

**MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – The members of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System convened at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at the University of Houston, Waldorf Astoria Ballroom E, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present

Nelda Luce Blair, Chairman
Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, Vice Chair
Tilman J. Fertitta, Secretary
Spencer D. Armour III, Regent
Nandita V. Berry, Regent
Roger F. Welder, Regent
Welcome W. Wilson, Jr., Regent
Gage A. Raba, Student Regent, nonvoting

Member(s) Absent

Mica Mosbacher, Regent
Jacob M. Monty, Regent

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

Before moving to the agenda items, Chair Blair announced the appointment of our new Student Regent, Benjamin P. Wells, who was appointed by Governor Rick Perry. Chair Blair asked Mr. Wells to stand and be recognized. Mr. Wells will join the Board of Regents effective June 1, 2013 and will serve a one-year term.

The first action item presented to the board was the approval of minutes from the October 12, 2012 and the January 30, 2013 Board of Regents meetings.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – Item C:

On motion of Regent Welder, seconded by Regent Armour, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the following minutes from the meetings listed below were approved:

- October 12, 2012, Board of Regents Meeting
- May 14, 2013, Board of Regents Meeting

Following the approval of the minutes by the board, Chair Blair stated she would take the agenda out of order and moved to Item BOR-A, Resolution in Appreciation – Gage A. Raba – University of Houston System.

Chair Blair read the Resolution in Appreciation for Regent Raba, who was appointed to the Board of Regents in June 2012 by Governor Rick Perry. Below is a brief summary of her remarks:

- Gage A. Raba was appointed to the University of Houston System Board of Regents in June 2012 by Governor Rick Perry, serving with distinction until his term ended on May 31, 2013; and,
- Was the seventh UH System student to be appointed to the Board of Regents by the Texas Governor as part of a group of ten students appointed each year to represent their respective public university systems; and,
- During his tenure, Gage A. Raba diligently and wholeheartedly fulfilled a wide variety of Board of Regents assignments, including:
 - Member, Academic and Student Success Committee, 2012 to 2013,
 - Member, Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee, 2012 to 2013; and
- Fulfilled his duties with tremendous enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication, attending dozens of events with donors, alumni, legislators, and the university community; and,
- Attended UH System Day in Austin on February 13, 2013, alongside students, faculty, staff, alumni, and fellow Regents as they visited legislators and their staffs to present our case for support for higher education; and,
- In spite of the heavy demands of pursuing his Master in Business Administration degree, with a concentration in Real Estate Development, at the C.T. Bauer College of Business, and the hundreds of hours devoted to Board of Regents work, and the many other activities in which he was involved – including his active membership in the Bauer Graduate Real Estate Club and the Bauer MBA Society; and,
- Graduated from the University of Houston on May 11, 2013, with a Master of Business Administration degree; and,
- Prior to his brilliant record as a graduate student and his exceptional service on the Board of Regents, in 2009 earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management, and served on the executive council of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; and
- As a member of the Board of Regents, where he was an outstanding advocate for, and representative of, the 66,000 students in the four University of Houston System universities, has raised the bar for all future student appointees to the Board of Regents; and,
- His exemplary tenure has brought honor and distinction to the University of Houston System,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Houston System Board of Regents issues this resolution in appreciation of Gage A. Raba for his devoted and distinguished service to the University of Houston System.

Regent Raba thanked the Board for their kind words and stated that since graduating in 2009, the Board had impacted his education in more ways than one, especially over the past year as an undergraduate, implementing changes, and the way we learn, think and graduate from UH. The university has grown in leaps and bounds and he was very proud to be a part of that. To sum up the experience over the past year, he stated that it was absolute gratitude! He thanked the Board for inspiring him, motivating him, and helping him grow as an individual and as a man; and he thanked Chancellor Khator, the System Presidents and senior administrators for their support during his term.

On motion of Regent Blair, seconded by Regent Armour and Regent Fertitta, and by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance, the Resolution in Appreciation for Gage A. Raba was approved.

