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

July 10, 2014
Austin, Texas

Note:
The U. T. System Board of Regents will meet from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2014. Meetings are tentatively scheduled to follow each other consecutively but may start earlier or later than the posted time depending on the length of the discussions and the reports of previous meetings. Please note that the estimated times and sequence of events are only approximate and that the times and order of individual committee meetings or meeting topics may be adjusted as necessary.

CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO RECESS TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Joint Meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee

U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding request for approval of academic institutions’ list of projects as submitted to the Texas Legislature for Tuition Revenue Bond funding

Action
Dr. Reyes
Mr. O’Donnell
Academic Presidents

Break

Joint Meeting of the Health Affairs Committee and the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee

U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding request for approval of health institutions’ list of projects as submitted to the Texas Legislature for Tuition Revenue Bond funding

Action
Dr. Greenberg
Mr. O’Donnell
Health Presidents

RECONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND VOTES

Academic Affairs Committee
Health Affairs Committee
Facilities Planning and Construction Committee

CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS

1. U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda items and referral of any items to the full Board
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2. U. T. System: Presentation by McKinsey Global Institute on Open data: Unlocking innovation and performance with liquid information
   Report
   John W. Lin, M.D., McKinsey & Company
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4. U. T. System Board of Regents: Proposed appointments to the University Lands Advisory Board
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5. **U. T. Austin**: Approval to establish a Doctor of Medicine degree program  
   
   12:10 p.m.  
   **Action**  
   President Powers  
   Dr. Reyes

6. **U. T. Rio Grande Valley**: Approval to establish a Doctor of Medicine degree program  
   
   12:15 p.m.  
   **Action**  
   President Bailey  
   Dr. Reyes

7. **U. T. Rio Grande Valley**: Approval to implement freshman, transfer, and graduate admissions criteria  
   
   12:20 p.m.  
   **Action**  
   President Bailey  
   Dr. Reyes

8. **U. T. Austin**: Approval to enter into an affiliation agreement with Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, and Community Care Collaborative to provide needed permanent and ongoing funding for the establishment and operation of the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School  
   
   12:25 p.m.  
   **Action**  
   President Powers  
   Dr. Reyes

9. **U. T. Austin**: Request to approve a) proposed contract with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) to provide services to execute the Administrative Systems Modernization Program, including implementing and integrating Workday, Inc.'s cloud-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system; and b) authorize expenditure of $27 million from Designated Funds and Educational and General Revenue Funds  
   
   12:35 p.m.  
   **Action**  
   President Powers  
   Mr. Bradley Englert, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer, U. T. Austin

10. **U. T. System**: Discussion related to the provision of complimentary tickets to third parties  

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551 (working lunch)

1. Deliberations Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Sale, or Value of Real Property – Section 551.072

2. 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
   b. **U. T. System**: Discussion and appropriate action concerning legal issues related to admission issues
   c. **U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center**: Discussion and appropriate action related to legal issues concerning term tenure
   d. **U. T. Southwestern Medical Center**: Discussion and appropriate action related to potential settlement of litigation involving the Estate of Joan N. Calder
   e. **U. T. System**: Discussion and appropriate action related to legal issues concerning duties and responsibilities of officers of U. T. System Administration and members of the Board of Regents
3. Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations –
Section 551.073
Dr. Safady

a. U. T. Austin: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts with potential naming features

b. U. T. Dallas: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts with potential naming features

c. U. T. Pan American: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts with potential naming features

d. U. T. San Antonio: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts with potential naming features

e. U. T. Health Science Center - Houston: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts with potential naming features

4. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits –
Section 551.076
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
Dr. Kelley
Director Heidingsfield

5. Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees –
Section 551.074

a. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion of individual personnel matters related to the Chancellor search

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), 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), and U. T. System and institutional employees

c. U. T. Austin: Discussion and appropriate action related to recommendation by Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs concerning employment of William C. Powers, Jr., as President of The University of Texas at Austin

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AND TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS

11. U. T. System: Report and appropriate action on admissions processes
Action
Chancellor Cigarroa

ADJOURN
1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda items and referral of any items to the full Board or to Committee**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Board will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda items located at the back of the book under the Consent Agenda tab.
2. **U. T. System: Presentation by McKinsey Global Institute on Open data: Unlocking innovation and performance with liquid information**

**REPORT**

The Board will hear an invited presentation about open data in higher education introduced by John W. Lin, M.D., Principal at McKinsey & Company, Chicago, Illinois.

The presentation will describe the findings from the recent McKinsey Global Institute research effort on the impact of open data on education and six other domains (e.g., health care) and will also draw implications and frame questions for the U. T. System as it considers its role in defining the future of open data in higher education.

Big data analytics make it possible to work through massive amounts of real-time and historical information to find unseen patterns and discover anomalies that can indicate opportunities for new products and services and new ways of operating more efficiently.

Now, a complementary trend is underway. Open data -- the release of information by governments and private institutions and the sharing of private data to enable insights across industries -- provides additional depth to big data applications and makes entirely new ones possible. This trend appears to have profound implications for governments and public institutions, including public institutions of higher education.

A McKinsey Open Data Report is available at


**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 the Regents’ Rules and Regulations be amended to add new Rule 50702, titled Confidentiality and Security of Education Records Subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to ensure that U. T. System institutions and U. T. System have internal policies that incorporate the U.S. Department of Education recommendations for best practices with respect to ensuring the privacy and security of student education records and that are crafted to ensure consistent and effective compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

FERPA is a federal law (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all secondary institutions of education that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). Student education records are defined very broadly by FERPA to include any record maintained by the institution that is directly related to a student who is in attendance (or records made while that student was in attendance) at the institution. FERPA applies to all such records, even if the student is no longer in attendance unless the student is deceased. Generally, schools must have written permission from the student to release any personally identifiable information (PII) derived from a student’s education record.

However, within the institution, any administrator, faculty or staff members who require access to a student education records to perform his or her official duties may do so. In addition, the Board of Regents and officials and staff of the offices that comprise U. T. System Administration are authorized, as “State Education Authorities” (SEAs) as defined by FERPA, to access a U. T. System institution's student education records as needed to exercise their official duties to provide oversight and support to the institutions and to exercise their respective legal obligations to evaluate and audit the institutions federal or state educational programs.

FERPA requires educational institutions subject to FERPA and SEAs that access the education records of institutions that these SEAs oversee to have administrative, physical, and technological safeguards designed to ensure that only authorized individuals may access a particular education record and that all such individuals utilize the records only for that purpose and only as permitted by FERPA. Institutions and SEAs are also required to ensure that education records are maintained securely at all times.

At the direction of Chancellor Cigarroa, U. T. System has taken steps to ensure the implementation of and compliance with revisions to the training, policies, and procedures applicable to all U. T. System officers and employees to strengthen the protection afforded to all
U. T. System education records, as well as revisions to the processes by which third parties are permitted to access and/or maintain education records through outsourcing or other third party contracts.

New Regents’ Rule 50702 is designed to ensure that U. T. System institutions and U. T. System have procedures in place to ensure that access to and maintenance of education records complies with FERPA, other applicable state and federal law, and U. T. System policies. The Rule requires such policies to be included in each institution’s Handbook of Operating Procedure to ensure that the policies are reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Academic Affairs or Health Affairs, as appropriate.

