

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

May 9-10, 2007

Austin, Texas

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/s/ Francie A. Frederick
General Counsel to the Board of Regents
June 13, 2007

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Board of Regents' Meeting
May 9-10, 2007
Austin, Texas

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Wednesday, May 9, 2007

9:30 a.m.	Academic Affairs Committee
10:30 a.m.	Joint meeting of Academic Affairs and Facilities Planning and Construction Committees
10:45 a.m.	Facilities Planning and Construction Committee
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:15 p.m.	Health Affairs Committee
1:15 p.m.	Finance and Planning Committee
2:15 p.m.	Audit, Compliance, and Management Review Committee
3:15 p.m.	Meeting of the Board in Executive Session
5:00 p.m.	Recess

Thursday, May 10, 2007

8:30 a.m.	Student, Faculty, and Staff Campus Life Committee (Includes Annual Meeting with Student Advisory Council Officers)
10:00 a.m.	General Meeting of the Board in Open Session
12:00 noon approximately	Adjourn

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MINUTES
U. T. System Board of Regents
Academic Affairs Committee
May 9, 2007

The members of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 9:35 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Board Meeting Room on the 9th Floor of Ashbel Smith Hall, The University of Texas System, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

Attendance

Vice Chairman Krier, presiding
Regent Barnhill
Regent Caven
Regent Estrada (for Items 8-11)
Regent McHugh

Absent

Regent Craven

Also present were Chairman Huffines (for Items 6-11), Vice Chairman Clements (for Items 8-11), Regent Camarillo, and General Counsel to the Board Frederick (for Items 8-11).

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Committee Chairman Krier called the meeting to order.

1. **U. T. El Paso: Authorization to establish M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs in Computational Science**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Geri H. Malandra, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent McHugh, seconded by Regents Barnhill and Caven, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

Committee Chairman Krier remarked she was pleased to see there is a demand for graduates and jobs available in computational science.

2. U. T. El Paso: Approval to expand preliminary planning authority for a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in the School of Nursing

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Geri H. Malandra, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent McHugh, seconded by Regents Barnhill and Caven, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, mentioned the interaction between the health institutions and U. T. El Paso on this program.

3. U. T. El Paso: Authorization to establish a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Geri H. Malandra, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent McHugh, seconded by Regents Barnhill and Caven, and carried unanimously

Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, mentioned the interaction between the health institutions and U. T. El Paso on this program.

4. U. T. San Antonio: Honorific naming of a portion of the campus as the Tom C. Frost Plaza

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): President Ricardo Romo, U. T. San Antonio

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Barnhill, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

In response to an inquiry by Committee Chairman Krier, President Romo said no construction is planned for the plaza area, as it is situated between two buildings.

Committee Chairman Krier noted Mr. Frost's contributions have likely benefited other U. T. System institutions as well.

5. U. T. San Antonio: Honorific naming of the Laurel Room in the University Center as the Gilbert M. Denman Room

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): President Ricardo Romo

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent McHugh, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

Committee Chairman Krier asked about the room's location, and Dr. Romo said it is on the second floor of the University Center.

Committee Chairman Krier noted Mr. Denman's contributions have likely benefited other U. T. System institutions as well.

6. U. T. Austin: Approval of honorific naming of the theatre within the Hogg Memorial Auditorium as the Ann and David Honeycutt Theatre

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): President William C. Powers, Jr., U. T. Austin

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Barnhill, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

In response to a question by Committee Chairman Krier, President Powers said the renovation of the auditorium and theatre will occur once the remaining funding is available.

7. Not Available

Committee Chairman Krier noted there was no Item 7, as it was removed prior to distribution of the Agenda Books.

8. U. T. System: Graduation Rates Initiatives presentation

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Geri H. Malandra, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Status: Reported

Future Actions:

1. Consider combining establishment and raising of minimum admission requirements with additional measures and targets mentioned by Dr. Malandra and Chancellor Yudof in the next steps of the Strategic Plan per Regent Caven and Committee Chairman Krier.
2. Per Committee Chairman Krier, explain or correct data to tell the whole story instead of footnotes such as "data reporting error" or "no data available" in context of (a) there were no U. T. Brownsville freshman students before 1998 (U. T. Brownsville was allowed freshman students beginning in 1998), and (b) why there are no Top 10 Percent students at U. T. Brownsville (describe collaboration with Texas Southmost College).

Discussion at meeting:

Chairman Huffines complimented the presidents and Dr. Malandra on their progress towards improving graduation rates and said the presidents and the Board have worked together to develop a good policy. He said U. T. System is ahead of the curve on graduation rates and he looks forward to regular updates on the progress. Chairman Huffines said he wants the U. T. System to be innovative and creative in solving graduation rate problems and this issue is a key part of the Strategic Plan and will be closely monitored.

At Regent Caven's recommendation, Committee Chairman Krier suggested combining establishment and raising of minimum admission requirements with additional measures and targets mentioned by Dr. Malandra and Chancellor Yudof in the next steps of the Strategic Plan.

Regent McHugh asked how to balance graduation rates with graduating well-educated students who are qualified to go into the workforce. Committee Chairman Krier said quality as well as speed is important and she complimented U. T. Austin, U. T. Dallas, and U. T. Tyler for exceeding the national average graduation rate.

Dr. Juliet V. García, President, U. T. Brownsville, said it is important to look at quality, quantity, external measures, and the time it takes to graduate while attending part-time. Dr. Malandra said the Accountability and Performance Report analyzed certification and external measures.

