues and developing feasible, student-centered solutions. We are grateful for the facilitation of engagement and exchanging of ideas between U. T. System Administration and student leaders from across the System and hope that our recommendations result in improved experiences for students across the fourteen U. T. institutions.

Our recommendations focus on reinforcing and advancing recommendations from last year's SAC that require more attention, as well as addressing what we believe to be the two most pressing issues on college campuses today: COVID-19 and racial justice. In summary, we believe that our recommendations align with the existing priorities across the U. T. System and add momentum to several efforts already underway.

Our final products are the result of broad consultation across the System, including staff, faculty and administrators, and reflect our commitment to improve the educational experiences of all U. T. students. We are grateful to the U. T. System and the Board of Regents for the opportunity to elevate the concerns and ideas of its students. We thank you for your consideration and welcome further discussion.

Thank you,  
Austin Gay  
Chair, Student Advisory Council

**2020-21 Student Advisory Council: Summary of Recommendations**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Issues Identified</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Academic Success and Affordability Continuation Committee	Dominic Kelly, U. T. El Paso  Gregorio Ponti, U. T. Austin	To review, advance, and build upon recommendations developed by the 2019-2020 Student Advisory Council related to student financial well-being and issues that impact student success, including retention and graduation.	Quality of online and hybrid course delivery and instruction	Recommendation related to faculty response times, communication methods, and notification of grading criteria.
			Open Educational Resources (OER)	Recommendation for an end-of-course survey to assess student utilization and satisfaction with OER.
			Funding for student success programs and initiatives	Recommendation to maintain funding levels for student success program, particularly for 1st-generation and other high-risk student groups.
			Tuition and fees	Letter of support and reaffirmation of the importance of the 2019-2020 Student Advisory Council recommendation to involve students in the tuition- and mandatory fee-setting process.
Campus Wellness and Career Success Continuation Committee	Savannah Seely, U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston  Samantha Yee, U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio	To review, advance, and build upon recommendations developed by the 2019-2020 Student Advisory Council related to campus life, student health and general well-being, and post-graduation career success.	Sustainability	Recommendation to improve compliance with existing U. T. System Sustainability Policy, UTS 169.
			Career success	Letter of support and reaffirmation of the importance of the 2019-2020 Student Advisory Council recommendation to strengthen career services.
			Mental health	Letter of support and reaffirmation of the importance of the 2019-2020

				Student Advisory Council recommendation related to the continuation of Systemwide mental health programming, and recommendation to continue and strengthen virtual services.
			Title IX	Letter of support and reaffirmation of the importance of the 2019-2020 Student Advisory Council recommendation related to publishing infographics for students who seek Title IX-related services.
Racial Justice Committee	Blaize LaFleur, U. T. Arlington  Joshua Menhennett, U. T. Tyler	To explore issues that involve racial justice, diversity, and inclusion for students, and make recommendations as appropriate.	Diversity, equity, and inclusion training and education	Recommendation for each institution to require every incoming student to complete the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training module offered by EverFi.
			Creating a campus culture that supports diversity, equity, and inclusion	Recommendation to create campus-based advisory committees to address diversity, equity, and inclusion for students with annual reporting mechanisms.
COVID-19 Committee	Austin Stephens, U. T. El Paso  Sara Brennan, U. T. Dallas	To explore issues that involve the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and make recommendations as appropriate.	Crisis communication	Recommendation on strategies to increase the timeliness, frequency, and quality of information communicated to students during times of crisis.
			Fee revenue during COVID-19	Recommendation for institutions to publish a year-end report for students to see how student fees were expended and reallocated during COVID-19.



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