Committee Reports

Chair Blair moved to Section II on the agenda, the Committee Reports. Chair Blair stated the Committee Reports, which lists the Consent Docket Agenda items considered and unanimously approved at each of the Board committee meetings, would be given by each chair of the committees. It should be noted that after the Board had heard all of the committee reports, any regent may have requested an item be removed from the Consent Docket and individually considered pursuant to Board Bylaw 6.9.

Chair Blair announced in the absence of the Chair of the Academic and Student Success Committee, Regent Jacob M. Monty, the first committee report would be given by the Vice Chair of the Committee, Regent Roger F. Welder.

Academic and Student Success Committee Report – May 13, 2013

Regent Welder stated the Academic and Student Success Committee met on Monday, May 13, 2013, and unanimously approved the following items for submission on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final board approval:

1. Approval of Faculty Promotions in Academic Rank – University of Houston System;
2. Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments – University of Houston System;
3. Approval of Master of Hospitality Management Degree at the University of Houston;
4. Approval of Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction Degree at the University of Houston-Clear Lake;
5. Approval of Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Composition Degree at the University of Houston-Downtown;
6. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Geoscience Degree at the University of Houston-Downtown;
7. Approval of Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Degree at the University of Houston-Victoria;
8. Approval of Master of Science in Biomedical Science in Professional Science Degree at the University of Houston-Victoria; and
9. Approval of Legal Policies related to Special Education in Charter Schools – University of Houston.

This concluded the Academic and Student Success Committee Report.

The following committee report was addressed by the Chair of the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee, Regent Tilman J. Fertitta.

Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee Report – May 13, 2013

Regent Fertitta stated the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee met on Monday, May 13, 2013, and approved the following items for submission on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final board approval:

1. Approval is requested to update the University of Houston Energy Research Park (UHERP) master plan – University of Houston;
2. Approval is requested for site and program for the University of Houston multidisciplinary research and engineering building – University of Houston;
3. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to convey a perpetual easement to Harris County at the University of Houston-Clear Lake campus – University of Houston-Clear Lake;
4. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to convey easements to allow access and development under the Facilities Development Agreement Phase One Infrastructure to the City of Sugar Land leased property on the University of Houston-Sugar Land campus with the recommended changes – University of Houston System; and
5. Approval is requested for site and program for the Renovation and Expansion of Hofheinz Pavilion at the University of Houston – University of Houston.

This concluded the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee Report.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Endowment Management Committee, this committee report was presented by Regent Roger F. Welder.

Endowment Management Committee Report – May 13, 2013

Regent Welder stated the Endowment Management Committee met on Monday, May 13, 2013 and three (3) action items were presented to the committee requiring final Board approval:

1. Approval is requested to liquidate the John J. and Rebecca B. Moores University Priorities Endowment Fund – University of Houston System;
2. Approval is requested to liquidate the Jayne and Albert H. Wiggins Music Scholarship Endowment and transfer the proceeds to the University of Houston Foundation – University of Houston System; and
3. Approval is requested to partially liquidate the Bill D. Cook Faculty Scholars Endowment in Mechanical Engineering – University of Houston System.

Regent Welder also reported that in addition to these three (3) approvals, the committee heard recommendations from Cambridge Associates and approved the following private equity investment – a \$4.0 million new commitment to Great Hill Equity Partners V; and the full redemption from Maverick Capital as of September 30, 2013. Both actions required committee approval only.

This concluded the Endowment Management Committee Report.

The following committee report was given by the Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Regent Nandita V. Berry.

Audit and Compliance Committee Report – May 14, 2013

Regent Berry stated the Audit and Compliance Committee meeting was held earlier today, Tuesday, May 14, 2013, and all items presented before the committee had been for information only; therefore, there were no items forwarded to the Board for final approval at the Board of Regents meeting.

This concluded the Audit and Compliance Committee Report.

In the absence of the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, Regent Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, this report was given by the Vice Chair of the Committee, Regent Spencer D. Armour.