U. T. Arlington President James D. Spaniolo said it is important to look at graduation rates through a multidimensional spectrum and at the success of transfer students to get a fuller picture. He reported on the number of degrees that will be awarded in Spring and Summer 2007 and said it is important to remember that individual lives will be affected and these individuals will be joining the workforce and benefiting the State of Texas and beyond.

Regent Barnhill asked President García why data was not available prior to 1999. Dr. García explained that U. T. Brownsville began as an upper-division university and only began admitting freshman students in 1998. Committee Chairman Krier encouraged the institutions to explain or correct data to tell the whole story and not leave footnotes outstanding such as “data reporting error” or “no data available.” She said U. T. Brownsville could also describe its collaboration with Texas Southmost College to explain why there are no Top 10 Percent students at U. T. Brownsville.

Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Malandra closed by emphasizing the value and importance of addressing student success using a variety of tactics at the individual campuses. She said progress will be incremental and uneven and it is important for the presidents to understand the impacts of these initiatives to determine what is working and what is not working.

Committee Chairman Krier said although this item is not an action item for the Committee, it is an action item for the presidents.

9. U. T. System: Report from academic presidents on increasing admission requirements

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Geri H. Malandra, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; President Ricardo Romo, U. T. San Antonio; President Blandina Cárdenas, U. T. Pan American; President Rodney H. Mabry, U. T. Tyler; President William C. Powers, Jr., U. T. Austin; President W. David Watts, U. T. Permian Basin

Status: Reported

Discussion at meeting:

Committee Chairman Krier said although this item is not an action item for the Committee, it is an action item for the presidents.

President Romo said U. T. San Antonio established an enrollment management committee that recommended an increase in the SAT score requirement for the top 25% freshman students in the bottom portion of that percentage. He said the institution has to be more selective since there are no campus resources for remedial programs. Dr. Romo also said they are collaborating with community colleges.

President Cárdenas reported U. T. Pan American is working to improve students' readiness for college. She said they have been successful in combining admissions standards with retention strategies and resources. Committee Chairman Krier commended Dr. Cárdenas for focusing on the "before" with preparation in the school districts as well as the "after" with the impact on investments and economic development.

President Mabry said developmental courses are handled by the nearby junior college, so U. T. Tyler is focused on attracting good students. He said a concern is that there is not enough scholarship money to attract these students. Dr. Malandra mentioned U. T. Tyler added an extra writing element in the SAT to its admissions criteria.

U. T. Austin President Powers said enrollment management is a concern. He hopes the idea of open admission will not be eliminated entirely in spite of the possibility of negatively affecting graduation rates. Committee Chairman Krier said there would be an accountability issue and the open admission practice would need to be tracked to see how it works.

President Watts said the number of students in West Texas is well below the college-going rate. He said U. T. Permian Basin is competing with high-paying jobs that do not require an education. In addition to increasing SAT and ACT score requirements, a holistic admissions process is being implemented for conditional admissions categories. Dr. Watts said the scholarship process is being reviewed to encourage success in the admission process, and the alliance with community colleges is being strengthened.

Committee Chairman Krier said each campus is unique and brings a different perspective. She appreciated the willingness of President Watts to bring forward concerns while encouraging the development of a successful program.

10. U. T. System: Report on FY 2006 post-tenure review

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Committee Chairman Krier

Status: Reported

Future Action: Regent Estrada encouraged presidents to increase parity in gender and ethnic diversity.

Discussion at meeting:

Regent Estrada noted disparity in the breakdown by gender and ethnicity in the post-tenure review report and asked the presidents to increase their efforts towards diversity.

11. U. T. Arlington: Campus Master Plan update

Note: See Minutes of the joint meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee for discussion of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Krier thanked the academic presidents for being actively engaged during her time as Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee. She commended Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Malandra for her leadership and her national service on accountability and said the Board was fortunate to continue to work with her in the latter capacity. Committee Chairman Krier led a round of applause and adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

MINUTES
U. T. System Board of Regents
Joint Meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and
the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee
May 9, 2007

The members of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Board Meeting Room on the 9th Floor of Ashbel Smith Hall, The University of Texas System, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

Attendance

Regent Barnhill, presiding
Vice Chairman Clements
Vice Chairman Krier
Regent Caven
Regent Estrada
Regent McHugh

Absent

Regent Craven

Also present were Chairman Huffines, Regent Camarillo, and General Counsel to the Board Frederick.

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Facilities Planning and Construction Committee Chairman Barnhill called the joint meeting to order.

U. T. Arlington: Campus Master Plan Update

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction; President James D. Spaniolo, U. T. Arlington; Ms. Sarah Lewis, Associate, Ayers/Saint/Gross, Architects + Planners

Status: Reported

Future Action: Regent Estrada suggested campuses institute early warning signal systems for severe weather in addition to broadcasts about potentially violent situations.

Discussion at meeting:

President Spaniolo recognized Mr. Chuck Nixon, AIA, Vice President, Carter & Burgess, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; Ms. Sarah Lewis, Associate, Ayers/Saint/Gross, Architects + Planners, Washington, D.C.; and Mr. John Hall, Vice President for Administration and Campus Operations, U. T. Arlington, and said they were available to respond to questions during the meeting.

In response to a question by Committee Chairman Barnhill, President Spaniolo said there was a close and positive working relationship with the U. T. System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction (OFPC). U. T. Arlington was sensitive to the great time demands on the OFPC staff, so the campus assumed as much responsibility as possible while still relying on OFPC's expertise. Mr. Hall suggested as other institutions go forward with updating their Campus Master Plans, they include OFPC personnel on steering committees.

