

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 – The members of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System convened at 1:46 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel, Shamrock Ballroom A&B, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present

Carroll Robertson Ray, Chair
Nelda Luce Blair, Vice Chair
Nandita V. Berry, Regent
Tilman J. Fertitta, Regent
Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, Regent
Jacob M. Monty, Regent
Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., Regent
Jim P. Wise, Regent
Andrew Cobos, Student Regent, nonvoting

Absent

Mica Mosbacher, Secretary

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum in attendance, Chair Ray called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEMS

Action Items:

Chair Ray introduced the first action item on the agenda, Item B, Approval is requested for undergraduate and graduate tuition and fee rate ranges for the University of Houston System campuses – University of Houston System – BOR-1

Chair Ray stated that this special called meeting was being held in order to comply with the law so we are able to give notice to our students and to send them their fee bills so they can register for classes. Chair Ray emphasized that the budget had not been finalized nor did we have a definitive idea of exactly how much the state would be able to fund this next coming year. At this meeting, the board would only consider the range of requested changes for the Fall 2011 semester for the following:

- (1) Twelve (12)-hour resident undergraduate student range from 0% to 7%; and
- (2) Nine (9)-hour resident graduate student range from 0% to 9%.

The board will consider the tuition and fee rate changes within these ranges and the effective date of those changes, if any, at a later date.

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Chair Ray requested Dr. Carlucci introduce this item to the Board.

Dr. Carl Carlucci, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, presented a powerpoint presentation before the board. Below is a summary of Dr. Carlucci's remarks:

- The University of Houston System (UHS) tuition and fee process was addressed; and a flowchart was outlined.
- The Texas Education Code, Title 3, Higher Education, Chapter 54 – Tuition and Fees, Section 54.009 - “An institution of higher education that sets the tuition rates and fees for a semester or summer term and permits a student to register for that semester or summer term may not increase the tuition rate or fees charged that student for that semester or summer term after the student registers regardless of whether that student has paid the tuition and fees for that semester or summer term” was given.
- UHS and Tuition and Fee Committees were cited, and:
 - (a) Each campus created a committee which included students, faculty and staff;
 - (b) Each presented their campus perspective;
 - (c) Each committee was told that they needed to publish an “up to” rate in April to cover legislative contingencies;
 - (d) UHS recommended one rate for all campuses; and that
 - (e) This would be followed by a final rate at a later Board of Regents meeting.
- University of Houston (UH) National Peer Institutions' slide was presented for a 30 UG credit hour academic year. Below is a breakdown of UH among its national peer institutions:
 - (a) Temple University - \$12,424;
 - (b) University of Illinois-Chicago - \$12,056;
 - (c) University of Cincinnati - \$10,065;
 - (d) Wayne State University - \$9,024;
 - (e) **University of Houston - \$9,000;**
 - (f) Georgia State University - \$8,698;
 - (g) George Mason University - \$8,684;
 - (h) Arizona State University - \$8,132; and
 - (i) University of Oklahoma - \$7,864
- University of Houston (UH) was compared to its Texas peers for a 12 UG credit hour semester. Below is the breakdown of UH among its Texas peers:
 - (a) University of North Texas - \$3,653
 - (b) **University of Houston - \$3,671;**
 - (c) Texas Tech - \$3,742;
 - (d) Texas A&M - \$4,193;
 - (e) UT Dallas – (Standard) - \$4,272; and (Guaranteed 4 years) - \$4,943; and
 - (f) UT Austin - \$4,719
- University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) was compared to its National and Texas peer institutions for a 30 UG credit hour academic year. Below is the breakdown of UHCL among its peers both nationally and in Texas:
 - (a) TAMU – Texarkana - \$4,946 (Texas peer);
 - (b) UT-Permian Basin - \$6,021 (Texas peer);
 - (c) **University of Houston-Clear Lake - \$6,188;**

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- (d) UT-Tyler - \$6,322 (Texas peer);
- (e) TAMU-Corpus Christi - \$6,459 (Texas peer);
- (f) Lamar - \$6,955 (Texas peer);
- (g) Stephen F. Austin - \$6,997 (Texas peer);
- (h) Sam Houston State - \$7,000 (Texas peer);
- (i) University of Colorado at Colorado Springs - \$7,417 (National peer);
- (j) Arizona State University – West Campus - \$8,132 (National peer);
- (k) Governors State University - \$8,742 (National peer);
- (l) University of Michigan-Dearborn - \$ 9,456 (National peer); and
- (m) University of Illinois-Springfield - \$9,815 (National peer).
- University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) was compared to its National peer institutions for a 30 UG credit hour academic year. Below is the breakdown of UHD among its national peers:
 - (a) Cal State-Dominguez Hills - \$4,849;
 - (b) Florida Gulf Coast University - \$4,981;
 - (c) **University of Houston-Downtown - \$5,452;**
 - (d) Northern Kentucky University - \$7,128;
 - (e) University of Colorado at Colorado Springs - \$7,417; and
 - (f) Wright State University - \$7,797.
- University of Houston-Victoria (UHV) was compared to its National peer institutions for a 30 UG credit hour academic year. Below is the breakdown of UHV among its national peers:
 - (a) **University of Houston-Victoria - \$5,604;**
 - (b) Indiana University-South Bend - \$6,290;
 - (c) University of Baltimore - \$7,330;
 - (d) Governors State University - \$8,742;
 - (e) University of Michigan-Dearborn - \$9,456; and
 - (f) University of Illinois-Springfield - \$9,815.
- Fall 2011 proposed tuition and fee rate changes at Texas universities were addressed. Below is a summary of these changes:
 - (a) UT Austin – 3.95% (adopted in 2009)*
 - *on 3/18/11 the UT Board raised their medical school tuition rates 6.4% to 16%.
 - (b) Texas Tech – 5.9% (adopted April 1, 2011)
 - (c) University of North Texas – 9.2% (adopted March 2011)
 - (d) Texas A&M – proposed increase by college, some 5%, plus 1.2% fees**
 - **In early 2010 TAMU announced no increase but in May the TAMU Board approved 2.8% at TAM, 3.95% at TAMU-Galveston, Prairie View and San Antonio.
- Impact on Students – General Revenue change per student based on HB1 and unfunded growth was discussed.