In accordance with this Rule, U. T. System has also drafted a Systemwide policy that will ensure that each U. T. System institution and U. T. System’s FERPA policies are consistent and effective and that the policies ensure that each institution’s administrators, faculty, and staff receive training on how to identify and properly manage the categories of education records they are likely to encounter and to assist System employees to respond effectively to Public Information Requests that involve student education records. In conjunction with these efforts, U. T. System has adopted an internal FERPA policy applicable to all offices within U. T. System; and the Office of General Counsel has revised and improved its model FERPA policy and the model notices that U. T. System institutions are required to provide to enrolled students regarding their rights under FERPA.
1. Title

Confidentiality and Security of Education Records Subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 At the direction of the Chancellor, The University of Texas System shall adopt a Systemwide policy to provide guidance to U. T. System institutions, as well as the offices within System Administration, on compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The purpose of the policy is to promote consistency and best practices throughout U. T. System with regard to FERPA compliance.

Sec. 2 Each U. T. System institution and The University of Texas System Administration (U. T. System Administration) shall adopt a policy in accordance with the Systemwide policy described in Section 1 as part of its Handbook of Operating Procedures. The policies adopted by U. T. System institutions pursuant to this Rule must also comply with the model FERPA policy developed by the Office of General Counsel that incorporates best practices designed to ensure the confidentiality and security of Education Records.

Sec. 3 Each U. T. System institution and U. T. System Administration shall adopt a process for the review of all proposed contracts to determine if the services will involve the outsourcing of, or any other access to or maintenance of, Education Records or Personally Identifiable Information from an Education Record, by a third party contractor. All such contracts shall include terms that ensure that that the contractor will employ FERPA privacy and security safeguards as to all of the institution’s Education Records that the contractor or its subsequent subcontractors will maintain and/or access pursuant to the contract.

3. Definitions

Education Record – any record that is directly related to a Student; and created and/or maintained by or for a U. T. System institution, as well as Personally Identifiable Information about a Student derived from an Education Record.

Personally Identifiable Information – any information derived from an Education Record which can be used alone, or in combination with, other information known to a requestor or the university community, to identify a student. It includes, but is not limited to: the student's name; the name of the student’s parent or other family members; the address of the student or student’s family; a personal identifier, such as the student’s social security number, student number, or biometric record.

Student – any person who is or was enrolled at a U. T. System institution and any other person who is included within a U. T. System’s institution’s FERPA policy’s definition of a Student.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act: 20 U.S.C. § 1232g


5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Rule 10101, Board Authority and Duties

Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Rule 20201, Presidents

Model Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA) Policy, Office of General Counsel

Model Notice of Student Rights under FERPA and Notice Concerning Directory Information
4. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Proposed appointments to the University Lands Advisory Board**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Chairman Foster and Chancellor Cigarroa will recommend the appointment of individuals to the University Lands Advisory Board.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On May 15, 2014, the Board of Regents established the ULAB composed of the following:

- Four (4) appointments by The University of Texas System Board of Regents, including at least one external member with industry experience
- One (1) Representative from The Texas A&M University System
- The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs of the U. T. System (ex officio and nonvoting)

Regents’ *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10402, regarding Committees and Other Appointments, was subsequently editorially amended to include the ULAB.

ULAB members advise the Board on operations and management of the University Lands Office, including the hiring of the Chief Executive, reviewing and recommending budgets to the Board, and providing strategic direction.
5. **U. T. Austin: Approval to establish a Doctor of Medicine degree program**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and President Powers that authorization, pursuant to the Regents’ *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40307, related to academic program approval standards, be granted to

a. establish a Doctor of Medicine degree at U. T. Austin; and

b. submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Program Description**

The doctoral degree program in medicine is designed to educate students to become physicians who are skilled clinicians, biomedical scientists, professional leaders, and innovators in the ongoing transformation of the health care system in Texas and nationally. The program will be the first doctoral program in medicine to be initiated at a major established research university in the United States for several decades. In addition to building a faculty dedicated to medicine, it will draw on the University’s existing teaching and research strengths in natural sciences, engineering, and relevant fields in the social sciences and humanities. Students in medicine will benefit from interdisciplinary training in fields such as cell and molecular biology, neuroscience, biomedical engineering, chemistry, public health, sociology, psychology, and health care policy. The program in medicine also will draw on the University’s well-regarded programs in nursing, pharmacy, and social work to educate young physicians in interprofessional team settings that prepare them to function effectively in the health care system of the future, to provide acute and complex care safely and efficiently, and to maintain and improve the health of individuals in the community.

The program will employ a unique curriculum in both delivery and content including an accelerated curriculum and dual degree and/or research opportunities. The development of curriculum elements and the sequencing of their delivery for the inaugural class are ongoing. Work groups have been examining core content areas, innovative curriculum integration opportunities, and delivery methods that utilize state-of-the-art technology to maximize the student learning experience. The curriculum features early clinical experiences and interprofessional education while affording students the opportunity for interdisciplinary training in fields such as the social sciences and humanities, biomedical sciences, engineering, and public health and policy. Research and scholarly activity will be required of all students, and a substantial number of students will be afforded the opportunity to obtain a dual degree in these or related fields.
Need and Student Demand

Job Market Need
The need for skilled personnel in Texas and nationally to oversee and provide health care services remains high and is expected to grow over the next several decades. Nationally, an aging population and technological advances in medicine are the principal drivers of this demand. In Texas generally, and in Central Texas specifically, the increased need for skilled medical personnel is also a function of rapid population growth across age groups, as well as rising rates of health conditions such as obesity and associated diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and cancer. In addition, roughly 26% of Central Texans are uninsured and that rate continues to rise. Physicians in training and teaching hospitals serve a high proportion of the uninsured and underinsured populations.

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State specific data is updated annually by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The most current data reported by the AAMC in the “2013 State Physician Workforce Data Book” shows Texas ranked among the highest in retention rates for trainees and among the lowest ranked states in physician workforce as summarized in the tables below. Texas ranks second nationally in physicians retained from undergraduate medical education (UME) (59.4% stay in Texas to practice) and fifth nationally in physicians retained from graduate medical education (GME) (58% stay in Texas to practice). Moreover, when physicians complete both UME and GME training in Texas, over 80% stay in the State of Texas to practice. However, Texas continues to rank among the lowest nationally in ratios of patient care physicians and primary care physicians per capita. Increasing the physician workforce in Texas therefore requires filling the educational pipeline.

Locally, the Austin metropolitan statistical area (MSA) had a 2012 population of over 1.8 million with a 37.3% population growth rate from 2000 to 2010 and expects an additional 35.3% increase in population, reaching over 2.3 million in 2020. The population of Austin and Central Texas, like certain other regions of the state and nation, include communities with unmet needs for health care. Engaging this population, and all underserved populations, is a critical scientific and social task for many medical schools in Texas. The U. T. Austin Dell Medical School is well-positioned to contribute through a multipronged, sustainable commitment to community engagement, expanded local access to health care and health care providers, new models of
service-learning involving interprofessional teams, community and university-based research, and scientific, managerial, and public policy innovation in the Austin MSA and Central Texas community.

Existing Programs and Graduation Numbers
There are 141 full members of the AAMC with doctoral programs in medicine that have received final approval and full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) in the United States. Nine medical schools in Texas, eight of which are public institutions, are full members of the AAMC. There are limited growth opportunities at existing programs in the state and even with projected increases in enrollment rates, the State of Texas will still fall short in its ability to supply an adequate number of physicians to its population. As of 2013, the ratio of physicians per 100,000 in Texas is 207.9 with the national average at 244.5, ranking Texas number 42 of 50 states. The most recent enrollment and graduation data for Texas medical schools is included in the table below.

