# MINUTES UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

<u>Wednesday, November 17, 2010</u> – The members of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System convened at 1:32 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at the University of Houston-Downtown, Special Events Center, Third Floor, One Main Street, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

#### ATTENDANCE -

#### Present

Carroll Robertson Ray, Chairman
Nelda Luce Blair, Vice Chair
Mica Mosbacher, Secretary
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

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.

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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Ray announced that this was the first meeting of the Board under our new calendar schedule which the Board approved in August 2010. The University of Houston System committee/board meetings will now be held over a two-day period which will enhance productivity, save time and be more cost effective.

Chair Ray thanked President William Flores and his staff for hosting the committee/board meetings at University of Houston-Downtown.

The first item of business was introduced.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes – Item C:

On motion of Regent Hollingsworth, seconded by Regent Wilson and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the following minutes from the meeting listed below were approved:

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Chair Ray announced the following items were unanimously recommended by the various committees for submission on the Board of Regents Consent Docket agenda pursuant to Board Bylaw 6.9 for final board approval:

- A. The Academic and Student Success Committee recommended the following items:
  - 1. Approval of Appointment of Dean, College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics University of Houston A&SS-1;
  - 2. Approval of Master of Education in Adult and Higher Education at the University of Houston-Victoria A&SS-2; and
  - 3. Approval of the Transfer of the University of Houston Department of Health and Human Performance from the UH College of Education to the UH College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences University of Houston A&SS-3.
- B. The Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee recommended the following items:
  - Approval is requested of the Committee members and their Appointment terms for the System-wide Art Acquisition Committee (SWAAC) – University of Houston System – FCMP-1.
- C. The Finance and Administration Committee recommended the following items:
  - 1. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a multiyear contract for vendor managed inventory (VMI) at University Stores at the University of Houston – University of Houston- F&A-1;
  - 2. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute the contract to provide custodial service for the University of Houston-Downtown F&A-2; and
  - 3. Purchase Order for Public Broadcasting Services University of Houston F&A-3.
- D. The Audit and Compliance Committee had recommended the Review and Approval of Audit Report and Financial Statements, University of Houston Charter School, FY2010 University of Houston System AUDIT-1. This item was tabled at the meeting and will be presented at the February 16, 2011 committee meeting.

Chair Ray called for a motion to approve the Consent Docket agenda items as presented.

On motion of Regent Wilson, seconded by Regent Hollingsworth, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Consent Docket items presented were approved by the Board.

#### **Academic and Student Success Committee Report**

Chair of the Academic and Student Success Committee, Nelda Luca Blair, stated all action items from the Academic and Student Success Committee held on November 16, 2010 were listed in the Consent Docket and approved by the Board.

## Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee Report

Chair of the Committee, Tilman Fertitta, stated the action item listed below was approved by the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee on November 16, 2010. No further comments were given concerning this item by the committee chair.

1. Approval is requested of the Committee members and their appointment terms for the Systemwide Art Acquisition Committee (SWAAC) – University of Houston System – FCMP-2

## **Endowment Management Committee Report**

Chair of the Committee, Jarvis Hollingsworth, stated there were no Endowment Management Committee items referred to the Board from the meeting held on November 16, 2010. However, Regent Hollingsworth reported the committee manages the endowment in somewhat of a difficult time, but the committee approved some additional managers in the Hedge Fund area that they believe will continue to protect the downside of the endowment as well as create some opportunity for return as well. The approval to modify the UH System Endowment Fund Statement of Investment Objectives and Policies will be presented to the Board for final approval at the February 16, 2011 meeting.

## Finance and Administration Committee Report

Chair Ray stated the following item had been approved by the Finance and Administration Committee earlier in the day and was being presented to the Board for discussion.

1. Approval is requested for the purchase and installation of a Metal Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition (MOCVD) System for Photovoltaics, Thermoelectrics and Solid State Lighting – University of Houston – F&A4.

Chair of the Committee, Jim P. Wise, reported this equipment would be housed in the UH Energy Research Park. A report would be given on this new technology as part of the Research update later in the meeting.

On motion of Regent Blair, seconded by Regent Berry, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Committee members and their appointment terms for the System-wide Art Acquisition Committee (SWAAC) – University of Houston System; and the purchase and installation of a Metal Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition (MOCVD) System for Photovoltaics, Thermoelectrics and Solid State Lighting – University of Houston were approved by the Board.