Chancellor Yudof voiced his concern about the competition between the open campus design and campus security. President Spaniolo agreed that a strong security plan is needed. He said a task force is reviewing security measures and adjustments will likely be made to the Campus Master Plan. President Spaniolo stressed that although security is important, he wants to maintain the openness and freedom of access to the campus. Regent Estrada suggested that all campuses develop early warning signal systems for severe weather in addition to broadcasts about potentially violent situations.

Mr. O'Donnell emphasized although OFPC is the facilitator, there is a great deal of advance programming effort by the Offices of Academic and Health Affairs that is critically important in developing Campus Master Plans.

ADJOURNMENT

Academic Affairs Committee Chairman Krier adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

MINUTES
U. T. System Board of Regents
Facilities Planning and Construction Committee
May 9, 2007

The members of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Board Meeting Room, 9th Floor, Ashbel Smith Hall, The University of Texas System, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

Attendance

Regent Barnhill, presiding
Vice Chairman Clements
Regent Caven
Regent Estrada
Regent McHugh

Also present were Chairman Huffines, Vice Chairman Krier (for Items 1 and 4-9), Regent Rowling (for Items 2-9), Regent Camarillo, and General Counsel to the Board Frederick.

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Committee Chairman Barnhill called the meeting to order.

1. U. T. Arlington: Campus Master Plan Update

Note: See Minutes of the joint meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee for discussion of this item.

2. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Amendment of a) definition of Major Project in Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 80301 (Capital Improvement Program), Series 80402 (Major Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects), and Series 80404 (Institutional Management of Major Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects); b) Series 80403 (Minor Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects), Section 1 regarding delegation of authority and the definition of Minor Projects; and c) Series 10501 (Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board), Section 4.1**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent McHugh, seconded by Regent Estrada, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

Regent Estrada said while he supports this proposal, he is concerned that high-dollar contracts not requiring Regental review might not receive the same degree of sensitivity for minority and historically underutilized business participation. He asked the Chancellor and U. T. System staff to be sensitive to this.

3. **U. T. System: Consideration of possible designation of the Fine Arts Academic and Performance Complex project at U. T. Pan American and the Student Multipurpose Center project at U. T. Permian Basin as architecturally or historically significant**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Estrada, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

The U. T. Pan American Fine Arts Academic and Performance Complex project was recommended for designation as architecturally significant. The Student Multipurpose Center project at U. T. Permian Basin was not recommended as a special interest project.

4. **U. T. Permian Basin: Student Multipurpose Center - Amendment of the FY 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2007-2008 Capital Budget to include project**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Vice Chairman Clements, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

5. **U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Guhn Road Data Center Renovation - Amendment of the FY 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2007-2008 Capital Budget to include this shared services initiative project with U. T. System; approval of total project cost; appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditure; and authorization of institutional management**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Vice Chairman Clements, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

Regent Caven asked if the facility was physically located in Houston, and Mr. O'Donnell replied that it was.

6. **U. T. El Paso: The Paul Foster and Jeff Stevens Basketball Complex - Amendment of the FY 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2007-2008 Capital Budget to increase total project cost; approval of design development; approval to revise funding source; appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditure; approval of evaluation of alternative energy economic feasibility; and resolution regarding parity debt**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Estrada, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

7. U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Mid-Campus Infrastructure - Request for approval of design development; appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditure; and approval of evaluation of alternative energy economic feasibility

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Estrada, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

8. U. T. Austin: LBJ Plaza Renovation/Lady Bird Johnson Center - Amendment of the FY 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2007-2008 Capital Budget to increase total project cost; appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditure; and resolution regarding parity debt

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Estrada, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

Mr. O'Donnell explained the details and history behind the renovation of the LBJ Plaza. The original project involved the LBJ Library and associated plaza where a garden is to be constructed to honor former First Lady Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson. This project was first approved in May 2004 at a cost of \$30.5 million and was later amended to \$32.25 million. The renovation of Sid Richardson Hall is an additional \$50 million project to bring the building from the 1970 code to current building code. The northern portion, the LBJ School of Public Affairs, sits next to the garden that will be renovated in the LBJ Plaza. This addition to the LBJ Plaza Renovation/Lady Bird Johnson Center project is listed as a scope change but the two are independent projects. Mr. O'Donnell pointed out the need to combine this project with the LBJ Plaza Renovation/Lady Bird Johnson Center construction. He explained that the two projects are linked because there is benefit in doing them together and that it is probable that if done separately some of the original project would have to be torn up to change Sid Richardson Hall.

Chairman Huffines fully supported the projects and remarked that Sid Richardson Hall has been a problem for years. He also explained the Board had approved the LBJ Plaza twice in the last two to three years. He expressed concern that at those points in time this scope change was not added. Chairman Huffines added that he did not have a problem with the project but rather a problem with the way it keeps coming before the Board.

U. T. Austin President William C. Powers, Jr., replied that a new dean had been hired and at that time the project was not funded, which was the reason for the delay. At a later time, some institutional funds in the Revenue Finance System were found to fund the project. He also described plans to use the same architect as the original project and stressed that it is a project that should have been completed three or four years ago, but they have just now been able to come up with the internal funding. Mr. O'Donnell said the same project team would be used in addition to the same architect. Chairman Huffines agreed that this made economic sense and noted that the LBJ project was originally delayed for protracted negotiations and asked Dr. Patricia L. Clubb, Vice President for Employee and Campus Services at U. T. Austin, about the status of the issues with the National Historic Commission. She noted that the testing and selection of the stone are the only issues still being discussed. A second question from Chairman Huffines regarded delays due to changing the scope of the project and any impact on federal grants. Mr. O'Donnell said the two accounts, \$32.25 million and \$15 million, will be set up with subaccounts and will be accounted for separately.