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<th>Texas Medical Schools</th>
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Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and medical schools. Prepared by: Texas Medical Association, Medical Education Dept., 12/2013

The U. T. Austin Dell Medical School is uniquely positioned to reach the Austin MSA and Central Texas community with its resources and clinical partnerships. The School’s doctoral program in medicine would not unnecessarily duplicate similar programs in Texas as none of the nine medical schools are based in the Austin MSA and only one school, Texas A&M University, has a presence in the Central Texas Higher Education Region (Region 7).

Student Demand
Admission into medical school programs in Texas continues to be a highly competitive process. In 2013, only 1,587 of the 4,734 total medical school applicants (33%) matriculated into a Texas program. Although the number of students who are accepted and matriculate into Texas programs has slightly increased over the last several years as additional student positions are created in existing programs, the number of applicants also grows each year. In 2012, 12.3% of medical school applicants whose legal state of residence is Texas matriculated into schools outside of the State of Texas.
It is reasonable to expect that student demand for admission into medical school programs in the State of Texas will continue to remain high and that the applicant pool will continue to remain strong in the future. The new program at U. T. Austin would allow for additional placement opportunities for many qualified applicants.

Student recruiting efforts would not begin until the accrediting body for medical schools, the LCME, granted the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School preliminary accreditation status, per their regulations. Preliminary accrediting status is projected for the Summer 2015. At that point, the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School would opt to become a participating school with the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS), the state’s centralized application service currently utilized by all public medical schools in Texas. The Summer 2015 timeframe coincides with the opening of the TMDSAS application for individuals applying to programs that begin Summer 2016, when the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School anticipates matriculating its charter class of 50 students. That number is expected to grow once the school is established and fully accredited. Pending preliminary accreditation from the LCME, the charter class of 50 students will matriculate in July 2016 and would graduate in May 2020 at the completion of the four-year program. The maximum number of students in the program at any given time is 200 full-time medical students.

Program Quality

The new doctoral program in medicine will be evaluated through the faculty contributions, the accreditation process, the achievement of program objectives, monitoring the quality of experience, and implementing a plan for performance and program improvement.

Faculty

Core and support faculty have not yet been identified or hired at the time of proposal submission. The medical school core and support faculty members will reflect a range of clinical, scientific, and interdisciplinary backgrounds. Faculty members with core scientific and academic interests will be recruited from other institutions around the country or by creating joint appointments for current U. T. Austin faculty. The institution has a track record of successful faculty recruitment in other disciplines, and expects similar success for its doctoral program in medicine. Faculty members with primarily clinical responsibilities will be recruited by the institution as its curriculum develops. A large pool of talented individuals already exists in Austin from academic programs (e.g., U. T. Southwestern GME Clinical faculty), a nonacademic teaching hospital (e.g., Seton Healthcare Family), and private practices. The institution anticipates that additional clinical faculty members will be drawn from a pool of individuals outside Austin and outside Texas who are attracted by the scientific and intellectual resources of the institution, the clinical opportunities, and the overall quality of life in Central Texas.

The U. T. Austin Dell Medical School will expect a level of research and scholarship from its faculty that is consistent with the expectations set forward by the U. T. System and U. T. Austin. It is expected that it will be comparable to those at other medical schools in the U. T. System. The institution anticipates the ability to draw the interest of faculty who are currently maintaining high levels of professional productivity and who have an interest in cultivating the rich scientific and clinical resources to build the infrastructure of the new medical school.

The plan for anticipated faculty availability in the first five years of the program is on the next page.
## Proposed Five-Year Faculty Hiring Plan
(Full-Time Equivalents)

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### Accreditation

The accreditation body for medical schools is the LCME, a 70-year-old organization formed to oversee medical education in the United States through a partnership of the American Medical Association (AMA) and AAMC. The LCME has developed an extensive set of standards and procedures to ensure educational program quality. These are rigorously enforced through a process that involves continuous data collection and self-study by administration, faculty, and students that leads to periodic site visits by a team who evaluates adherence to the standards and documents a recommendation to the full LCME Council. The Council then determines, by vote, whether to grant accreditation. New programs seeking LCME accreditation undergo a stepwise review and accreditation process.

### Achievement of Objectives

Achievement of program objectives by students at the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School will be monitored in several ways. Students’ fund of knowledge will be assessed during the preclinical years via internal written examinations, supplemented in some courses by laboratory examinations and faculty evaluations of small group performance, and by administering Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs) in both the basic science and clinical years. Standardized end-of-rotation comprehensive National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) subject shelf examinations will also be administered during the clinical years to assess students’ fund of knowledge, supplemented by internal written and oral examinations, and faculty and resident evaluations. Mastery of curriculum content will also be addressed by the requirement that all graduates of the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School pass steps one and two of the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE).

### Quality of Experience

Students’ opinions about the quality of their educational experiences in the preclinical years, including their assessment of the clarity of learning objectives, the relationship between published learning objectives and course/examination content, and the value of their preclinical courses in preparing them for their clinical rotations are obtained via the AAMC Medical Student Graduation Questionnaire given to each graduate. The quality of their clinical experiences is also addressed in the same survey via an extensive list of very detailed, specific questions.
Performance and Program Improvement
Student performances on internal and standardized shelf examinations are monitored on an ongoing basis by course directors and the various subcommittees of a curriculum oversight committee. Student feedback following tests and student feedback from course evaluations is carefully reviewed by course directors and, where indicated, modifications will be made to the examination and/or course structure and content.

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Notes:
1. Supplies & Materials include Operating Lab expenses, Core Lab expenses, and administrative maintenance and operations (M&O) expenses.
2. Equipment consists of the nonsalary portion of faculty start-up packages, which are expected to be spent on moveable lab and educational equipment.
3. Facilities consist of the operating expenses and debt service for the buildings occupied by U. T. Austin employed staff and faculty.
4. Other includes faculty recruitment and turnover costs.

Costs vs. Funding Sources. For the 5-year period reported, the total costs exceed total funding sources by approximately $67M. However, this does not account for the favorable balances accumulated in the three years preceding the opening of the medical school that will be intentionally accumulated to fund start-up expenses. Additionally, by Year 5, the annual funding sources exceed the annual costs and this is projected to continue in the projected periods beyond Year 5.

Coordinating Board Criteria

The proposed program meets all applicable Coordinating Board criteria for new doctoral degree programs.
6. **U. T. Rio Grande Valley: Approval to establish a Doctor of Medicine degree program**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and President Bailey that authorization, pursuant to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40307, related to academic program approval standards, be granted to

a. establish a Doctor of Medicine degree at U. T. Rio Grande Valley; and

b. submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Program Description**

The new doctoral degree program in medicine at the U. T. Rio Grande Valley campus will educate physicians to be skilled clinicians, biomedical scientists, educators, and professional leaders and innovators in the ongoing transformation of the health care system regionally and throughout Texas, as well as nationally and internationally. The U. T. Rio Grande Valley Medical School will adapt an innovative curriculum, CIRCLE, which has been implemented at The University of Texas Health Science at San Antonio. The acronym CIRCLE (Curricular Integration, Researchers, Clinicians, Leaders, Educators) represents an integrated four-year medical school education program carefully constructed and sequenced, vertically and horizontally, integrating basic and clinical sciences throughout all four years.

The foundational 20-month preclinical curriculum is taught in 10 sequential learning modules (nine organ systems) and three longitudinal modules (clinical skills training, language of medicine, and technology of medicine). Within each module there is progression of knowledge in a systematic fashion as follows: normal structure and function, pathogenesis and pathophysiology of the condition or disorder, clinical manifestations of the condition or disorder, pharmacotherapeutic interventions for the condition or disorder, clinical and translational research and evidence-based medicine approach for the condition or disorder, epidemiology or prevention of the condition or disorder, and interpretation of diagnostic tests.

