The University of Texas-Pan American
Staff Senate

RESOLUTION
Creation of a New University

Whereas, The University of Texas System Board of Regents unanimously approved an initiative to authorize Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa to work with the Texas Legislature to establish a new university that includes the University of Texas at Brownsville, the University of Texas-Pan American and the future South Texas School of Medicine;

Whereas approval would result in a single university that spans the Rio Grande Valley, with main academic campuses in Brownville and Edinburg, and strong visible presence in Harlingen and McAllen;

Whereas the new university would be one of the two largest Hispanic Serving Institutions in the nation, both for total Hispanics enrolled and number of bachelor's degrees awarded;

Whereas the new university will be competitive with current University of Texas emerging research universities and enhance the status of the region in terms of research, philanthropy and the ability to attract new faculty, research funding and additional economic development;

Whereas the new university may be eligible for revenue from the Permanent University Fund, a major catalyst for building a world-class research university, and for funding from additional sources such as the National Research University Fund, the Texas Research Incentive Plan and matching University of Texas System funds;

Whereas the geographic location of the new university offers the opportunity to build a center for bicultural programs in a host of disciplines such as economics, business, medicine, biomedical sciences, energy, environmental studies and Latin American studies;

Whereas an economic analysis has projected that the new university and school of medicine in South Texas will account for 7,000 new high-paying jobs in the Rio Grande Valley;

Therefore, be it resolved this 29th day of January, 2013, that the Staff Senate of the University of Texas-Pan American supports the creation of a new University in the Rio Grande Valley with a presence in Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, and McAllen.

Submitted by:

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