In response to two additional questions by Chairman Huffines, Dr. Clubb and President Powers emphasized substantial completion of the projects will be on time and within budget. Chairman Huffines again expressed support for the projects, and Chairman Barnhill agreed but added his hopes that, in the future, there will not be need for changes after the Board has already approved an item.

9. U. T. Austin: Research Office Complex (formerly Institute for Geophysics and Advanced Computing Center) - Amendment of the FY 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2007-2008 Capital Budget to revise funding source for appropriation of \$13,850,000 from Permanent University Fund Bond Proceeds to accommodate the Sun Constellation supercomputer, funded by a \$59,000,000 High Performance Computing System grant from the National Science Foundation

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Scott C. Kelley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs; Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Estrada, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously

Other Updates:

Regent Barnhill wanted to know the status of the Darryl K Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium project and the U. T. Austin Executive Education and Conference Center project. Mr. O'Donnell said that the Darryl K Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium project has been impacted by rain. He said the schedule was rearranged based on the communications with the Department of Athletics, and the project is now back on

schedule. The construction crew is working six days per week and two shifts. He said he does not foresee problems with the budget and the project should be completed in 2008.

The U. T. Austin Executive Education and Conference Center is two weeks ahead of schedule, remains on budget, and there are no large issues of concern. The topping out of the structure is scheduled for May 24, 2007. Mr. O'Donnell also said the occupational occupancy is scheduled for July 2008 and the substantial completion date is approximately March 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Barnhill adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

MINUTES
U. T. System Board of Regents
Health Affairs Committee
May 9, 2007

The members of the Health Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 12:20 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Board Meeting Room on the 9th Floor of Ashbel Smith Hall, The University of Texas System, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

Attendance

Vice Chairman Clements, presiding
Vice Chairman Krier
Regent Caven
Regent Rowling

Absent

Regent Craven

Also present were Chairman Huffines (for Item 5), Regent Barnhill, Regent Camarillo, Regent Estrada, Regent McHugh, and General Counsel to the Board Frederick.

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Committee Chairman Clements called the meeting to order.

1. **U. T. Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas: Authorization to purchase approximately 2.4339 acres with improvements located at 5602 Redfield Street, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, from National Self Storage, Inc., a Delaware corporation, for a purchase price not to exceed fair market value as established by independent appraisals for use as an expansion of the institution's biotechnology development complex**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Kern Wildenthal, M.D., President, U. T. Southwestern Medical Center – Dallas;
Ms. Florence Mayne, Executive Director of Real Estate

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Rowling, seconded by Vice Chairman Krier, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

Ms. Mayne said the second appraisal on the property came in at a value of \$2.15 million. She said the property is under contract for a purchase price of \$1.48 million.

2. **U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Authorization to negotiate and execute a land use agreement and access easements with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department pertaining to the U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center - Science Park Research Division in Smithville, Bastrop County, Texas**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): John Mendelsohn, M.D., President, U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Vice Chairman Krier, seconded by Regent Rowling, and carried unanimously

3. **U. T. System: Report on FY 2006 post-tenure review**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs

Status: Reported

Discussion at meeting:

Executive Vice Chancellor Shine said tenure at the health institutions is closely related to research. He said some candidates up for tenure review choose to opt out to become clinician teachers. Dr. Shine also noted there are no tenured positions at U. T. Health Center - Tyler, and the tenure appointments at U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center are time limited. In response to a question by Vice Chairman Krier, John Mendelsohn, M.D., President, explained term tenure at M. D. Anderson involves a seven-year contract, with review in the sixth year.

4. **U. T. System: Quarterly report on health issues by Executive Vice Chancellor Shine**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs

Status: Reported

Future Action: Dr. Shine encouraged Regent Camarillo to work with Mr. Dan Stewart, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Employee Services, to provide him advice and input on student health insurance

Discussion at meeting:

Executive Vice Chancellor Shine reported on the following topics:

- *U. T. Academy of Health Science Education - Next year's membership will drop to keep the Academy as a group of elite educators. The Academy is developing an information technology resource base to identify curriculum materials that can be shared by campuses.*

- *Science meetings - This year's meeting was related to nanoscience and the annual statewide conference has transitioned to The Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas.*
- *Quality improvement and patient safety - Chancellor's Health Fellow Sharon Martin, M.Ed., MT (ASCP) SC, U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, has instituted a program for improving patient safety and quality at the campuses across the U. T. System.*
- *Wellness Symposium - U. T. System is the first university system in the U.S. to take on wellness as a System-wide priority. A System-wide steering committee on wellness programs will be looking at producing data that can be translated to a reduction in healthcare costs.*
- *Helen H. Hobbs, M.D., Director of the McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development at U. T. Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences.*
- *A consortium on ethics and health policy in Texas has been established.*
- *Code Red bills pending with the Legislature*
- *U. T. Health Science Center - Houston 35th anniversary celebration honoring James T. Willerson, M.D., President, and his wife, Nancy*
- *U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston gala on June 8, 2007, in recognition of the years of service of President John D. Stobo, M.D., and his wife, Mary Ann, to U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston*
- *Campus visits - Received student feedback that their main concerns were health insurance premiums and whether they incur any legal liability as a result of serving on campus committees. The U. T. System Office of General Counsel has issued an opinion stating students receive the same immunity as faculty or staff if the student serves on a formally established committee of the campus. Dr. Shine said a written policy for students and alumni has been developed on this issue.*

Regent Camarillo said he attended several of the campus visits and he reiterated the concern of students regarding health insurance. Dr. Shine encouraged Regent Camarillo to work with Mr. Dan Stewart, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Employee Services, to provide advice and input.