The third year clinical curriculum includes four-week blocks of core clerkships in emergency medicine and neurology; six-week blocks for family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics and psychiatry; and eight-week blocks for internal medicine and surgery. A longitudinal educational experience will be woven through the entire academic year to address curricular items that are common to all clerkships. The longitudinal block of time will provide a venue for introduction of interprofessional experiences with other health care professionals on campus, further integration of basic and clinical sciences, cultural competencies, patient safety and quality improvement, health economics and policy, and incorporation of cutting-edge technology such as basics of ultrasonography and other imaging technologies. Third year elective experiences will allow students to explore other specialties and subspecialties or engage in research before the fourth year while still consolidating core knowledge and skills.
Need and Student Demand

Job Market Need
The need for skilled personnel in Texas and nationally to oversee and provide health care services is high and is expected to grow over the next several decades. Texas ranks 41st nationally in the number of patient care physicians per population (183 per 100,000 compared to national average of 226 per 100,000; the state median is 218). In regards to the number of primary care physicians, Texas ranks 46th nationally with 70 practitioners per 100,000 population in comparison with a U.S. average of 90 (and state median of 90)\(^1\).

In the Rio Grande Valley specifically, the increased need for skilled medical personnel is also a function of rapid population growth across all age groups, as well as rising rates of obesity and associated diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and cancer. Furthermore, a 2011 local community health assessment in the Rio Grande Valley found that the overall uninsured rate for the region including Willacy, Hidalgo, and Cameron counties was roughly 41\%, in comparison with 31\% for the State of Texas\(^2\). Physicians in training and teaching hospitals serve a high proportion of uninsured and Medicaid populations.

The 2008 “Physician Workforce and Graduate Medical Education in Texas” report from the Texas Health Care Policy Council highlighted a number of challenges facing Texas:

- State Demographer’s middle growth scenario implies a need for a 50\% increase in specialists, and a 40\% increase in primary care physicians by 2025.
- The state’s population is increasing rapidly. It is plausible that by 2040, the population of Texas will exceed 50 million and it is prudent to plan for future demands.
- The state’s population and its medical professionals are aging. This is expected to increase health care demand and need at the same time as the supply is contracting. Other states are also facing the same demographic demands, which will make it more difficult for Texas to attract doctors from other states or from foreign countries. A significant portion of the Texas population already resides in medically underserved areas.
- Texas’ rate of physicians per 100,000 persons is below national rates. This is particularly evident in border and rural areas of Texas, where the rates are typically below the state’s rate for direct patient care specialties.
- As the population ages, demand for specialists that provide the care particular to the needs of the over 65 demographic is expected to rise significantly. Specialties that are significantly below national averages are neurosurgery (especially along the Mexico border), obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and psychiatry.

The Rio Grande Valley is designated as one of the most medically underserved regions in the United States. While Texas lags behind the national average for physicians, the 12 counties that make up the Rio Grande Valley have even lower ratios of physicians to population. This region of Texas is an environment that is different and unique geographically, culturally, and medically.

\(^1\) 2013 State Physician Workforce Data Book, AAMC Center for Workforce Studies, November 2013
\(^2\) “2011 Professional Research Consultants (PRC) Community Health Report” This health needs assessment was sponsored by Valley Baptist Health System and conducted by PRC, Omaha, Nebraska. The survey included 400 adults in Cameron County and 100 each in Willacy County and Hidalgo County. Residents of Starr County were not included.
Medical students will have the opportunity to be part of community-based projects aimed at improving health or research efforts seeking solutions to address the complex health issues of this region. This is an opportunity that benefits students and the local community.

The impact of federal health care reform on the need for physicians, while uncertain, strongly suggests that demand will exceed projected supply. The following paragraphs and table are from a 2010 report by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC):

- Health care reform (the Patient Protection and Accountable Care Act - PPACA or more commonly known as ACA) signed into law in March 2010 is expected to make health insurance coverage available to more than 30 million previously uninsured Americans by 2014. It will also improve coverage and access to care for many others. Questions have been raised as to whether there will be a sufficient supply of physicians and other health professionals to serve the nation, especially in light of concerns that the nation is facing potentially significant shortages even before health care reform.

- A 2008 AAMC report concluded that the nation was likely to face a significant shortage of physicians in the future under a variety of scenarios. While the report included a scenario of universal coverage, that scenario does not adequately reflect the final ACA provisions. Therefore, to assess the potential impact of the ACA on the expected shortage, the AAMC Center for Workforce Studies, working with The Lewin Group (who assisted AAMC on the development of the original projections) has updated the 2008 projections to reflect the actual ACA provisions, and also incorporated more recent physician supply and utilization data and updated population projections. Based on these revisions, under a most plausible scenario described below, a national overall shortage of 91,500 and 130,600 active patient care physicians in 2020 and 2025, respectively, is projected, together with a primary care shortage of 45,400 and 65,800 physicians in 2020 and 2025, as indicated in the table on the next page.

**Projected Supply and Demand, Full-time Equivalent Physicians Active in Patient Care, 2008-2025**

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3 Association of American Medical Colleges, The Impact of Health Care Reform on the Future Supply and Demand for Physicians Updated Projections Through 2025 (June 2010)
In support of the establishment of the new South Texas medical school, U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio will offer a new South Texas Clinical Education Campus (CEC) track in Fall 2014. The first cohort of 15 students will matriculate in Fall 2014 in San Antonio, then complete their third and fourth years of clinical training at the South Texas Clinical Education Campus (STCEC) at the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) in Harlingen. In July 2016 (FY 2017), the new South Texas medical school anticipates the charter class of 50 students will begin and will graduate in May 2020 at the completion of the four-year program. At a minimum, the entering class size of 50 will remain constant for the first four years to allow appropriate time to ramp up the program faculty and infrastructure.

Student Demand

Texas ranks second nationally in physicians retained from Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) (59% stay here to practice) and fifth nationally in Physicians Retained from Graduate Medical Education (GME) (58% stay to practice). Moreover, when physicians complete both UME and GME training in Texas, over 80% stay to practice. Increasing the physician workforce in Texas therefore requires filling the educational pipeline; fact that is even more salient for the Rio Grande Valley.

Enrollment Projections

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Program Quality

The innovative Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)-accredited curriculum includes a carefully structured and sequenced educational experience in which basic and clinical sciences are taught throughout the four years. While there are a number of support faculty members currently in place at the RAHC in Harlingen who will transition over to the new medical school, the core and support faculty will be hired during the next five years. The medical school core and support faculty members will reflect a range of clinical, scientific, and interdisciplinary
backgrounds. Faculty members with core scientific and academic interests will be recruited from other institutions around the country or by creating joint appointments for current U. T. Brownsville and U. T. Pan American faculty. The five-year faculty recruitment plan/hiring schedule is included below.

The first key hire was that of the school's inaugural dean in February 2014. The strategic hiring of subsequent key staff and faculty to support the medical school will ensue as the ramp up activities accelerates. It is estimated that a staff of approximately 30 full-time employees (FTEs) will be hired over the next five years to support the school's programmatic elements. Currently, there are six basic science faculty members at the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) in Edinburg. It is estimated that with the hiring of the Diabetes Center Founding Director and Director of the RAHC in Edinburg that an additional eight basic scientists will be hired in 2014. Initial plans include the establishment of two main departments: the Department of Preclinical Education and the Department of Clinical Education. The Department of Preclinical Education will be composed of two chairs, Basic Sciences and Population Health and Statistics. U. T. Health Science Center San Antonio in Harlingen is currently home to over 181 clinical faculty members. Additional faculty members will be recruited as Clerkship Directors and Clinical Chairs. In the next three years, the expansion of GME programs in the Rio Grande Valley will result in additional faculty members.