Finance and Administration Committee Report – May 14, 2013

Regent Armour stated the Finance and Administration Committee met earlier in the day, Tuesday, May 14, 2013, and approved the following 15 action items; but one (1) additional item had been pulled from the agenda - the Approval is requested for changes for the FY2014 undergraduate and graduate tuition and fee rates for the University of Houston System campuses. The remaining items were presented for the committee's consideration and unanimously approved by the committee to be placed on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval. They were listed as follows:

1. Approval is requested for the Chancellor to develop undergraduate fixed four-year tuition plans beginning in Fall 2014 for the University of Houston System campuses – University of Houston System;
2. Approval is requested for changes to the voluntary and optional fees and charges for Fiscal Year 2014 for the University of Houston System;
3. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for emergency repairs and renovations at the University of Houston – University of Houston;
4. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a contract extension to purchase monographic imprints (i.e. books) for the M.D. Anderson Library for up to a five-year period – University of Houston;

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5. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a contract for global custody of the System's endowed and non-endowed assets – University of Houston System;
6. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for the rental of stadium facilities for University of Houston home football games for the 2013 season and the 2014 Spring Game – University of Houston;
7. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a ground lease between UHS, through its Center for Industrial Partnerships, with a Special Purchase Entity, of approximately 5 acres at UH Sugar Land for educational purposes – University of Houston System;
8. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a contract for providing comprehensive facilities and event management services for the University of Houston athletic and agreed-upon campus facilities – University of Houston;
9. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for design and construction of Girard Street Parking Garage and Welcome Center at the University of Houston-Downtown – University of Houston-Downtown;
10. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts associated with the purchase of land and associated improvements (Arlington Apartments) by the University of Houston System – University of Houston System;
11. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts associated with the purchase of land and associated improvements (Casa Del Rio Apartments) by the University of Houston System – University of Houston System;
12. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts associated with the purchase of land and associated improvements (former Regency Inn Hotel) by the University of Houston-Victoria – University of Houston-Victoria;
13. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for the design and construction of the New Football Stadium, Phase II at the University of Houston – University of Houston;
14. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for the design and construction of the new Health & Biomedical Sciences Building 2 at the University of Houston – University of Houston; and
15. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for the design and construction of the multidisciplinary research and engineering building at the University of Houston – University of Houston.

This concluded the Finance and Administration Committee Report.

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At the conclusion of this committee report, pursuant to Board Bylaw 6.9, Chair Blair asked if any regent wished to remove any of the items from the various Committee Reports' Consent Docket Agendas for further discussion.

On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Wilson, Jr., and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, all items presented in the Board's Consent Docket Agenda, unanimously approved by the various committees, were approved by the full Board.

After the approval of the Board's Consent Docket Agenda items, Chair Blair moved to Section IV, the presentation of the remaining Board of Regents items listed on the Board's agenda.

Chair Blair stated that Item B, the Resolution in Appreciation – Guy V. Lewis – University of Houston System would be presented by Regent Armour. Chair Blair stated that Mr. Lewis had recently and finally been inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame; and she wanted to give credit to Regent Welcome Wilson, Jr. as he suggested that this Board recognize Mr. Lewis again in honor of this induction. Below is a summary of Regent Armour's remarks honoring Mr. Guy Lewis.

- WHEREAS, Guy V. Lewis was Head Basketball Coach at the University of Houston from 1956 to 1986; and,
- WHEREAS during his storied career he led our Cougars to a remarkable record of 592 wins, highlighted by the historic triumph over UCLA on January 20, 1968 at the Astrodome, witnessed by 52,000 fans, and forever to be known as the "Game of the Century;" and,
- WHEREAS this game was the first regular season basketball game in NCAA history to be broadcast nationwide in prime time to an audience of millions, establishing college basketball as a sports commodity on television and paving the way for the modern "March Madness" television coverage; and,
- WHEREAS, Guy V. Lewis broke the color barrier in the South by recruiting and welcoming to Houston legends Elvin Hayes and Don Chaney; and,
- WHEREAS, for three spectacular seasons from 1982 to 1984, Guy V. Lewis assembled a remarkable team of players, among them Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler, whose explosive and fast-breaking style of play soon earned them the team nickname of Phi Slama Jama; and,
- WHEREAS, Guy V. Lewis amassed a record that will stand the test of time, including five NCAA Final Four appearance, 15 All Americans, 14 NCAA Tournament appearance, four Southwest Conference Tournament championship and two regular-season titles, four Olympic medalists, including three gold, and one of only two head coaches to lead three NBA Top-50 Greatest Players in college; and,
- WHEREAS, Guy V. Lewis in 2013 was at long last inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame; and,
- WHEREAS, the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University of Houston, and millions of fans throughout the land, along with this Board of Regents, will forever treasure and cherish Guy V. Lewis and all he stands for – leadership, integrity, and resolve, and total commitment and devotion to the game and to his student-athletes,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System issues this resolution in appreciation of Guy V. Lewis for his stellar career and for the prestige, pride, and prominence he brought to our Cougar teams and to the University of Houston.