After a lengthy discussion and numerous questions by the board, Dr. Carlucci presented the following recommendations to the Board:

- For the four (4) UHS institutions, undergraduate student bills for Fall 2011 will provide notice that there may be a rate increase of up to 7% in designated tuition and fees;

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- For UH this would include the Student Fees Advisory Committee's (SFAC) recommendation on Student Service Fee. The request is for a \$5.00 increase on each of the fee steps;
- For UH this may also include an increase to the Student Center Fee, pending a Student Government Association vote; and
- Special exceptions to 7% maximum up to 9% will be made on a college-by-college basis for graduate and professional programs' student bills for Fall 2011.

A complete copy of Dr. Carlucci's powerpoint presentation has been filed in the Board office.

On motion of Regent Wilson, seconded by Regent Wise, and by a majority vote of the regents in attendance, the approval for the undergraduate and graduate tuition and fee rate ranges for the University of Houston System campuses was approved. Regent Berry voted no on this item.

Following the presentation of this item, Chair Ray introduced the second action item on the agenda, Item C, Approval of Honorary Degrees – University of Houston – BOR-2. Chair Ray asked Dr. Antel to present this item to the board.

Dr. John Antel, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Provost, requested approval to bestow honorary Doctor of Humane Letters on Dr. Herman Suit and Mr. Kenneth Parr in recognition of their significant contributions to the community at large and to the University of Houston. Below is a summary of Dr. Antel's remarks:

Dr. Herman D. Suit, M.D., Ph.D

After spending two years at the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Suit went to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where he developed a strategy to salvage limbs in patients with sarcomas of the extremities by combining moderate-dose radiation and less-than-radical surgery. Prior to moving to Boston, he served as Professor of Radiotherapy at the University of Texas Medical School, and Chief of the Section of Experimental Radiotherapy at M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute.

Starting in 1970, Dr. Suit served as Chief of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital until 2000, and Andres Soriano Distinguished Professor of Radiation Oncology at Harvard Medical School between 1986 and 2000.

Dr. Suit was a member of the University of Houston Class of '48 (B.S.-Biology) and was recognized as a distinguished alumnus by the Houston Alumni Organization in 2001. Dr. Suit serves on the NSM Dean's Advisory Board and is among the college's top alumni donors. In addition to establishing a charitable annuity for endowed faculty support, Dr. Suit and his wife, Joan, provide annual support for a post-doctorate fellow in the Department of Chemistry.

Mr. Kenneth Parr

Mr. Parr attended the university more than half a century ago and went on to an incredible career that first included important contributions to the U.S. Space Program and later the formation of a highly successful private lending and real estate business. He cites the education he received at the University of Houston as a key factor in his success. Mr. Parr states that his engineering

coursework allowed him to rise above 56 other applicants to be hired as the first machine shop employee at ESCO, then simply a distributor of mechanical seal products for the oil and gas industry that was looking to offer maintenance and repair services to its clients. Over the next 20 years, Mr. Parr helped grow ESCO from a small firm with just a handful of employees to a 139-person operation with a machine shop that housed the equipment and expertise to perform a wide array of tasks.

Undoubtedly, the highest profile client Mr. Parr worked with was NASA. Due to Mr. Parr's incredible efforts, at ESCO he developed the metalworking capabilities required by the space agency. Mr. Parr then led the company's drive to earn approval to work with NASA and then either personally completed or oversaw all NASA assignments, all of which occurred during the height of the space race. Mr. Parr played a role in what were literally some of the biggest moments in human history: he built the flagpole planted into the surface of the moon during the Apollo 11 mission; he worked on the Lunar Rover; splashdown capsules; helped design and build components of the spacesuits worn by astronauts on multiple missions; and designed and built a large rectangular parasol to replace the sunshade on Skylab. This was accomplished in just 11 days and astronauts with the Skylab 2 mission were sent into orbit and successfully deployed the parasol saving the space station.

On motion of Regent Wise, seconded by Regent Monty, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the approval of honorary degrees awarded to Dr. Herman D. Suit and Mr. Kenneth Parr was approved.

Executive Session Report

At 2:30 p.m., the Board recessed for Executive Session. Chair Ray announced that the Board would recess to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which allows governing boards to meet in closed session.

Chair Ray reconvened in Open Session at 3:20 p.m. and the following actions were taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

A legal discussion was given by General Counsel Dona Cornell regarding open records opinions and personnel issues were addressed.

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

There being no further action to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

All documentation submitted to the Board in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to "Passed" agenda items and supporting documentation presented to the Board, 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
Dona Cornell
Michael Lawrence
Elwyn Lee
Stuart Long
William Flores
Don Smith
Bill Staples
Barbara Stanley
Marquette Hobbs

Craig Ness
Wayne Beran
Nick Reagan
Raymond Bartlett
David Bradley
Willie Munson
Karen Clarke
Oscar Gutierrez
Jim Anderson
Don Guyton
Jon Aldrich
Gerry Mathisen

Ed Hugetz
Michelle Dotter
Carl Stockton
Lisa Holdeman
Keith Kowalka
Mike Emery
Tom Campbell
Malcolm Davis
Tom Ehardt
Ed Apodaca
Ed Jones