In addition to the numerous medical and surgical faculty that will be added with the new medical school, U. T. Brownsville and U. T. Pan American are jointly participating in a U. T. System initiative, ValleySTARS, to recruit 20 new faculty positions in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. The plan is to hire a critical mass of faculty/researcher groups that will substantially address the scientific, education, and health-related problems facing the community.

### Five Year Faculty Recruitment Plan/Hiring Schedule

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Revenue and Expenses

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### Coordinating Board Criteria

The proposed program meets all applicable Coordinating Board criteria for new doctoral degree programs.
7. **U. T. Rio Grande Valley: Approval to implement freshman, transfer, and graduate admissions criteria**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and President Bailey that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the proposed implementation of admissions criteria for freshman, transfer, and graduate students.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Undergraduate Studies**

The U. T. System Task Force on the U. T. Rio Grande Valley Inaugural Class Admissions Process was charged with (1) creating a target profile of the initial freshman and new transfer cohorts for U. T. Rio Grande Valley, (2) designing policy and practice that would increase the likelihood of recruiting students identified in the target profile, (3) recommending admissions criteria designed to optimize student access and success, and (4) providing alternative pathways for potential U. T. Rio Grande Valley students who do not initially qualify for admission. See attachment as set forth on the following pages.

Over the course of several months, the Task Force carefully analyzed both historical and current data related to student access, success, and regional population characteristics. The Task Force first identified factors and characteristics that were more likely to result in college readiness and overall student success at U. T. Brownsville and U. T. Pan American and at other comparable and aspirational institutions. Many institutions that enroll large numbers of first-generation students use standardized tests, high-school grade point averages (GPA), and other academic factors as primary factors in admissions processes. There is also strong evidence to suggest that holistic admissions are often more predictive of student success because they allow for the consideration of noncognitive variables to complement the use of traditional academic factors. Many nationally-ranked universities use holistic review processes to identify students who are smart, accomplished, and college-ready; the kind of students who are most likely to succeed in college and complete a degree program at U. T. Rio Grande Valley.

The Task Force recommends that U. T. Rio Grande Valley implement a tiered holistic admissions process for first-time students beginning with the Fall 2015 inaugural class. Under Texas law, the Top 10% of each graduating class in Texas will be automatically admitted. All other entering freshmen will receive a holistic admissions review. For first-time transfer students, students who have earned an associate’s degree or who have completed at least 24 semester credit hours (SCH) with a 2.0 GPA will be automatically admitted. Alternative admissions pathways include (1) Summer Bridge Programs and Workshops, and (2) community college transfer.
Graduate Studies

The following admissions requirements for master’s and doctoral programs, as set forth on the following pages, have been reviewed and administratively approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The minimum admissions criteria for all graduate programs at U. T. Rio Grande Valley include the following unless a higher standard is included in the program-specific criteria:

- Earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or a recognized international equivalent in a field similar to that of the graduate program to which application is being made;

- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 overall required for clear admission; Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) entrance exams, when required, must be taken within five years of application, unless otherwise specified; and

- International students: Minimum language proficient requirement of 550 in the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (213 computer-based, 79 Internet-based or 6.5 International English Language Testing System [IELTS]) or successful completion of the highest level of the U. T. Rio Grande Valley Language Institute.

A graduate program may require higher admissions criteria than shown above and may have additional requirements of the applicants. Some programs may admit on a conditional basis if an applicant does not meet the minimum undergraduate GPA requirement for clear admission or program-specific criteria.

Admission to each program is based on a holistic review of the application materials.
Recommendations from the Task Force on the U. T. Rio Grande Valley Inaugural Class Admissions Process

**General Admissions Criteria for First-Time Freshmen**

Based on the research, the task force recommends that U. T. Rio Grande Valley implement a holistic admissions process for first-time students beginning with the Fall 2015 inaugural class. Texas law requires that U. T. Rio Grande Valley admit the top 10 percent of students from each graduating class. However, according to this recommendation, all other applicants would undergo a holistic review. A holistic admissions process will provide the flexibility needed to modify the weights associated with specific criterion, allowing U. T. Rio Grande Valley to mold its student body to incorporate the most promising students in the region while attracting high-caliber students from across Texas, the nation, and the world. The table below lists the general admissions criteria proposed for Fall 2015.

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**Recommended Admission Standards for Fall 2015 Entering Freshmen**

**General Admissions Criteria for Transfer Students**

Transfer students at U. T. Brownsville and U. T. Pan American have much higher graduation rates than native students. In line with the requirements outlined at U. T. System institutions for transfer admissions, the task force recommends that U. T. Rio Grande Valley automatically admit students with an associate’s degree. For those transfer students who have not achieved an associate’s degree, students must have earned at least 24 semester credit hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA to be admitted. For students with less than 24 semester credit hours, freshman admission standards would apply.
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley: Admissions criteria for graduate programs

13.0301.00 Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
1. Earned master’s degree from a regionally accredited United States institution or a recognized international equivalent with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 on all graduate work.
2. Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) general test.
3. Documentation of five years of experience in education or related field, of which three years must be classroom teaching experience.
4. Submission of personal statement describing goals, experiences, scholarly accomplishments, reasons for obtaining this degree, and possible research questions or topics of interest.
5. Submission of resume.
6. Submission of three professional letters of recommendation from individuals with first-hand knowledge of applicant’s professional qualities and scholarly potential with reference forms.

13.0401.00 Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
1. Earned master’s degree in Education or related field with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. Submission of three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional sources.
3. Submission of resume showing professional presentations, publications, grants, recognitions (e.g., honors and awards for leadership, teaching, academics), five years full-time leadership, supervisory experiences or classroom experience (college/university level, school/district, business, military, regional, state-level, international, other) leadership activity in community organizations, professional associations, or community service.
4. Submission of personal statement, maximum of five pages double spaced, including the following headings: Purpose for Pursuing an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership; Description of Professional Goals; and Commitment and Dedication.
5. Submission of writing sample following the guideline provided by the program.
6. Participation of finalists in the program’s Assessment Center, a daylong session to evaluate the applicant’s verbal, written, and analytical skills.

51.2310.00 Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Counseling
1. Earned master’s degree from an accredited institution in a field related to rehabilitation counseling with a minimum graduate GPA of 3.25.
2. GRE general test.
4. Submission of personal statement.
5. Documentation of two years of professional experience with people with disabilities.
6. Personal interview.

52.0101.00 Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
1. Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or GRE general test with scores submitted by February 1st for admission the following Fall.
2. Submission of three letters of recommendation from academic sources.
3. Submission of a personal statement describing goals, experiences, scholarly accomplishments, reasons for obtaining the degree, and possible research questions or topics of interest.
4. Submission of resume or curriculum vitae.

09.0100.00 Master of Arts in Communication
1. GRE general test.
2. Bachelor’s degree in Communication or a bachelor’s degree in business or social science or related field required.
4. Submission of 500-word essay on personal goals related to degree.

11.0401.00 Master of Science in Information Technology
1. Bachelor’s degree in computer science or a bachelor’s degree in another field and courses and/or experience that prepare the applicant for graduate work in computer science or information technology.
2. Submission of letter of intent.
3. Submission of resume.

11.0701.00 Master of Science in Computer Science
1. GRE general test.
2. Bachelor’s degree in computer science or a bachelor’s degree in another field and courses and/or experience that prepare the applicant for graduate work in computer science.
4. Submission of resume.