On motion of Regent Wilson, Jr., seconded by Regent Armour and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Resolution in Appreciation for Guy V. Lewis was approved.

Chair Blair introduced the next item on the agenda, Item C, University of Houston Faculty Senate President will report on how the academic level of freshmen at the University of Houston has changed by raising ACT/SAT score and faculty involvement in the recruitment/retention of freshmen – University of Houston and stated Mr. Steve Wallace, President of the UH Faculty Senate, would give this presentation.

Before giving his report, Mr. Wallace thanked all of the regents who had participated in the commencement ceremonies over the past weekend; and stated that their attendance at commencement ceremonies were noticed, particularly by the faculty.

On another note, Mr. Wallace mentioned that the faculty had played an active part in the Pappas Reorganization Plan. The dialogue that had been started several years ago actually was very much in the interest of faculty and had their attention, stated Mr. Wallace. He reported that the consultant's process had been comprehensive, transparent, collaborative, and very extensive. The Pappas Group drilled deep to get the information; there were no sacred cows; there were no territorial barriers or individual agendas that were recognized or accepted. Everyone who worked on this project understood that. As long as it met the goal of raising the Tier One level, enhancing the student experience, and making UH a better institution, it was part of the topic that was on the table. Mr. Wallace stated the faculty wanted to thank Dr. Khator and all of the individuals who had taken part in the process. It was a very extensive process to gather the report; and the Faculty Senate wholeheartedly supports the report as it came out and was delivered to Dr. Khator.

Mr. Wallace gave a brief update on the Faculty Senate initiatives as follows.

- The Faculty Senate has been very active.
- In January, there was a discussion on creating a Graduate College; and this was also contained in the Pappas Report. Mindset wise, they are all working towards the same goal and thinking along the same lines. He felt this was very important as you start to move towards new goals.
- An Ad Hoc Committee worked to define and recommend a new set of policies for instructional and clinical faculty members. They felt this was extremely important. This was accomplished over a three-four month period and has been forwarded to Interim Provost, Dr. Paula Short with a recommendation to implement some of the suggestions made.
- The Faculty Senate is currently reaching out to the City of Houston to strengthen the relationship that the Faculty Senate and the faculty has with the City specifically. Mayor Parker spoke at the Spring Faculty Assembly which was also attended by three (3) City Council members and a number of senior staff members from the City's leadership offices. Mr. Wallace also thanked Regent Welder for attending this event and giving his support.
- The next step would be for the Faculty Senate to host a Health Conference to be held at the University of Houston on Friday, October 4, 2013. Mayor Parker has been invited to be a participant at this event.
- The most significant accomplishment this year by the Faculty Senate has been that they have completed the unification of various campus and senate committees. This process had been

started by a number of previous Faculty Senate presidents; in particular, when Dr. Wynne Chin, Dr. Dan Wells, Dr. Mark Clarke, and Dr. Monica McHenry started the process to develop a continuous dialogue with the campus as a whole. This process was completed this year; the unification has occurred; and the Faculty Senate can now speak with one voice for the faculty on campus and provide the information and the tools that they believe Dr. Khator and her cabinet need to accomplish some of the objectives that we all have together. Their logo is to recognize that they were not elected to take us where they have been but really to be part of the leadership to move towards the future we are going to go.

As a lead-in to Mr. Wallace's powerpoint presentation, he wanted to address freshmen. Most recently, the biggest affect that the faculty has seen in terms of freshmen and incoming freshmen, had been the raising of the GPA, ACT and SAT standard. This changed the depth and the scope of freshmen coming on campus stated Mr. Wallace. His presentation was regarding UIL Academics. He outlined how the academic level of freshmen at the University of Houston has changed in the past few years by raising the ACT/SAT score, as well as proposing that more faculty involvement in the future in the recruitment of high level students and the retention of freshmen once they arrive on campus was addressed. Below is a brief summary of Mr. Wallace's remarks.