5. U. T. System: Discussion of and video presentation on international programs

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): *Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs; institutional health presidents*

Status: *Discussed*

Discussion at meeting:

Following the presentation by John D. Stobo, M.D., President, U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston, of a video clip on Rift Valley Fever in Kenya, Dr. Shine asked each of the remaining presidents to briefly discuss international activities at their institutions.

President Kern Wildenthal said faculty at U. T. Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas are involved in international collaborative projects and he spoke about an AIDS clinic in South Africa. He said students are also interested in international experiences.

John Mendelsohn, M.D., President, U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, discussed agreements with cancer programs around the world and said the focus has been on exchanging clinical and laboratory research ideas. He said there is a demand for the institution to help set up cancer clinics in other countries, but cost is a limiting factor.

Francisco G. Cigarroa, M.D., President, U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio, said former Student Regent Haley was involved in encouraging international experiences. Dr. Cigarroa said he attributes increased participation by students in international degree programs to the availability of scholarships. He said an obstacle is there is no dedicated office to coordinate the programs, but encouraged discussion of best practices and consistency throughout the U. T. System.

President Kirk Aquilla Calhoun said U. T. Health Center - Tyler has no academic or clinical programs, but he spoke about the institution's involvement in three international research collaborations.

James T. Willerson, M.D., President, U. T. Health Science Center - Houston, spoke about several international agreements of cooperation and program agreements and said the institution also cares for patients that come from international sites.

Executive Vice Chancellor Shine said liability insurance policies are offered to students when they travel overseas.

Committee Chairman Clements said she has enjoyed her service on the Health Affairs Committee and she praised the quality of the health institutions and commended the health presidents and Executive Vice Chancellor Shine for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Clements adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

MINUTES
U. T. System Board of Regents
Finance and Planning Committee
May 9, 2007

The members of the Finance and Planning Committee of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 1:20 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Board Meeting Room on the 9th Floor of Ashbel Smith Hall, The University of Texas System, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

Attendance

Regent Rowling, presiding
Vice Chairman Krier (for Items 4-6)
Regent Barnhill
Regent Caven
Regent McHugh (for Items 2-6)

Also present were Chairman Huffines, Vice Chairman Clements, Regent Camarillo, Regent Estrada, and General Counsel to the Board Frederick.

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Committee Chairman Rowling called the meeting to order.

1. **U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action related to approval of Docket No. 130**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): *Dr. Scott C. Kelley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs*
Status: *Discussed*

Discussion at meeting:

Committee Chairman Rowling asked if the five contracts exceeding \$1 million on the first two pages of the Docket were included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Dr. Kelley responded that they were renewal of blanket order contracts.

2. **U. T. System: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Preparation Policies and Calendar for budget operations**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): *Mr. Randy Wallace, Associate Vice Chancellor, Controller and Chief Budget Officer*
Status: *Approved*
Motion: *Made by Regent Barnhill, seconded by Regent Caven, and carried unanimously*

3. U. T. System: Key Financial Indicators Report and Monthly Financial Report

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Scott C. Kelley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs

Status: Reported

Future Action: Regent Estrada asked if the U. T. Arlington numbers reflect any amounts received from pending legal settlements.

Discussion at meeting:

Committee Chairman Rowling noted that \$113 million of the operating margin was a one-time upper payment limit reimbursement. Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, said the campuses were asked not to count that money as part of their operating budgets. Mr. Randy Wallace, Associate Vice Chancellor, Controller and Chief Budget Officer, said one more upper payment limit of \$24 million will be reflected in April.

Regent Estrada asked if the U. T. Arlington numbers on Page 94 of the Supplemental Materials (Volume 2) of the Agenda Book reflect any amounts received from pending legal settlements and Mr. Wallace said he did not think so, but will check.

4. U. T. System: Shared Services Initiative Report

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Scott C. Kelley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs

Status: Reported

Discussion at meeting:

Chairman Huffines asked about the benchmark on added value for the Intermediate Term Fund (ITF) and Dr. Kelley said it is any earnings that exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 3%, with 90% of the excess returns retained by the campus and 10% retained centrally. Chairman Huffines asked if the investment earnings are rolled back into the ITF or if they can be spent on an annual basis. Executive Vice Chancellor Kelley responded that the campus could do either.

Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, said the \$3 million in liability money could be used for shared biotechnology projects and congratulated Dr. Kelley for his leadership on System-wide time and effort reporting and shared purchasing activity.

Committee Chairman Rowling expressed concern about the large amounts of time and money needed to support the Shared Services Initiative. Dr. Kelley said he was pleased with the progress on the DEFINE system, which minimizes the implementation risks and investment needed. He said the initiative presents challenges, but is the right course to leverage the strength of the U. T. System.

Dr. Shine said a pilot could be set up to measure progress and figure out a dollar value in some areas.

5. U. T. System Board of Regents: Investment Reports for the fiscal quarter ended February 28, 2007, and The University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO) Performance Summary Report

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Ms. Cathy Iberg, Interim President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer, UTIMCO

Status: Reported

Future Action: Chancellor Yudof suggested revisiting the inclusion of commodities in the Intermediate Term Fund.

Discussion at meeting:

Chancellor Yudof suggested revisiting the inclusion of commodities in the Intermediate Term Fund (ITF). Ms. Iberg said commodities provide diversification and are a good hedge against the dollar, but there is a lot of volatility with commodities and there might be other types of asset classes that would serve as better inflation hedges.

In response to a request from Committee Chairman Rowling, Ms. Iberg provided an update through March 2007 and preliminary figures through April 2007.