13.0201.00 Master of Education in Bilingual Education
2. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
4. Submission of personal statement essay in English and Spanish.
5. Submission of resume.
6. Submission of Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) or Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas (ExCET) Certificate.
7. Documentation of one year of teaching experience.

13.0301.00 Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of resume.
3. Submission of essay with statement of goals.

13.0401.00 Master of Education in Educational Leadership
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of resume.
4. Submission of teaching certificate with a minimum of two years of teaching experience.

13.0501.00 Master of Education in Educational Technology
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of resume.

13.1001.00 Master of Education in Special Education
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of two letters of recommendation.
3. Submission of resume.
5. Demonstrated knowledge of special education or knowledge of individual differences through (a) state certification in special education; (b) three hours of undergraduate coursework in special education with a grade of ‘B’ or better; or (c) coursework in a related field such as psychology, early childhood education, or speech pathology.

13.1001.01 Master of Education in Educational Diagnostician
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of three letters of recommendation.
3. Submission of resume.
5. Submission of most recent Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS).
6. Submission of documentation of teaching certificate.
7. Criminal background check.

13.1101.00 Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of three letters of recommendation at least one of which must be from a former professor.
3. Submission of resume.
5. Personal interview.
6. Criminal background check.

13.1202.00 Master of Education in Elementary Education
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of resume.
4. Submission of teaching certificate.

13.1205.00 Master of Education in Secondary Education
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of resume.
4. Submission of teaching certificate.

13.1210.00 Master of Education in Early Childhood Education
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of resume.

13.1315.00 Master of Education in Reading and Literacy
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for clear admission.
2. Submission of two letters of recommendation from individuals knowing the applicant in a professional or academic capacity.
3. Submission of a one to two page letter of intent indicating reasons for pursuing the degree.
4. Submission of resume.
5. Minimum of 15 undergraduate hours in reading or a related field.
6. Applications to Reading Specialist track: Submission of teaching certificate and teacher service record showing a minimum of two years of teaching experience.
7. Personal interview for applicants to the reading specialist track.

13.1401.00 Master of Arts in English as a Second Language
1. A bachelor's degree in any field.
2. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 153 Verbal and 4.0 Analytical are required for conditional admission.
3. Submission of letter of intent demonstrating interest in program and articulation of goals.
4. Submission of resume including education and work experience.
5. English language ability will be judged on the resume and submitted letter of intent; therefore, applications should be certain to use appropriate, formal academic English.
6. Nonnative English speakers who did not graduate from an English-medium high school and university must meet the minimum language proficiency requirements.

14.1001.00 Master of Science in Engineering – Electrical Engineering
1. GRE general test.
2. BS in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, or similarly named program with content equivalent to an Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)-accredited BS in Electrical Engineering.
4. Submission of resume.

14.1901.00 Master of Science in Engineering – Mechanical Engineering
1. GRE general test.
2. Bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering or a bachelor’s degree in another field with courses and/or experience that prepare the applicant for graduate work in mechanical engineering or materials science engineering, depending upon the track the student opts to follow.
3. Submission of three letters of recommendation on applicant’s ability to pursue graduate studies.
5. Submission of resume.
14.3601.00 Master of Science in Engineering – Manufacturing Engineering
1. GRE general test.
2. BS degree in engineering, science, computer science, or business.
4. Submission of resume.

15.1501.00 Master of Science in Engineering Management
1. GRE general test.
2. BS degree in engineering, science, computer science, or business.
4. Submission of resume.

16.0103.00 Master of Arts in Spanish Translation and Interpreting
1. GRE general test. Minimum scores: 146 Verbal and 4.0 Analytical Writing. A GRE waiver may be granted if the application holds a U. T. Rio Grande Valley Graduate Certificate in the field (Translation, Medical Interpreting, Court Interpreting) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or holds a state court or medical interpreting license.
2. Submission of three academic or professional letters of recommendation.
3. Satisfactory performance on the translation of a document from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English and an interview either in person or online.

16.0905.00 Master of Arts in Spanish
1. GRE general test.
2. Submission of an academic paper written in Spanish for an upper-level undergraduate course.
5. Personal interview.

23.0101.00 Master of Arts in English
1. GRE general test.
2. BA in English or a minimum of 12 upper-level undergraduate hours in English or related field.
3. Submission of writing sample, a written academic paper suitable for an upper-division course.

23.1302.00 Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
1. Submission of three letters of recommendation.
2. Submission of letter of intent.
3. Submission of portfolio of creative work.
26.0101.00 **Master of Science in Biology**
1. GRE general test.
3. Undergraduate degree with major in biology or 30 hours of undergraduate courses in biological sciences or closely related disciplines, with 15 hours at the upper-level, with completion of three credit hours in four of the following categories: genetics, evolution, ecology, molecular and cell biology, organismal biology, and physiology.
4. Submission of two letters of recommendation.
5. Submission of letter of intent.
6. Submission of name of prospective supervisor.

27.0101.00 **Master of Science in Mathematics**
1. GRE general test.
2. Bachelor’s degree in mathematics or related field with a minimum of 12 hours of upper-division mathematics or statistics course work and a grade of ‘B’ or better on all upper-division mathematics and/or statistics course work.

30.9999.00 **Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies**
1. GRE general test.
2. Submission of statement of purpose and goals for pursuing the degree.
3. Submission of resume.
4. Concentration specific requirements may apply, such as a minimum number of undergraduate hours in the concentration area and a minimum undergraduate GPA in the concentration area.

30.999.00 **Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies**
1. GRE general test.
2. Submission of statement of purpose and goals for pursuing the degree.
3. Submission of resume.
4. Concentration specific requirements may apply, such as a minimum number of undergraduate hours in the concentration area and a minimum undergraduate GPA in the concentration area.

31.0505.00 **Master of Science in Exercise Science**
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion but has a GPA of at least 2.5, a personal interview is required for consideration of conditional admission.
2. Submission of two letters of recommendation.
3. Submission of resume.
4. Submission of statement of purpose in pursuing the degree.
31.0505.00 Master of Science in Kinesiology
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion but has a GPA of at least 2.5, a personal interview is required for consideration of conditional admission.
2. Submission of two letters of recommendation.
3. Submission of resume.
4. Submission of statement of purpose in pursuing the degree.

40.0501.00 Master of Science in Chemistry
1. GRE general test.
2. Undergraduate degree with major in chemistry or 32 hours of undergraduate courses in Chemistry. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for undergraduate Chemistry course work.
3. Submission of statement of interest explaining objectives in pursuing the degree and area of interest within chemistry, biochemistry, or material science.
4. Submission of two letters of recommendation.

40.0801.00 Master of Science in Physics
1. GRE general test with expected range of GRE Quantitative scores of >158 for admitted students.
2. Submission of two letters of recommendation.

42.2704.00 Master of Arts in Experimental Psychology
1. GRE general test. Minimum scores: 153 Verbal and 144 Quantitative.
2. Undergraduate course in statistics and/or research methods with a grade of B or better.
4. Letter of intent of 400-500 words.

42.2801.00 Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology
1. GRE general test with preferred minimum scores of 153 Verbal and 144 Quantitative.
2. Submission of 1,500 word essay on goals and degree options.
3. Submission of resume.
4. Submission of three letters of recommendation.

42.2805.00 Master of Arts in School Psychology
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion, GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical are required for conditional admission.
2. Bachelor’s or master’s degree in a related field preferred.
3. Submission of three letters of recommendation from individuals in a position to judge the professional and academic potential of the applicant. At least one should be from a university professor in the applicant’s major area of study.
4. Submission of a letter of intent indicating reasons for pursuing the degree.