- University Interscholastic League (UIL) Academics was addressed.
- UIL is the largest interschool organization of its kind in the world.
- Academics, Athletics, and Music have existed as part of UIL for 100 years.
- Academic programs serve more than half a million Texas students each year in grades 2 through 12.
- They support 23 high school and 19 elementary junior high academic contests.
- Listed below are all of the subject areas for UIL academics:

High School Academics: Activities Across the Curriculum

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>High School Events</u>	
Language Arts	-Spelling & Vocabulary -Ready Writing -Literary Criticism	-Editorial Writing -Feature Writing -Headline Writing -News Writing
Math & Science	-Calculator Applications -Mathematics -Number Sense	-Science
<u>Social Studies</u>	-Current Issues & Events	-Social Studies
Fine Arts	-One-Act Play	-Theatrical Design
Speech	-Cross-Examination Debate -Lincoln-Douglas Debate -Informative Speaking	-Prose -Poetry -Persuasive Speaking
Business	-Accounting -Computer Applications -Computer Science	

- One-Act Play is the largest theatrical event in the world. Participation includes more than 1200 schools across the state and approximately 200 certified critic judges from Texas college and university faculty.

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- UIL Academic Events were addressed as follows.
 - Three major events take place involving UIL Academics:
 1. Student Activities Conferences in the fall;
 2. Regional Academic Meets in the Spring;
 3. State Academic Meet at UT Austin.
 - Brings the best and brightest to Texas students in academic areas to campus for exposure to faculty, facilities, and recruitment opportunities.
- Student Activities Conferences were discussed.
 - Student Activities Conferences (SACs) held each fall at three rotating university or college campuses and annually at UT Austin;
 - One-day workshops on a Saturday to train both students and educators in UIL Academic events; and
 - Currently rotating to Texas Tech, West Texas A&M, UT Arlington, Tyler Jr. College, Sam Houston State, & Texas A&M Corpus Christi.
- Regional Academic Meets were addressed as follows:
 - Four (4) geographical regions in Texas;
 - Students qualify to Region by placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, or 1st place team at their local District Contest;
 - Currently, 17 college and university campuses across the state and one high school (Cypress Woods near Houston) host Regional Meets on one weekend in April; and
 - Approximately 900 students from the region participate in the event, bringing those students to the host campus, utilizing hotels and restaurants, generating revenue for the area and awareness of the university community.
- Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF) was discussed.
 - Texas high school students who have competed in the UIL Academic State Meet at any time in high school are eligible to apply for 600 scholarships with one application.
 - This year, TILF will disburse over \$1 million in scholarships to more than 600 students to use at any Texas college or university.
- University Interscholastic League is continually looking for the best facilities and greatest universities in the state to host their events. The University of Houston has never hosted this event.
- Mr. Wallace stated that it is important that we be a part of this process; and the faculty want to be a part of it. The faculty believe that in order to move the needle and the graduation rate, we must actively recruit students.

This item was presented for information only and required no board action. A complete copy of Mr. Wallace's powerpoint presentation has been filed in the Board office.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Renu Khator presented a UH System-wide report to the Board and below is a brief summary of Dr. Khator's remarks:

University of Houston System-wide Achievements:

- At the UH System Board of Regents retreat in October, they addressed the need for the UH System to fulfill its mission of educating students, thereby contributing to the region's workforce needs. A chart was given which showed we are on the correct path, with the UH

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System universities awarding a record number of degrees – 7,232 – at 14 commencement ceremonies this Spring. This is a 20% increase in degrees awarded over a five-year period. A breakdown is shown below:

	<u>Spring '09</u>	<u>Spring '13*</u>	<u>(% increase)</u>
University of Houston	3,779	4,438	17.4%
UH-Clear Lake	1,046	1,202	14.9%
UH-Downtown	844	1,039	23.1%
UH-Victoria	348	553	58.9%