Chancellor Yudof asked if there should be more investment in the ITF and less in the Short Term Fund (STF). Regent Caven said there may be some advantages to broader diversification of funds.

Committee Chairman Rowling said funds of \$23 billion are managed by The University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO), and for the first eight months of this year, the General Endowment Fund (GEF) and the Permanent University Fund (PUF) have returned an average of approximately 13%. He said a new Chief Executive Officer, Bruce E. Zimmerman, has been hired and he thanked Ms. Iberg for her interim leadership. Following a round of applause, Regent Caven also thanked Ms. Iberg, saying the numbers are in green now instead of in red.

6. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of annual distributions from the Permanent University Fund, the Permanent Health Fund, the Long Term Fund, and the Intermediate Term Fund**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Ms. Cathy Iberg, Interim President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer, UTIMCO

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Regent Caven, seconded by Regent McHugh, and carried unanimously

Discussion at meeting:

Committee Chairman Rowling noted U. T. System's annual share of the distribution from the Permanent University Fund (PUF) is approximately \$61 million.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Rowling adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

MINUTES
U. T. System Board of Regents
Audit, Compliance, and Management Review Committee
May 9, 2007

The members of the Audit, Compliance, and Management Review Committee of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 2:33 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Board Meeting Room on the 9th Floor of Ashbel Smith Hall, The University of Texas System, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

Attendance

Regent Estrada, presiding
Vice Chairman Clements
Vice Chairman Krier
Regent Rowling

Absent

Regent Craven

Also present were Regent Barnhill, Regent Camarillo, Regent McHugh, and General Counsel to the Board Frederick.

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Committee Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order.

1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approve proposed appointment of members to the Audit and Ethics Committee of The University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO)**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Committee Chairman Estrada

Status: Approved

Motion: Made by Vice Chairman Krier, seconded by Vice Chairman Clements, and carried unanimously

2. **U. T. System: Report on State Auditor's Office recommendations regarding correctional managed healthcare funding requirements at U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston**

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Dr. Ben Raimer, Vice President and CEO, Community Health Services, and Ms. Kimberly Hagara, Director of Audit Services, U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston

Status: Reported

Discussion at meeting:

Ms. Hagara stated that the State Auditor's audit objective was to examine the deficit for the 2006-2007 biennium that was reported by the Correctional Managed Healthcare Committee. U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston (UTMB) is contracted with the Correctional Managed Healthcare Committee to provide healthcare services. The reported deficit was approximately \$2.8 million, of which approximately \$800,000 was represented by UTMB, the other \$2 million was represented by Texas Tech, the other contractor. As part of their review, key expenditure items were tested, including payroll, capital expenditures, patient services provided, torts and other judgments, moving and relocation expenses, the allocation of hospital-related services provided by the School of Medicine, and the control systems related to the expenditures. Forecasting methodology for the coming year, the projected deficit, and the past projection process was also reviewed. Out of the testing, recommendations were provided related to source documentation, retention, enhancing information technology security, the time capture process, allocation of cost, and medical record documentation.

Dr. Raimer presented the following responses and actions taken to address the recommendations:

- He agreed that the projected losses fell short of the original estimate. During that year, between \$4 and \$5 million of internal improvements occurred allowing UTMB to come in under the projected losses. The methodology UTMB used for cost allocation was questioned. Most recently, a new EClipses cost management system was installed, allocating \$76.1 million to the cost for correctional healthcare, but there is not a paper trail associated with this system. UTMB provided the State Auditor a document, which supported the allocation of \$76.3 million. He said the \$200,000 difference between the two systems is not believed to be material.*
- The relocation and recruitment expenses of \$36,000 to move and locate physicians to underserved areas where prisons are built is a line item allowable under the contract, but was raised as an issue. The State Auditor has interpreted that the funds, which are allocated by the State, are General Revenue funds because they flowed to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), and then to the Correctional Managed Healthcare Committee, and finally to the contractors, Texas Tech and UTMB. Dr. Raimer said the Committee has considered these as institutional funds. He remarked it is questionable whether the \$36,000 is material and recommends clarification of the interpretation of General Revenue funds for future contracts.*
- UTMB's policy for recognizing torts and other liability judgments has been to use accrual accounting but the State Auditor recommends that torts and liabilities be accounted for on a cash basis. He said it would be inconsistent*

to do otherwise since doing so would be in contradiction to General Accepted Accounting Principals. Regent Estrada remarked this would account for many differences in the report and in response to a question from Vice Chairman Krier, Ms. Hagara clarified that it was \$311,000. Dr. Raimer further stated that the person who manages torts and liabilities needs to have those funds set aside to be able to negotiate settlement without going to court.

- Regarding management of accounting of time for employees, UTMB is installing the Kronos time management system, which is a time capture system. Dr. Raimer said it has been hard to place in the prisons because permission has to be given by the TDCJ and scanning devices have to be located at each prison. UTMB will have a scanned record of entry of personnel, including managers, who go on those premises.*
- The State Auditor's report expressed concern about the credentials or stamina of the information technology systems and Dr. Raimer said these systems are constantly being upgraded and are well known internationally, particularly the financial management systems and the monitoring systems.*

Committee Chairman Estrada asked Mr. Chaffin if the different view of accounting would be an issue each time one of the health institutions is audited and Mr. Chaffin indicated this was an interpretation of one group of people within the organization and in this particular case, one must make an estimate of what is to be paid in the future based upon actions previously taken place, which is accrual accounting and that is how the financial statements are prepared. In Mr. Chaffin's opinion, UTMB did it correctly and should continue to do it that way.

