

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

Thursday, May 19, 2016 – The members of the Academic and Student Success Committee of the University of Houston System Board of Regents convened at 12:36 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at the University of Houston-Victoria, University North, Multi-Purpose Room, 3007 N. Ben Wilson Street, Victoria, Texas 77901 with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Member(s) Present

Paula M. Mendoza, Chair  
Beth Madison, Vice Chair  
Durga D. Agrawal, Member  
Gerald W. McElvy, Member  
Peter K. Taaffe, Member  
Roger F. Welder, Member  
Tilman J. Fertitta, Ex Officio

Non-Member(s) in Attendance

Spencer D. Armour, III, Regent  
Welcome W. Wilson, Jr., Regent

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum in attendance, Chair of the Committee, Paula M. Mendoza called the meeting to order. Regent Mendoza stated the committee would be presented five (5) agenda items: four (4) action items for the committee's consideration and approval and one (1) information item.

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AGENDA ITEMS

**Action Item(s):**

1. Approval of Minutes – Item B

On motion of Regent Madison, seconded by Regent Taaffe, and by a unanimous vote of the members present, the following minutes from the meeting listed below was approved:

- February 18, 2016 Academic and Student Success Committee Meeting

Following the approval of the minutes, Regent Mendoza asked Dr. Paula Myrick Short, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost to introduce the items on the committee's agenda.

2. Approval of Faculty Promotion in Academic Rank – University of Houston System, Item C – A&SS-C

Dr. Paula Myrick Short introduced and presented this action item requesting Board approval for faculty promotion recommendations that would be effective September 1, 2016. Dr. Short

stated that all the candidates have been through a vigorous yearlong review at their campuses, a total of 48 faculty from University of Houston, 10 faculty from University of Houston-Clear Lake, 23 faculty from the University of Houston-Downtown, and 6 faculty from the University of Houston-Victoria were brought forward for approval for tenure and promotion.

On motion of Regent Taaffe, seconded by Regent McElvy, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Approval of Faculty Promotion in Academic Rank was approved.

3. Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments – University of Houston System, A&SS-D

Dr. Short presented this item requesting approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments; she mentioned there were a total of 18 nominations at the University of Houston, 6 nominations at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, and 7 nominations at the University of Houston-Downtown. Dr. Short stated that the emeritus title was conferred only upon retired faculty and these were individuals who have made significant contributions to their universities through long and distinguished service.

On motion of Regent Taaffe, seconded by Regent McElvy, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments was approved.

4. Approval of the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs – University of Houston, A&SS-E

Dr. Short presented this item requesting approval of the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs. In May 2010, the naming of the Hobby Center for Public Policy was approved by the Board, and in August 2013, a Resolution in support of the William P. Hobby School of Public Affairs was approved by the Board which also authorized the Hobby Center to be the fiscal agent for that entity. Dr. Short stated that the Center for Public Policy already existed, engaging in public policy research, as well as community engagement. This recommendation was to establish the full school and adding the academic component to the Hobby School; the Masters in Public Policy which was already in place; and the hiring of four (4) faculty to complement the academic program that would be offered through this school.

Dr. Short invited The Honorable Garnet Coleman, Texas House of Representatives and Dr. Jim Granato, Director, Hobby Center for Public Policy and Professor of Political Science at the University of Houston, to give a few words regarding this proposal.

Representative Garnet Coleman began his remarks by thanking the Chancellor, Provost and UH community for having a positive point of view on the creation of the Hobby School of Public Affairs. He also believes this institution will really make a difference. Representative Coleman talked about Houston's diversity and how this would be the perfect place for doing the kind of research that would help society move forward as a community and a country. Representative Coleman also mentioned that Governor Hobby and his family have contributed tremendously to the University of Houston and it would be very important to recognize their impact on our institution.

Regent Mendoza thanked Representative Coleman for traveling to Victoria to attend this meeting and speak to the Board to show his support of the Hobby School of Public Affairs.

Next, Dr. Short introduced Dr. Jim Granato. Dr. Granato began by mentioning that in brief words the Hobby School of Public Affairs was ramping up; the school was ready to expand on their teaching, research and community service missions. This has been a ten-year process and there has been an enormous amount of work that has gone into the planning. Dr. Granato stated that what differentiates the Hobby School from other schools of Public Affairs is they put a premium on both quantitative training but also values training, which is a direct reflection of Governor Hobby's personality. Dr. Granato took the opportunity to thank both Chancellor Khator and Provost Short for their leadership in this process; Governor Hobby for his contributions; and Representative Coleman for his support and guidance during these formative years.

On motion of Regent Madison, seconded by Regent Taaffe, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments was approved.

5. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Houston-Downtown – University of Houston-Downtown, A&SS-F

Dr. Short presented this item requesting approval of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Houston-Downtown. Dr. Short explained that this would be an online completion degree for registered nurses. The University of Houston-Downtown has worked collaboratively with Houston Community College and Lone Star College as it is expected that students will come from those two institutions having already received the Associates degree in RN. Dr. Short also stated that healthcare, and nursing in particular is one of the fastest growing areas of employment for this region; and this program will begin to serve a need that keeps expanding. Dr. Short mentioned the program plans to meet accreditation guidelines which is something of uttermost importance to the institution. It is physically sustainable and the pro forma does support a new degree program.

After the presentation, Regent Mendoza mentioned that she would like the university to look into adding a bilingual component to this program as there is a high demand for bilingual nurses.

On motion of Regent Agrawal, seconded by Regent McElvy, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Approval of Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Houston-Downtown was approved.

At the conclusion of the approval of the last action item presented, Regent Mendoza called for a motion to place all four (4) action items presented to the committee on the Board of Regents' Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval at the Board of Regents meeting.

On motion of Regent McElvy, seconded by Regent Taaffer, and by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, the following four (4) action items were placed on the Board of Regents' Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval at the Board of Regents meeting held later that day, May 19, 2016, as listed below.

University of Houston System

1. Approval of Faculty Promotion in Academic Rank – University of Houston System
2. Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments – University of Houston System
3. Approval of the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs – University of Houston
4. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Houston-Downtown – University of Houston-Downtown

The last item presented to the Committee was Item G, Presentation of University of Houston-Victoria Student Success Story – University of Houston Victoria – A&SS-G. Regent Mendoza introduced Oscar Torres, a student at the University of Houston-Victoria.

Mr. Torres graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2015 and is currently pursuing a Master's of Education in Adult and Higher Education, both at the University of Houston-Victoria. Mr. Torres is co-founder of Real Talk, a student organization at UHV; and in addition, he was part of UHV's first freshman class in fall 2010. He was named to the UHV Dean's List and he volunteers at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Torres began his presentation by thanking Chancellor Khator and the members of the Board of Regents for visiting the University of Houston-Victoria campus and for allowing him to speak at this meeting. Mr. Torres was born and grew up in Victoria, Texas and raised under three qualities of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Mr. Torres witnessed his father working three jobs at one point just to make ends meet and provide for his family. Despite his father's busy schedule, he still made time to talk to his children about the importance of investing in education. Following his graduation from high school, and in spite of his father's advice, Mr. Torres decided not to attend college and went on to work on the oilfield. While he was making a fairly good amount of money, his friends decided to attend college.

One day, his father took the risk and opened his own pest control company. This turned out to be the motivation he needed to go to school and pursue a career in Business Administration. Once he made the decision to obtain his bachelor's degree, he then thought to enroll at the University of Houston-Victoria to be a part of the first freshman class in the fall of 2010.... he wanted to be a part of history! Mr. Torres saw the potential for growth and development at UHV, and the dramatic changes at UHV, such as the addition of new buildings, academic degree programs, as well as services to keep students involved. In addition to these changes on the UHV campus, the community support in making UHV a destination campus had increased significantly.

Lastly, Mr. Torres stated that he believes bigger and brighter things are happening at UHV, where students are being prepared both academically and professionally to enter the workforce. Mr. Torres thanked everyone for the invitation to present and share his story at this meeting and stated that he looks forward to working together to achieve more growth and development at UHV.

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

It should be noted that no Executive Session was held.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

University of Houston System

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  
Dona Cornell  
Paula Myrick Short  
Elwyn Lee  
Lisa Holdeman  
Jim McShan  
Eloise Stuhr  
Jason Smith  
Richard Walker  
Don Guyton  
Raymond Vic Morgan  
Michael Olivas  
Bill Staples  
Ed Hugetz  
Jessie Pisors  
Caesar Moore

Mike Johnson  
Dick Phillips  
Ben Aldrich  
Dan Yackley  
Chris Stanich  
Dan Maxwell  
Mike Emery  
Oscar Torres  
Don Smith  
Emily Messa  
Abner Fletcher  
Ashlee Ross  
Brett Collier  
Dan Wells  
Joe Brueggman  
Gerry Mathisen

Garnet Coleman  
Brian Thomas  
David Bradley  
Raymond Bartlett  
Phil Booth  
Wayne Beran  
Shannon Harrison  
Travis Gunderloch  
Jon Aldrich  
Iggy Harrison  
Deidra Garcia  
Matthew Castillo  
Katie Brown  
Jessie Pisors  
Jim Granato  
Brenda Robles