*Preliminary figures for all universities

- According to a report from College Measures & higher education research organizations, the state's public universities producing the highest-earning graduates are not necessarily the traditionally recognized flagship institutions. All four (4) UHS universities were among the top 10 in the state for median first-year earnings by bachelor's degree recipients.
 - UH-Clear Lake was ranked #1 at \$48,086;
 - UH-Downtown ranked at #3 at \$47,008;
 - UH-Victoria ranked at #4 at \$44,157; and
 - University of Houston ranked #9 at \$42,319.
- Barton Smith, UH professor of economics, conducted an economic impact survey which showed that the UHS contributes \$2.2 billion to the GRP (gross regional product) and \$3.6 billion in total regional sales. The UHS disburses \$1.5 billion in salaries and brings in \$121 million in outside research funding, all of which contributes to the vitality of the region's economy.
- The UH System is now the nation's only university system designed as Hispanic Serving, since the designation was recently given to UH-Victoria.
- THECB data show that the UH System leads in the percentage of enrollment delivered through distance learning. This includes enrollments offered online or in a hybrid-format that reduces seat-time by at least 50%, allowing for more efficient use of classroom space. The UHS delivers 19.9% of all SCH through distance education, compared to UT System (6.5%), Texas A&M System (8.9%), Texas Tech System (6.4%), University of North Texas System (10.8%), and Texas State System (7.9%).

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- Ognjen Miljanic, assistant professor of chemistry, has been selected as a 2013 Cottrell Scholar, the first UH faculty member to receive this recognition and the only scholar from Texas among this year's honorees.
- ConocoPhillips has added another \$1 million in support of the ConocoPhillips Petroleum Engineering Building in the growing UH Energy Research Park, bringing to \$3 million its contributions for this facility.
- M.D. Anderson Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Department Chair, Mike Harold, has been awarded the 2013 Esther Farfel Award. The honor, which comes with a \$10,000 cash prize, is the highest cash prize, is the highest accolade UH bestows on a faculty member, and is given in recognition of excellence in research and scholarship, teaching, and service.
- Two new dual-degree programs will put UH undergraduates on a fast track to becoming physicians. Partnering with the UT Health Science Center at Houston and the UT Medical Branch at Galveston, UH will allow students to earn credit hours toward both a Bachelor of Science from UH and a Doctor of Medicine from either UT Health or UTMB in seven years instead of the usual eight required for becoming a doctor.

- Mathematical biology major and Honors College student, Lindsey M. Brier, has been awarded a prestigious Barry Goldwater Scholarship, one of the most competitive of all national scholarships. Brier plans to pursue a career conducting research in pharmaceutical chemistry and teaching at the university level.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

- Houston Endowment Inc. awarded a \$1 million grant to support UH-Clear Lake's downward expansion. The transition to a four-year university will be the second most significant development in UHCL's history – second only to its opening in fall 1974. Future freshmen and sophomores may begin the application process as early as Fall 2013 for the fall 2014 semester.
- UHCL opened its new Cyber Security Institute in Spring 2013. It will offer free and fee-based services to organizations and companies in the region, including public seminars for small business owners and summer camps for high school and college students.
- UHCL's "The Choice is Clear" advertising campaign received three gold and three silver ADDY® Awards from the American Advertising Federation-Houston. Launched in 2012, the campaign includes billboards, print ads, signs, and other materials featuring eye-catching slogans such as "What do you call a UHCL grad?...Boss!" "Created for NASA in 1974. Still Launching Careers"... and "We Never Made the List of Top Party Schools."

University of Houston-Downtown

- UH-Downtown has received a \$1 million grant from Houston Endowment to expand student advising services. Plans for a new Advising Center include the hiring of 13 new advisors and completion of new advising facilities. These efforts will support retention and graduation by helping students choose appropriate majors, make better course selections, and ensure that steady progress is made toward graduation.
- Associate Professor of Management, Trevor Hale, has been awarded his third Summer Faculty Fellowship by the Office of Naval Research (ONR). He will work with the Navy's top scientists to determine the critical policies and associated infrastructure needed for various levels of cybersecurity. Each year, more than 1,000 faculty member from universities across the nation apply for approximately 100 Summer Faculty Fellowships offered by the ONR.
- Professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, Ping Chen, has received two research grants totaling \$644,000. The first grant, from the National Institutes of Health, will fund "Efficiency and Discovery of Medical Associations." The second award, from the National Science Foundation, will fund "Research Experiences in Algorithm Design and Analysis for Students in Undergraduate Institution."