Regent Estrada further asked if it meant meeting with the State Auditor's Office to change their policy and procedures but Mr. Chaffin responded that other financial statements as prepared have been accepted.

Dr. Shine said the correctional managed care program had requested close to \$80 million in additional monies from the legislature of which only \$60 million was appropriated. He stated that Dr. Raimer and his colleagues have done an extraordinary job over the last two years of decreasing costs, of bringing the project in line with the monies that were available, and at the same time, shown high quality. Dr. Shine said the program is, per capita cost, the most efficient system in the United States. Given the \$376 million budget, this is in fact a good report for a complex organization.

Vice Chairman Krier asked for clarification of the broad range of projected losses and Dr. Raimer emphasized the \$6 million deficit was a projection; however, strategies were instituted such as establishment of urgent care centers in different regions to decrease offenders going to committee emergency rooms and improvement of utilization management (movement of offenders), resulting in over \$5 million of cost savings.

3. U. T. System: Report on the Statewide Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended August 31, 2006

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Ms. Amy Barrett, Assistant Director of Audits
Status: Reported

Discussion at meeting:

Ms. Barrett clarified this statewide single audit report is an audit of the financial statements for the State of Texas and of federal awards. In the State of Texas, this is done at the state level in which most State agencies participate in this audit as well as higher education entities.

Ms. Barrett stated that material weakness is the most serious of the findings because it means there are no internal controls in place to detect an error that would be material to a major federal program. A reportable condition is less severe; there may be some internal controls and the potential error would not be material. The material weakness and material noncompliance finding was received by U. T. Permian Basin and since then, Ms. Barrett has had discussions with a representative from U. T. Permian Basin, the specific department has been reorganized, particular issues have been addressed, and system fixes are being put in place.

Ms. Barrett added that the System Audit Office is working on a plan for a financial statement audit since Deloitte & Touche will not be performing the audit of the System-wide financial statements. Internal auditors will be at each institution to perform work towards that plan and will also be following up on Deloitte & Touche's comments as part of that process. There will also be a follow-up on all of the State Auditor's Office comments to make sure they are all adequately addressed.

4. U. T. System: Report on System-wide Information Security

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Lewis Watkins, Chief Information Security Officer
Status: Reported

Discussion at meeting:

Mr. Watkins spoke about three recent accomplishments in developing a sound U. T. System information security program:

1. *establishment of an information security roadmap, which is a blueprint of the program to be rolled out to the institutions. The roadmap contains action items in four different areas:*
 - *establishing the security standards expected across the System,*

- *defining the oversight activities to be performed on a quarterly basis,*
- *defining some technologies thought to have potential for assisting across the board to improve information security, and*
- *defining the outcomes expected and metrics to be used to measure the success of the program.*

He said to date 25% of the roadmap has been implemented, with 60% by September 1 and 90% in a year.

2. *preparation of a newly adopted comprehensive information security policy for the U. T. System that covers all electronic data including research data and protecting the privacy of social security numbers (SSN).*
3. *encryption of laptops so that in the event of a lost computer, the University can have confidence that no data will be exposed. An Information Security Practice Bulletin has been drafted that requires any laptop containing confidential data be encrypted at all times. Mr. Watkins said many institutions have already started encrypting laptops and at U. T. System, all laptops are already encrypted.*

In conclusion, Mr. Watkins said good support has been received from the institutional Information Security Officers (ISO) and executive management.

Regent Estrada asked who would implement the circular at the campus level and Mr. Watkins replied it would be the ISO, working with the Chief Information Officer. Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Kenneth I. Shine commented that the Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellors consider computer security to be of such high priority that the institutional compacts will address this matter.

5. U. T. System: Report on System-wide Institutional Compliance Activities

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): *Mr. Charles Chaffin, Director of Audits and System-wide Compliance Officer*
Status: *Reported*

Discussion at meeting:

Mr. Chaffin said there would be an independent assessment of the compliance program. Notebooks were sent to the assessment team who will be at U. T. System on May 22-24 to interview members of executive management and compliance officers at all U. T. System institutions. The field visits of the independent assessment of the U. T. System Administration compliance program have already been done.

He said the compliance officer council has prioritized three focus areas: 1) the general compliance training originally set up in 1998, is being reviewed 2) the risk assessment process and monitoring plans are being reviewed to identify best practices for the U. T. System institutions, and 3) the peer review or assessment process and the assurance functions for various high risk areas are also being reviewed. A mid-July deadline has been set to give reports. Work is also being done with the endowment compliance committee.

In conclusion, Mr. Chaffin said the fifth compliance conference will be held the first week in June. Already 250 people are registered from over 100 institutions around the country. When the first conference was held in 2000, there were only a few non-U. T. System institutions participating. He said the U. T. System compliance program has become the model people are using.

