

**MINUTES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – The members of the Academic and Student Success Committee of the University of Houston System convened at 8:35 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel, Waldorf Astoria Ballroom E, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present

Jacob M. Monty, Chair  
Roger F. Welder, Vice Chair  
Spencer D. Armour III, Regent  
Nelda Luce Blair, Ex Officio  
Tamecia Glover Harris, Student Regent

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum in attendance, Vice Chair of the Committee, Roger F. Welder, called the meeting to order. Regent Welder stated the Chair of the Committee, Jacob M. Monty, was delayed and would arrive shortly. Regent Welder then introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes.

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AGENDA ITEMS

**Action Items:**

1. Approval of Minutes – Item B

On motion of Regent Blair, seconded by Regent Armour, and by a unanimous vote of the members present, the following minutes from the meeting listed below were approved:

- November 15, 2011, Academic and Student Success Committee Meeting

2. Approval of Master of Science in Nursing with a Major in Family Nurse Practitioner Degree – University of Houston-Victoria, Item C - A&SS C1

Dr. John Antel, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost introduced this item and requested committee approval of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with a focus on Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). This full-time graduate study program consists of 47 semester credits and 660 clock hours of clinical practicum. The MSN FNP degree program is designed to prepare nurses to practice as family nurse practitioners, to translate research into practice, to assume leadership roles, and as educators in nursing programs. The program will utilize four (4) existing doctoral prepared nurse practitioner faculty, and it proposes to hire two (2) doctoral

prepared nurse practitioner faculty members: one (1) in FY14 and one (1) in FY15, and a new Clinical Coordinator.

On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Blair, and by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, the approval of a Master's of Science in Nursing with a Major in Family Nurse Practitioner Degree – University of Houston-Victoria was approved.

3. Approval of Admission Standards for Freshman at the University of Houston-Downtown, Item D - A&SS D-5

Dr. John Antel introduced this item requesting approval for the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) modification of its freshman admission standards, effective for first-time-in-college (FTIC) students entering in the Fall of 2013. To accomplish the goal of increasing persistence and graduation rates, UHD is incorporating a wide variety of support strategies, including the adoption of automatic admission standards for 2013. Below is a summary of the proposed Automatic Admission Standards for the University of Houston-Downtown:

Proposed Implementation Date:	Fall, 2013 Entering Class
Top 25% of High School Class:	Automatic Admission
26% to 50% of High School Class:	Automatic Admission <i>if</i> : SAT I $\geq$ 850 or ACT $\geq$ 18 or 2.5 GPA
51% and below High School Class: (Including GED only or no HS rank)	Individual Review*

\*NOTE: No student will be automatically rejected from UHD. Rather, students will receive individualized review based on interviews, test scores and other assessments. Individual reviews consist of completing the Accuplacer and Non-cognitive Questionnaire Assessments to determine college readiness and meeting with an admissions counselor and academic advisor to develop an individualized student success action plan. Students who require excessive remediation needs (which cannot be provided at UHD) will be referred to a local community college under UHD joint admissions and reverse transfer agreements.

On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Welder, and by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, the approval of Admission Standards for Freshman at the University of Houston-Downtown was approved.

4. Approval of University of Houston Honorary Degrees – University of Houston, Item E - A&SS E-11.

Dr. John Antel introduced this item requesting approval to present honorary degrees to seven (7) individuals for their significant contributions to the community and to the University of Houston. Chancellor Khator gave a brief summary of the honorary degree process. It is the highest academic honor the University can bestow upon an individual; and it is not restricted to alumni.

However, the individual(s) should have made a very strong contribution; and the recommendations for the honorary degrees come from the faculty and the processes start in the colleges and/or faculty committees. Chancellor Khator stated the faculty recommendations go through very strict processes before they are presented to her and then forwarded to the Board for final approval.

Chancellor Khator recommended the Board approve the names of all seven (7) nominees submitted. Four (4) of the nominees have been contacted and will be able to attend graduation ceremonies in May 2012 at which time they will be presented their honorary degrees. The remaining three (3) nominees, if unavailable for the May 2012 commencements, will be honored at the commencements held in December 2012.

On motion of Regent Blair, seconded by Regent Armour, and by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, the approval of the seven (7) University of Houston Honorary Degrees recipients was approved.

At the conclusion of the committee approval of this item, Regent Welder asked for a motion to place the three (3) action items on the Consent Docket Agenda for the February 15, 2012, Board of Regents meeting for final Board approval.

On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Blair, and by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, the following three (3) action items, approved by the committee, will be placed on the Consent Docket Agenda at the Board of Regents meeting on February 15, 2012 for final Board approval.

- (1) Approval of Master of Science in Nursing with a Major in Family Nurse Practitioner Degree – University of Houston-Victoria;
- (2) Approval of Admission Standards for Freshman at the University of Houston-Downtown; and
- (3) Approval of University of Houston Honorary Degrees – University of Houston.