40.0501.00 Master of Science in Criminal Justice
1. If applicant does not meet minimum undergraduate GPA criterion but has a GPA of 2.5-2.99, GRE general test with minimum scores of 146 Verbal, 150 Quantitative, and 3.5 Analytical are required for conditional admission.
2. Submission of three letters of recommendation from previous college professors.

44.0401.00 Master of Public Administration
1. Submission of three names of individuals who may be contacted for a personal or professional recommendation.
2. Submission of personal statement detailing reasons for pursuing the degree and professional goals indicating references to previous employment and experience.

44.0501.00 Master of Public Policy and Management
1. Submission of two letters of recommendation, one of which should be academic.
2. Submission of letter of intent.
3. Submission of a 750-word essay analyzing a public policy issue and discussing what insights into that issue they expect to gain in pursuit of the degree.

44.0701.00 Master of Social Work
1. Submission of three letters of recommendations.
2. Submission of personal narrative statement.
3. Submission of writing sample.

45.1101.00 Master of Science in Sociology
1. GRE general test.
2. Submission of two letters of recommendation.
3. Submission of an essay explaining the purpose in pursuing the degree and career objectives.

50.0702.00 Master of Fine Arts in Art
1. Submission of three letters of recommendation.
2. Statement of purpose describing artistic direction and professional goals.
3. Minimum of 60 hours of art at the undergraduate level.
4. Submission of 15-20 digital images of recent works in major area of concentration.

**50.0901.00 Master of Music**
1. Submission of three letters of recommendation.
2. Submission of letter of intent.
3. Submission of essay on professional goals.
4. Submission of resume.
5. Personal interview.
6. Audition for performance track; audition/video recording of conducting large ensemble for conducting track; writing sample for ethnomusicology track; video recording of sample teaching including corresponding lesson plan for music education track.

**51.0000.00 Master of Science in Health Sciences**
1. Bachelor’s degree in allied health science, business, or related field.
2. Submission of two letters of recommendation.
4. Documentation of certification or licensure to practice as a Medical Laboratory Scientist in the United States required for applicants to the Clinical Lab Sciences track.

**51.0201.00 Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders**
1. GRE general test taken within prior two years.
2. Submission of three letters of recommendation or reference checklists.
3. Submission of 500-word essay on goals in pursuing degree.
4. Submission of resume.

**51.0912.00 Master in Physician Assistant Studies**
1. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on last 30 hours of course work.
2. Completion of the following prerequisite course work with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
   - General Biology I and General Biology II
   - Genetics
   - Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy & Physiology II
   - Microbiology
   - General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II
   - Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry
   - General Psychology or Abnormal Psychology
   - Statistics
4. Submission of personal statement.
5. Submission of resume.
6. Documentation of 50 hours of shadowing.
51.2306.00  **Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (OT)**

1. GRE general test. Minimum scores: 150 Verbal, 140 Quantitative, 2.5 Analytical Writing.
2. Specified undergraduate course work completed within five years of the February 1st application deadline with a grade of “C” or better and 3.0 GPA on all prerequisite course work.
   - Anatomy & Physiology I (lecture & lab)
   - Anatomy & Physiology II (lecture & lab)
   - Basic Statistics
   - Psychology of Lifespan
   - Abnormal Psychology
   - Anthropology or Sociology
   - Biomechanics
   - General Physics I (lecture & lab)
   - Technical Writing
   - Medical Terminology
4. Submission of personal statement addressing (a) why you select OT as a career, (b) how an OT degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals, and (c) describe how your personal, educational, and professional background will help you achieve your goals.
5. Documented volunteer hours or experiences.
6. Submission of application to Occupational Therapist Centralized Application Service (OTCAS).
7. Personal interview.

51.2310.00  **Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling**

1. Submission of one letter of recommendation from an employer and one letter of recommendation from a former professor.
2. Submission of a double-spaced, two-page, typed essay as to why you want to pursue a Master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and become a counselor. Applicants must include educational and career goals as well as any other pertinent personal characteristics deemed appropriate. Please include information about work experience related to the field of rehabilitation and past interactions involving individuals with disabilities (i.e., daily, weekly, monthly).
51.3802.00 **Master of Science in Nursing Administration**
1. BS in Nursing or other baccalaureate degree plus the successful completion of Transition to Graduate Nursing course.
2. Submission of short essay including reason for seeking admission, anticipated personal gain, relevant preparation, and future professional plans.
3. Successful completion of undergraduate statistics course.
4. Documentation of current license to practice nursing in Texas.
5. Criminal background check.
6. Evidence of current immunizations required by the Texas Department of Health for students in health-related academic programs.

51.3802.00 **Master of Science in Nursing Practitioner**
1. BS in Nursing.
2. Submission of resume.
4. Successful completion of undergraduate statistics course.
5. Documentation of current license to practice nursing in Texas.
6. Criminal background check.
7. Evidence of current immunizations required by the Texas Department of Health for students in health-related academic programs.

51.3802.00 **Master of Science in Nursing Education**
1. BS in Nursing or other baccalaureate degree plus the successful completion of Transition to Graduate Nursing course.
2. Submission of short essay including reason for seeking admission, anticipated personal gain, relevant preparation, and future professional plans.
3. Successful completion of undergraduate statistics course.
4. Documentation of current license to practice nursing in Texas.
5. Criminal background check.
6. Evidence of current immunizations required by the Texas Department of Health for students in health-related academic programs.

52.0201.00 **Master of Business Administration**
1. GMAT with minimum score of 400 or GRE with minimum score of 146 Verbal and 146 Quantitative. A waiver for the GMAT may be granted to those applicants who show proof of one of the following: have more than four years of professional managerial experience, earned graduate degree (master’s or doctoral), or graduated with an undergraduate GPA of 3.8 or higher on a zero to four point scale.
2. Submission of two letters of recommendations.
3. Respond to five short answer questions provided on application to demonstrate writing competency and communication skills.
52.0301.00 **Master of Accountancy**

1. **GMAT.** A waiver for the GMAT may be granted to those applicants who show proof of one of the following: have current Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license, hold a graduate degree (master’s or doctoral) from an Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)-accredited university, or have graduated with an undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or higher on a zero to four point scale overall and on all accounting course work.

2. Submission of two letters of recommendations.

3. Letter of intent.


52.0301.00 **Master of Science in Accounting**

1. **GMAT.** A waiver for the GMAT may be granted to those applicants who show proof of one of the following: have current CPA license, hold a graduate degree (master’s or doctoral) from an AACSB-accredited university, or have graduated with an undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or higher on a zero to four point scale overall and on all accounting course work.

2. Submission of two letters of recommendations.

3. Letter of intent.


54.0101.00 **Master of Arts in History**

1. **GRE general test.**

2. Submission of two letters of recommendation.


4. Submission of writing sample of at least five pages with citations and bibliography.

5. Minimum of 12 hours of upper-division and nine hours of lower-division History course work.
8. **U. T. Austin: Approval to enter into an affiliation agreement with Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, and Community Care Collaborative to provide needed permanent and ongoing funding for the establishment and operation of the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and President Powers that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve authorization for U. T. Austin to enter into an affiliation agreement with the Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, and the Community Care Collaborative for the purpose of providing important permanent and ongoing funding for the establishment and operation of the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School as a premier medical institution and to meet its vision for creation of new paradigms in clinical care, education, and innovation.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Affiliation Agreement is one among several that are being negotiated and finalized for the funding, support, development, accreditation, operation, and growth of the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School.

