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Adjourn

5:00 p.m.
1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding Consent Agenda items, if any, assigned for Committee consideration**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Consent Agenda items assigned to this Committee are **Items 26 - 48**.
2. **U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Approval to create the School of Public Health in collaboration with The University of Texas at San Antonio**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and the institutional presidents that approval be granted to create the School of Public Health at U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio in collaboration with U. T. San Antonio.

A PowerPoint presentation is set forth on the following pages.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The proposed U. T. School of Public Health will be formed as a collaborative school between U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio and U. T. San Antonio. The school will build upon the complementary strengths of the San Antonio institutions in data science, behavioral science, epidemiology and biostatistics, and implementation science. The school will develop the next generation of public health professionals needed in South Texas to meet the unique health challenges in the region. The institutions plan to obtain Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) approval and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges (SACSCOC) accreditation in 2023, and it plans to offer a Master of Public Health degree beginning in 2024. Accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health will be achieved by 2027. The institutions will seek Board and THECB approvals as they develop future doctoral programs within the new school.

*Texas Education Code* Section 65.11 authorizes the Board of Regents to provide for the "...administration, organization, and names of the institutions and entities in The University of Texas System in such a way as will achieve the maximum operating efficiency of such institutions and entities...".

If approved by the Board of Regents, the Office of Health Affairs will notify the THECB of the change so that the U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio administrative unit structure can be updated.
UTHSC-SA and UTSA will collaborate to establish a research intensive, community-centric school of public health

- Improves health and reduces morbidity and mortality in South Texas
- Addresses demand for public health professionals within San Antonio and border region
- Meets strong demand for public health education in the COVID-19 era
- Supports enthusiasm from regional partners for a local school of public health that prioritizes South Texas
- Leverages public health expertise at UTSA and UTHSC-SA
- Meets accreditation standards that permit and encourage collaborative schools of public health
Our collective strengths are the foundation of a school of public health serving South Texas

- Federally designated Hispanic serving institutions
- Established history of joint programs: Ph.D. in Translational Science, Biomedical Engineering
- Existing M.D./M.P.H. program
- Robust undergraduate Public Health Degree program
- History of research collaboration – National Institutes of Health, Clinical and Translational Science Awards Program; Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, Center for Innovative Drug Discovery
- Partnership with City of San Antonio and Bexar County
U. T. School of Public Health San Antonio will expand on core expertise

- School will build on core strengths of both institutions in:
  - Community engagement
  - Clinical informatics and analytics
  - Data science
  - State demography
  - Social determinants of health
  - Behavioral science
  - Epidemiology and biostatistics
  - Implementation science
  - Finance and business administration
A Collaborative School of Public Health: UTHSC-SA and UTSA

• Serves as a cohesive public health strategy dedicated to the needs of South Texas
• Develops the next generation of public health professionals to serve the immediate needs of our 38-county catchment area (majority-minority city, U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration identified underserved rural, and urban)
• Permits developing new research and program development in growth areas such as evaluation, clinical informatics, population health
• Supports U. T. System in San Antonio as the established public health leader and community partner in South Texas
Milestones

- 2021: Feasibility study
- 2022: U. T. System Board of Regents approval
- 2023: Formal school designation
- 2024: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval
- 2024: SACSCOC accreditation
- 2024: First M.P.H. students admitted
- 2025: Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) Accreditation Begins
- 2026: First Ph.D. students admitted
- 2027: SACSCOC accreditation
- 2027: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval
3. **U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston: Report and discussion regarding Correctional Managed Health Care Services to inmates in units operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice**

**DISCUSSION**

President Raimer will report on Correctional Managed Health Care Services to inmates in units operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

UTMB provides health care services to inmates in prison units operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), through its own capabilities or by further subcontracting. TDCJ received State appropriations for FY 2022 for the purpose of funding TDCJ contracts with UTMB to provide correctional managed health care services. Pursuant to a longstanding arrangement with TDCJ, UTMB provides health care services to a varying population of approximately 150,000 inmates incarcerated in 84 TDCJ prison facilities.
4. U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and U. T. Health Science Center - Houston: Update and discussion regarding TMC3 collaborative research development

DISCUSSION

President Pisters and President Colasurdo will introduce a discussion regarding the TMC3 collaborative research project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 19, 2018, the Board of Regents approved participation by U. T. Health Science Center - Houston and U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in the TMC3 collaborative research development project in Houston.
5. **U. T. Southwestern Medical Center: Request to approve the honorific naming of the new Neuroscience Research Tower**

**RECOMMENDATION**

President Podolsky will make a recommendation with the support of the Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, and the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications, and Advancement Services concerning honorific naming of the Neuroscience Research Tower.