### **Information Items:**

1. Information on the Academic Programs for the University of Houston-Sugar Land TimeGate Facility – University of Houston, Item F – A&SS F-12

Dr. John Antel presented this item to the committee. The University of Houston and the University of Houston-Victoria plan to relocate academic programs to a new UH-Sugar Land Campus building that would be funded and constructed by TimeGate, Inc. The proposed building would be approximately 60,000 square feet and would house TimeGate Studios, Inc.'s motion-capture studio facility and staff associated with developing interactive games. TimeGate would occupy 14,000 square feet in the proposed building for both academic and business purposes with the balance devoted solely to academic use. Wharton County Junior College, University of Houston and University of Houston-Victoria would move academic programs that align with the needs of the digital gaming industry into the building under a lease agreement. Chair Blair asked for information on the lease, but Dr. Carlucci, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance stated that the lease was currently being negotiated.

The proposed TimeGate building at the UH-Sugar Land Campus would directly support the educational objectives of UHS. Opportunities for student internships, from both UHV and UH, would expand and be enhanced with the relocation of the motion-capture studio to the campus. The additional space would provide opportunities to accommodate the following activities:

- (a) BS, Computer Science—Digital Gaming and Simulation (UHV)
- (b) BS, Digital Media (UH)
- (c) PB/Graduate Certificate in Game Development

Dr. Antel stated the TimeGate project was indicative of how the UH System, the Sugar Land community and one of its corporations were forming partnerships to develop the UH-Sugar Land campus – aligning academic programs to meet community and industry needs, with community support playing a significant role in funding these ventures.

The Board was shown a short animated film clip, designed by one of the students, which demonstrated the capability of the multi-capture studio that will be available for their use.

This item was for information only and required no committee action.

2. Information on the Academic Programs for the University of Houston-Victoria Academic and Economic Development Building – University of Houston-Victoria, Item G – A&SS G-15

Dr. John Antel introduced this item and presented the committee with a brief background of the program. The University of Houston System has been committed to building a destination university in Victoria, Texas as part of the System said Dr. Antel. Enrollment projections were completed for 2015, 2020 and interim years and the university is on track with these projections. Dr. Antel stated these projections tell us the need for more academic space at UHV. There have been numerous discussions with the Victoria community as to where these locations should be located and the formal plan currently being developed is to continue to build a destination university. Dr. Antel asked Philip Castille, President of UH-Victoria, to give a brief summary of the plan for UHV.

Dr. Castille remarked that the project was entirely enrollment driven. Since UHV downward expansion in 2010, the student profile has changed on the UHV campus. Of the 900+ headcount students currently at UHV itself, which is approximately a 50% increase over the last couple of years, over half of those students are now freshmen and sophomores; and all of the core curriculum classes at UHV are taught face-to-face. Because of the change in the nature of the institution and its delivery system to accommodate freshmen and sophomores, it has become necessary to take the small number of classrooms at UHV and reduce the number of available classrooms in order to do things that the institution previously did not do, e.g., student support, supplemental instruction, tutoring and advising, and additional faculty to teach face-to-face classes. With the small roster of classes that were at UHV, it became necessary to take classes off-line in order to meet these other functions.

The draft UHV Master Plan projects that at the current growth trends, UHV will be out of classroom space by the Fall semester of 2014. In order to accommodate the growing enrollment

and to meet other institutional needs, UHV plans a multi-use, three-story facility of approximately 63,000 GSF – the UHV Academic and Economic Development Building. This building would include classrooms and student support areas, the School of Business, the School of Nursing, and the Regional Center for Economic Development – a consortium of UHV programs and economic development organizations working to address educational and workforce needs in the region. With the completion of this building in a timely way stated Dr. Castille, they hope to meet the expected enrollment demands as projected by the UHV Master Plan for 2014. A brief discussion followed.

This item was for information only and required no committee action.

3. Information on University of Houston System Research Performance, University of Houston System, Item H – A&SS-H19

Dr. Rathindra Bose, Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer, gave remarks on the University of Houston System FY2012 year-to-date research performance. Dr. Bose stated during the first four (4) months of FY2012, research expenditures and awards were maintaining at the same level as the same time period in FY2011. A marked decrease, however, was seen in the number of proposals submitted. Part of this decrease can be attributed to the lack of new federal initiatives due to the depletion of federal stimulus funds, which are no longer available. Below is a brief summary of Dr. Bose's powerpoint presentation.

- Total Expenditures FY2011 - \$24,833,858 vs. FY2012 (first 4 month period) - \$27,754,870;
- Total Proposals – FY2011 - \$202,688,455 vs. FY2012 (first 4 month period) - \$167,480,324;
- Total Awards – FY2011 - \$32,320,550 vs. FY2012 (4 month period) - \$32,836,218;
- IP Revenue and Disclosures (In Millions):
  - Royalty Income - FY 2011 - \$3.1 million
  - Royalty Income - FY 2012 (first 4 months) - \$5.0 million
  - Disclosures – FY2011 – 13
  - Disclosures – FY2012 – 10
- UH-Downtown campus brought almost \$2.5 million;
- UH-Clear Lake campus - \$1.7 million; and
- UH-Victoria campus - \$1.75 million.
- Five (5) faculty have received awards.