On May 3, 2012, the U. T. System Board of Regents approved (i) Available University Funds (AUF) equal to the greater of $25 million annually or a 3% increase in the annual AUF distribution to U. T. Austin from 45 to 48% for the Dell Medical School, and (ii) $5 million per year for eight years for faculty recruitment to the Dell Medical School. Both factors were contingent on the continuation of current or increased levels of support for graduate medical education residency programs and clinical faculty positions by the Seton Family of Hospitals and local community support of $35 million per year for the direct support of the Dell Medical School.

The Affiliation Agreement provides the $35 million per year of local community support based upon the November 6, 2012 vote by the residents of Travis County, which authorized an increase in the tax rate for Central Health to fund improved health care in Travis County, including permanent ongoing funding support of U. T. Austin for the development and operation of the Dell Medical School.

The Affiliation Agreement has an initial term of 25 years. It will renew automatically for successive 25 year terms. The $35 million per year permitted investment payment that U. T. Austin will receive will be used in its discretion to facilitate and enhance the (i) development, accreditation, and ongoing operation of the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School and its administrative infrastructure; (ii) recruitment, retention, and work of the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School faculty, residents, medical students, researchers, administrators, staff, and other clinicians; and (iii) other related activities and functions addressed in the Affiliation Agreement. This funding is critical to U. T. Austin Dell Medical School's vision and goal of creating new paradigms in clinical care, education, and innovation, and transforming health care for better quality, access, efficiency in health care delivery, and lower costs. The Dell Medical School will engage in functions and activities that will redound to the health and welfare of the residents of Travis County and provide ongoing and significant community benefits that support Central Health educational and training programs.
9. **U. T. Austin: Request to a) approve proposed contract with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) to provide services to execute the Administrative Systems Modernization Program, including implementing and integrating Workday, Inc.’s cloud-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system; and b) authorize expenditure of $27 million from Designated Funds and Educational and General Revenue Funds**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel that the U. T. System Board of Regents

a. approve a contract with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) to provide services to execute the Administrative Systems Modernization Program, including implementing and integrating Workday, Inc.’s cloud-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system; and

b. authorize expenditure of $27 million from Designated Funds and Educational and General Revenue Funds to execute the Administrative Systems Modernization Program, including implementing and integrating the Workday ERP system as well as other non-Workday applications in use by U. T. Austin.

President Powers and Mr. Bradley Englert, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer, will make a presentation set forth on the following pages.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Administrative Systems Modernization Program (ASMP 2.0) is a set of projects to modernize the University’s administrative systems, business processes, data management, and technical architecture.

The existing technology toolsets are reaching the end of their usefulness, making it more risky to rely on them. As they have aged, it has become increasingly difficult and expensive to integrate with other systems, add new business functions, and maintain best practices.

As part of ASMP 2.0, the University selected Workday’s ERP as the modern, cloud-based system to replace existing human resource, payroll, and financial systems. The Board of Regents approved a contract with Workday at its December 12, 2013 meeting and authorized $30 million for 60 months with an option to renew an additional 60 months. At that meeting, U. T. Austin advised the Board that a vendor would be needed to implement and integrate the Workday ERP system.

Selecting a vendor started with a two-phase Request for Qualification process. Phase One began in July 2013 when interested vendors were asked to respond to a set of high-level functional requirements, which resulted in qualifying vendors advancing to Phase Two. Phase Two vendors were asked for proposals in response to a detailed set of requirements expressed in a Letter of Instruction (LOI) dated October 14, 2013. Vendor demonstrations were held at
U. T. Austin on December 2, 2013 and December 9, 2013. On March 3, 2014, the University notified IBM that it had been selected to provide services if a contract could be negotiated and executed.
The University of Texas at Austin
Contract with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)

Mr. Bradley Englert, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer

U. T. System Board of Regents’ Meeting
Meeting of the Board
July 2014
Administrative Systems Modernization Program

- IBM, and subcontractor CedarCrestone, will provide services to execute the Administrative Systems Modernization Program (ASMP).
- The scope includes implementation and integration of Workday Human Resource/Payroll and Financials, design a new technical environment, and optimization of business intelligence and strategic reporting capabilities.
- Services to be provided include project management, business process redesign, technical architecture design, configuration, software development, data management design, security configuration, internal controls set-up, testing, conversion, training, documentation, knowledge transfer, cultural change management and communications, deployment support, and post-implementation support.
Rigorous Procurement Process

- **Preparation**
  - Publicly posted a Request for Qualifications for Integration Service Consulting for both Oracle/PeopleSoft and Workday
  - Evaluation Team scored and qualified potential providers for each platform

- **Solicitation**
  - Once Workday was selected as the HR/Financial system platform, qualified suppliers were provided a Letter of Instruction for submitting formal proposals for implementation services

- **Evaluation**
  - Proposals scored by evaluation team
    - Input from Subject Matter Experts
  - On-site presentations by proposers scored by evaluation team
    - Input from Subject Matter Experts
  - Based on final scoring, final recommendation to award IBM/CedarCrestone
  - Notified IBM/CedarCrestone of award based on:
    - Successful contract negotiation
    - Approval by U.T. System Board of Regents

- **Negotiation**
  - Finalize Statement of Work (SOW) and Final Pricing
  - Statement of Work incorporated within current IBM Master Agreement with U.T. System
  - U.T. System Office of General Counsel has reviewed the SOW and approval has been received

- **Approval**
  - Submitted to U.T. System Board of Regents for review and approval
IBM/Cedar Crestone Recommendation

“IBM is a leader in the delivery of successful ERP management system engagements, from completeness of vision to ability to execute.”
Source: Gartner Research Note: Magic Quadrant for ERP Implementation Services, North America

Subcontractor CedarCrestone delivers higher education consulting services for next-generation applications and technology.

- 11 of 14 Workday projects in higher education were supported by CedarCrestone
- 1,000+ software projects for over 300 higher education institutions
- 200+ consultants specialize in higher education
**IBM/CedarCrestone Clients**

### Higher Education Workday Clients

- Brown University
- Cornell University
- Yale University
- University of Rochester
- University of Florida
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Georgetown University

### Texas IBM Clients

- U. T. Health Science Center - Houston
- U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio
- U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston
- U. T. Southwestern Medical Center
- U. T. Arlington
- U. T. El Paso
- U. T. Dallas
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Office of the Attorney General
- Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Texas Education Agency
- Dallas ISD
- Houston Independent School District
- Texas A&M University
- Rice University
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*Student Administration implementation will be a future project and is not included in this contract.

- Completed
- Financial Data Modeling (Chart of Accounts Design) concurrent with HR/Payroll
- Planned
ASMP Organizational Structure
Workday 10-Year Implementation and Operating Costs  
(without Shared Services)  
as of June 2014  
(in millions)

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(1) $30 million of Workday subscription costs distributed between Implementation ($12 million) and Operating ($18 million)
(2) Includes contingency
In Summary

- IBM is a leader in the delivery of successful, large scale administrative systems modernization programs
- Subcontractor CedarCrestone has supported 11 of 14 Workday implementations in higher education
- U. T. Austin seeks Board of Regents’ approval to procure implementation services from IBM and subcontractor CedarCrestone
10. **U. T. System: Preliminary discussion related to the provision of complimentary tickets to third parties**

**DISCUSSION**

Chancellor Cigarroa will begin a discussion related to the provision of complimentary tickets to third parties.
11. **U. T. System: Report and appropriate action on admissions processes**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Chancellor Cigarroa will report on best practices in admissions processes for U. T. System institutions and make recommendations concerning admissions issues.