Chair Ray stated the next two items to be presented before the Board were for information only. Dr. Carl Carlucci, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance was asked to present these items.

1. Presentation of Preliminary Fiscal Year 2010 University of Houston System Annual Financial Report Summary – University of Houston System – F&A-5

Dr. Carlucci gave an overview of the preliminary FY2010 UH System Annual Financial Report. A FY2010 UH System Annual Financial Report Timeline was outlined. Below is a brief summary of Dr. Carlucci's report.

- FY2010 Preliminary Results of Operations
  - ➤ Revenues Total \$1,174.2 Million
  - Expenses Total \$1,078.3 Million (expenses exclude construction spending from revenue bond proceeds)
- UH System Combined Analysis of Revenues FY2007-FY2010 (\$ Millions)

		2007	2	2008	2009		2010		2010	
		Actual		Actual		Actual	tual Preliminary		Budget	
1.	State Appropriations	\$ 254.1	\$	283.0	\$	289.0	\$	284.4	\$	296.9
2.	HEAF	35.5		53.2		53.3		53.3		53.3
3.	Tuition & Fees	336.0		365.3		399.0		436.5		414.0
4.	Other Operating	100.0		99.0		97.3		102.1		127.1
5.	Contracts & Grants	133.0		154.4		187.0		251.2		198.9
6.	Endowment/Gifts	45.0		54.4	_	43.5		46.7		29.5
	Total	\$ 903.6	\$ 1	,009.3	\$ 1	,069.1	\$	1,174.2	\$ 1	1,119.7

• UH System Combined Analysis of Operating Expenses FY2007-FY2010 (\$ Millions)

	•	•	2007	4	2008	•	2009	20	010	20	10
		Actual		1	Actual	Actual		Preliminary		Budget	
1.	Student Access/Success	\$	559.3	\$	613.1	\$	670.5	\$	737.1	\$	691.3
2.	Nat'l Competitiveness		75.0		81.0		87.8		98.3		133.5
3.	Infrastructure & Admin.		160.0		173.0		206.1		200.1		261.5
4.	Community Advancemen	t _	34.6	_	40.3	_	41,0	_	42.8		33.4
	Total	\$	828.9	\$	907.4	\$	1,005.4	\$	1,078.3	<b>\$</b> 1	1,119.7

A discussion followed his report. This item was for information only and required no board action. A complete copy of Dr. Carlucci's report was filed in the Board office.

2. Presentation of projected revenues and expenses for Fiscal Year 2021 based on Campus Master Plan enrollment targets – University of Houston System – F&A-6

Dr. Carlucci presented the board with a presentation which outlined the projected revenues and expenses based on master plan enrollment targets. Four revenue and four expense scenarios for each system campus have been developed. Regent Wise asked Chancellor Khator to brief the board on this issue.

Chancellor Khator stated that higher education will dramatically change over the next ten years. In spite of the budget situation, we must continue to move the needle through clever application of staff resources and asset utilization. Our number one priority is student success, stated Dr. Khator, and we will remain conscious of that fact even in the face of the uncertainties presented to us in the form of budget constraints.

To meet enrollment targets over the next ten years, various scenarios were addressed. Faculty, staff and infrastructure are needed for enrollment growth. Below is a chart detailing the revenues, expenses and shortfall gap for each system campus.

	Re	evenue (a)	$E_{\Sigma}$	kpense (b)	Shortfall Gap		
University of Houston	\$	125.0	\$	230.7	(\$105.7)		
UH-Clear Lake	\$	39.9	\$	60.7	(\$20.8)		
UH-Downtown	\$	51.1	\$	69.4	(\$18.3)		
UH-Victoria	\$	29.7	\$	45.8	(\$16.1)		

- (a) Revenue
  - Level state appropriations
  - Annual average tuition & fee increases of 2%
- (b) Expense & Assumptions
  - Faculty, staff and infrastructure fully funded to meet enrollment targets
  - Average annual faculty and staff salary increases of 3%

In order to fill the shortfall gap, there are various ways we can look at this issue.

- We can change our business model;
- Is there a better way, more efficient way, for us to have student outcome learnings;
- Do we go to distance education?
- Do we go with partnerships?
- Do we teach in a cohort manner?
- Do we need to collapse colleges and/or departments?