Chancellor Khator presented brief remarks regarding research and below is a brief summary of her comments.

- University faculty are roughly divided into two groups in terms of research:
  - (a) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics areas (STEM); and
  - (b) Social Sciences, Humanities and Professional.
- Faculties in the STEM areas have several indicators and quantitative indicators to identify what they do and how well they perform. One of them is national awards and these are all counted towards our rankings and status as a research university.
- Five (5) faculty members have received awards compared to one or two from past years. These awards were received by very young faculty who have been recruited and have been nationally considered as having the highest potential.

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- Research is expensive; therefore, faculty require funding from the federal and state governments and industry in order to continue their research.
- There are different rules and regulations from the state government and industry so one never knows whether or not the grant is competitive.
- On the other hand, federal funds are always competitive; therefore, most of the ranking agencies look at federal grants because the playing fields are the same.
- Awards and expenditures and licenses and disclosures were also addressed.
- The only correct way for judging the faculties' productivity and research in the Social Sciences, Humanities and Professional schools is to look at exactly what type of publications they are completing.

This item was for information only and required no committee action.

4. Information on University of Houston Student Engagement Activities – University of Houston, Item I – A&SS-I25

Chancellor Khator introduced this item and addressed student success. Dr. Khator outlined three major factors that help students succeed, remain in college, and increase their odds of graduating. They are:

- Stay enrolled;
- Full time vs. part-time; and
- Join a club or organization.

Chancellor Khator asked Dr. Richard Walker, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, to give a presentation regarding co-curricular student engagement at the University of Houston.

Below is a brief summary of Dr. Walker's remarks.

- "When students feel like they are a part of the campus community, the more likely they are to feel loyal towards their institution and persist."
- Types and Numbers of Student Organizations were addressed from 2009-2010 vs. 2010-2011. For 2010-2011, there are currently 517 organizations at the University of Houston; an increase of 14.9% from the 450 organizations in 2009-2010.
- Student participation in recreational activities were presented as follows:

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>+/-</u>
- Use of Campus Recreation Center	364,703	592,000	+62.3%
- Intramurals	20,185	26,584	+31.7%
- Sports Clubs	9,454	11,179	+18.2%
- Fitness Classes	18,000	20,265	+12.6%
• Student organization community service hours	N/A	120,512	N/A
• Student ticket sales for UH Football	17,538	23,942	+36.5%

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- National Survey of Student Engagement – University of Houston – First-Year Students
 

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>+/-</u>
- Participated in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, etc.) (Range 1 – 30+ hours per week)	45.9%	50.6%	+4.7%
- Participated in community service or volunteer work (Done, Plan to do)	81.5%	85.9%	+4.4%
- Exercised or participated in physical fitness activities (Very Often, Often)	50.3%	50.3%	0%
- Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.) (Very Much, Quite a bit)	58.9%	69.2%	+10.3%
- Freshman Orientation was addressed. The Division of Student Affairs is working in collaboration with New Student Conferences and Programs to re-design the Student Affairs sessions and to develop strong message points regarding the importance of co-curricular engagement/involvement on student success.
- The Division of Student Affairs is in the process of establishing new business operations procedures which would allow for the collection of data in order to demonstrate the impact of co-curricular student engagement/involvement on student success (academic achievement, retention, and persistence) in the following areas:
  - Student Organizations
  - Campus Recreation
  - Residential Life and Housing
  - Student Employment (on-campus)
- Dr. Kim Clarke was introduced by Dr. Walker as the new director of Campus Recreation who joined the University of Houston on February 1, 2012. Dr. Clarke gave brief comments on intercollegiate and/or intramural sports.

A complete copy of Dr. Walker’s presentation has been filed in the Board office. This item was for information only and required no committee action.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

All documentation submitted to the Committee in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to “Passed” agenda items and supporting documentation presented to the Committee, is incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes for all purposes; however, this does not constitute a waiver of any privileges contained herein.

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Others Present:

Renu Khator  
 Carl Carlucci  
 John Antel

Oscar Gutierrez  
 David Bradley  
 Mike Emery

Elaine Charlson  
 Willie Munson  
 Dan Maxwell

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Others Present (cont'd)

Dona Cornell  
Rathindra Bose  
Richard Walker  
Eloise Stuhr  
Philip Castille  
William Flores  
Johanna Wolff  
Michelle Moosally  
Ed Jones  
Gerry Mathisen

Jeffrey Cass  
Floyd Robinson  
Brian Chapman  
Chris Stanich  
Dan Wells  
Marshall Schott  
Dick Phillips  
Dimitri Litvinov  
Jon Aldrich

Don Guyton  
Kim Clarke  
Wayne Beran  
Lisa Montgomery  
Doug te Ditts  
Keith Kowalka  
Ed Hugetz  
Monica McHenry  
Marquette Hobbs