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- Houston Endowment has awarded one of the largest grants in UHV's history to help fund a graduate-level family nurse practitioner program. The \$800,000 grant is for the new Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner track. It will support students as well as provide for faculty development. UHV has received more than \$1.6 million in external gifts since September, and is on pace to set an all-time fundraising record this fiscal year.
- The U.S. Office of Postsecondary Education has designated UHV as an Hispanic Serving Institution. The designation makes UHV eligible for Title III and V benefits, including a waiver of non-federal matching funds for programs such as Work Study, Opportunity Grants, and academic support services. Since UHV admitted freshmen three years ago, Hispanic enrollments have nearly doubled and African American enrollment is up by two-thirds. With

this designation, the UH System becomes the first higher education system in Texas in which all component institutions are HSIs.

- For the first time, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked the UHV School of Business Administration one of the nation's best graduate schools. It is ranked No. 139 among graduate business programs with online delivery. The UHV School of Nursing came in at No. 295 for its rapidly-developing graduate nursing program.

A copy of the Chancellor's Report has been filed in the Board office. This item was for information only and required no board action.

Chair's Report

Chair Blair said that she sincerely appreciated Mr. Wallace saying that it had made a difference for regents to be present at commencement ceremonies. She was very proud to say that the regents had a very good presence at the past graduation ceremonies; and in fact, there were some former regents who had participated and were excited and thrilled to be asked and take part in the ceremonies. Chair Blair had personally gone down to Victoria and had a wonderful day through two graduations. It was also UH-Victoria's 40th anniversary! It was very exciting and a great time to be there. Chair Blair also mentioned that State Representative Alma Allen, a UH graduate, had contacted President Castille a few days prior to the ceremony and asked if she could take part in the graduation ceremony; and as it turned out, her granddaughter was graduating with a master's degree from UHV!

Chancellor Khator made an announcement to the Board and congratulated Dr. Paula Myrick Short on being named a Fulbright Specialist, one of 98 individuals selected throughout the country. The Board congratulated Dr. Short on her accomplishment.

At 1:57 p.m., pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which allows governing boards to meet in closed session, Chair Blair stated the Board would convene in Executive Session.

Executive Session Report

Chair Blair reconvened in open session at 2:55 p.m. and the following matters were addressed in Executive Session.

A Litigation Status Report and Legal Briefing were given by the General Counsel, Dona Cornell and an update on METRO was discussed. There was no action taken from Executive Session.

Information Only

Chair Blair stated two (2) individuals had signed up for Open Forum.

1. Mr. Daniel Arp, from UH-Downtown, addressed the board on the widespread evidence that the so-called Wage Gap is a fallacy.

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2. Dr. Kathryn Ley, UHCL Faculty Senate President, who presented positive highlights of UHCL's Faculty Senate.

There being no further action to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 2:55 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.

Others Present:

Renu Khator
Carl Carlucci
Paula Myrick Short
Dona Cornell
Rathindra Bose
Elwyn Lee
Eloise Dunn Stuhr
Richard Walker
Bill Flores
Bill Staples
Ed Hugetz
Manuella Libardi
Mike Emery
Jeff Heflin
Gerry Mathisen

Don Guyton
David Bradley
Rami Ramanchandi
Mack Rhoades
Kathryn Ley
Wayne Beran
Dmitri Litvinov
Raymond Bartlett
Chris Stanich
Kathryn Matthews
Jeffrey Cass
Willie Munson
Ed Jones
Marquette Hobbs

Carl Stockton
Steve Wallace
Benjamin Wells
Dick Phillips
Daniel Arp
Maria Soliña
Emily Messa
Tom Ehardt
Mark Clarke
Dan Maxwell
Lisa Gossett
Oscar Gutierrez
Jon Aldrich
Brenda Robles