6. U. T. System: Report on System-wide Internal Audit Activity

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Mr. Charles Chaffin, Director of Audits

Status: Reported

Discussion at meeting:

Mr. Chaffin stated the institutional auditors have been working on their audit plans. Implementation of the time and effort program audit will be done in the fourth quarter. Also, Ms. Barrett is developing a comprehensive plan on how to audit key financial areas that will be shared with U. T. System institutions. Regent Estrada indicated this is a plan that will be in lieu of an outside financial audit for the next fiscal year so as not to lose the advantage that has been gained from the recommendations of the last audit and to make sure they have been implemented properly. Mr. Chaffin said if someone would have asked him to audit the financial statements of the U. T. System in 2003, he would have said there was no way they could do this but today he is confident they can. Regent Estrada assured Mr. Chaffin they would be working to make sure he had the resources to move forward.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:12 p.m., the Committee recessed to Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to consider matters listed on the Executive Session agenda as follows:

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

U. T. System: Discussion with institutional auditors and compliance officers concerning evaluation and duties of individual System and institutional employees involved in internal audit and compliance functions

2. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers - *Texas Government Code* Section 551.071

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Executive Session ended at 3:40 p.m., and the Committee reconvened in Open Session to adjourn. No action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Estrada adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

MINUTES
U. T. System Board of Regents
Student, Faculty, and Staff Campus Life Committee
May 10, 2007

The members of the Student, Faculty, and Staff Campus Life Committee of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 8:35 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2007, in the Board Meeting Room on the 9th Floor of Ashbel Smith Hall, The University of Texas System, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

Attendance

Regent McHugh, presiding
Vice Chairman Clements
Regent Barnhill
Regent Estrada

Absent

Regent Craven

Also present were Chairman Huffines; Vice Chairman Krier; Regent Camarillo; Regent Caven; Regent Rowling; Ms. Crystal Gonzalez, Chair, Student Advisory Council (SAC); Dr. Dennis Reinhartz, Chair, Faculty Advisory Council; Ms. Ann Tate, Chair, Employee Advisory Council; and General Counsel to the Board Frederick.

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Acting Committee Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order.

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

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): Ms. Crystal Gonzalez, Chair and the following members of the Student Advisory Council (SAC): Mr. Basheer Benhalim, Mr. Adam Cowdin, Ms. Amy Forestell, and Ms. Danielle Rugoff

Status: Reported

Future actions:

1. Chancellor Yudof will write the presidents about scheduling of study days for final exams (SAC Recommendation #1).
2. Chancellor Yudof will check if studies being recommended are being handled by the task force on graduation education/graduate recruitment (SAC Recommendation #11).
3. Chancellor Yudof committed to look into the idea of having wellness centers on campuses with an experienced registered nurse (SAC Recommendation #12).
4. Chancellor Yudof said he will work on the issue of stipends for students (SAC Recommendation #14).
5. Chancellor Yudof will review the definition of a full-time student (15 hours vs. 12 hours/semester) (SAC Recommendation #15).

Discussion at meeting:

Recommendation 1: The Campus Life Committee recommends that an on-campus 24-hour quiet study facility be provided to students at all U. T. System Schools

Vice Chairman Krier asked when study days for final exams would be placed in the semester schedule and expressed the need for each campus to have the flexibility to determine those days. There was further discussion and Chancellor Yudof offered support and said he would follow up with a letter to the presidents.

Recommendation 8: Actively support tax-free textbooks

Chancellor Yudof indicated Senator Zaffarini said her committee was impressed with the student's presentation on tax-free textbooks and he believes the bill passed unanimously in the Senate. He encouraged students to continue to be involved with the Legislature.

Regent Camarillo said he understood the tax-free days would be 10 days in August and 10 days in January.

Recommendation 11: Graduate student recruitment and financial assistance

Chancellor Yudof said a task force on graduation education/graduate recruitment already exists but is unsure if the studies being recommended by the Council are being handled. He said he will check.

Recommendation 12: Provide access to health insurance to all graduate students

Chancellor Yudof supported providing UT Select health insurance to students but said there are legal issues they are trying to work through. He committed to look into the idea of having wellness centers on campuses with an experienced registered nurse.

Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, discussed an idea of having more than one healthcare provider to choose from and Regent Camarillo said he is working with Dr. Shine especially on health insurance for graduate students. Vice Chairman Krier asked Dr. Shine to consider the economic cost of absenteeism and the possibility of retaking classes missed due to illness or injury.

Recommendation 13: Expand graduate student international study programs

Chancellor Yudof expressed support for the importance for all students, especially undergraduates, to be able to study abroad. He said he is looking at this issue from the U. T. System-value added approach to reduce costs.

Recommendation 14: Provide adequate support for graduate student academic employees

Chancellor Yudof said stipends by and large are not competitive with many peer institutions or adequate to cover all expenses and he said he will work on it as it is a question of state and private funding.

Recommendation 15: Help improve graduation rates

Chancellor Yudof agreed the definition of a full-time student as being one who takes 15 hours in a semester, which represents real progress towards obtaining a four-year degree. He said the federal definition for a full-time student for Pell Grants is 12 hours. He said he would look into this matter.

Regarding on-time graduation, Chancellor Yudof mentioned the need to restructure degree programs to eliminate the number of students needing to go beyond four years to graduate. Concerning student:advisor ratios, the Chancellor agreed one of the best ways to help students reach graduation in four years is to increase the number of advisors and he has encouraged the presidents to use tuition revenue dollars for that purpose. He also spoke about the need to provide better training opportunities and career ladders for advisors to encourage them to think of the work as a profession.

Vice Chairman Krier applauded the chart showing the status of past SAC recommendations as a useful tool.

2. U. T. System: Report from Task Force on Doctoral Education and the Postdoctoral Experience

Committee Meeting Information

Presenter(s): *Dr. George Stancel, Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, U. T. Health Science Center - Houston*

Status: *Reported*

Discussion at meeting:

Regent Barnhill asked if health benefits is a competitive issue and Dr. Stancel responded affirmatively that health benefits are one of the factors that graduate students consider when determining which university to attend. Dr. Shine elaborated, saying it is important to make U. T. experiences extraordinarily attractive to graduate students in order to recruit highly qualified individuals. Dr. Shine also expressed hope that one important point of the report from the task force is to let it be publicly known that the health centers do have graduate students.

Regent McHugh said she looks forward to the report due out this summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent McHugh adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.