Dr. Khator stated we are mostly likely looking at \$150 million deficit. Chair Ray stated that there would be further discussion on this issue at a later date.

This item was for information only and required no board action. A complete copy of Dr. Carlucci's presentation was filed in the Board office.

#### **Audit and Compliance Committee Meeting Report**

Chair of the Committee, Nandita V. Berry, reported that one item was brought forward from the Audit and Compliance Committee meeting held earlier today for information purposes.

1. Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies of the Board of Regents and Each of the Universities – AUDIT-2

Regent Berry stated that the Audit and Compliance Committee Charter and Checklist requires the committee to conduct an annual review of the ethics and conflict of interest policies of the Board and each of the universities to ensure that the Board of Regents and each of the institutions have Conflict of Interest policies in place. They also include changes to the policies since they were last reviewed by the Audit and Compliance Committee in November 2009.

At the conclusion of the committee reports, Chair Ray moved to the Board items listed under Section IV on the agenda. All board items were for information only. Chair Ray introduced Dr. William Flores, President of the University of Houston-Downtown to present the first item.

## 1. <u>Presentation of High Impact Educational Experiences at the University of Houston-</u> Downtown – BOR-1

Dr. Flores, President of the University of Houston-Downtown, gave a presentation of high-impact educational experiences at UHD. President Flores introduced Dr. Michael Dressman, Interim Provost at the University of Houston-Downtown, who gave numerous examples of educational experiences by UHD students. Some of these are listed below:

- Polish geological research in West Texas;
- Polish geological research in southern Poland;
- UHD students teaching homeless children in Houston;
- UHD students at Houston's House of Tiny Treasures;
- Students use statistics for Homeland Security grant;
- Student-directed one-act play under faculty guidance;
- UHD's first freshman convocation Fall 2010;
- UHD faculty lead study-abroad trip;
- UHD students take part in international Coca-Cola research.

These are but a few of the many accomplishments experienced by UHD students.

A complete copy of President Flores' presentation was filed in the Board office.

## 2. Annual Report on Intercollegiate Athletics – University of Houston – BOR-2

Board policy 22.01 requires the Board to receive an annual report on intercollegiate athletics. Mr. Mack Rhoades, Athletic Director, presented this report to the Board. Below is a brief outline of his remarks:

- Creating a vision for the future of UH Athletics: tradition, experience and compliance;
- Critical Goals Short Term External Operations
  - Communications
  - ➤ Development and implementation of a strategic plan; develop Capital Campaign; Increase Cougar Pride; Establish sport specific fundraising organizations for football, men's basketball, women's basketball and golf.
- Cougar Sports Network (ISP)
- Marketing, Promotions and Sales
- Merchandise and Licensing
- Ticket and Video Operations
- Critical Goals Short Term Student-Athlete Services
  - Student-Athlete Development Academic Services; Cougar Pride Leadership Academy
  - > Sports Medicine
  - > Sports Performance

- Critical Goals Short Term Internal Operations
  - ➤ Budget Implement a Zero-Base Budget Process System; Present a five-year budget initiative/report to include future vision for athletics
  - Compliance
  - > Facility Operations
  - > Human Resources/Personnel
  - ➤ Operational Structure unit goals/initiatives; mission statement and core values; spirit of cooperation; student-athlete handbook
- Critical Goals Short Term Other
  - ➤ Gender Equity
  - Sports Programs evaluate head coaches; introduce sports program administrators and specific responsibilities
  - ➤ Introduced Leadership Team meetings;
- Critical Goals Long Term
  - Department Strategic Planning
  - > Sports Program Success
- Shaping the Future of Athletics
  - ➤ Develop Mission Statement and Core Values
  - ➤ Introduce Cougar Pride Leadership Academy
  - ➤ Restructure Student-Athlete Academic Services
  - ➤ Initiate a Comprehensive Academic Review Process
  - ➤ Develop an Extensive Academic Award and Recognition Program
  - ➤ Implement Comprehensive Sales and Advertising Strategies and Execution
  - ➤ Develop a Comprehensive Fund Raising Plan
  - > Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
  - ➤ Revise Student-Athlete Handbook
  - Create Human Resources Task Force
  - ➤ Revise Substance Abuse Policy
  - ➤ Develop and Introduce New Website and Electronic Media Mediums
  - ➤ Develop Student-Athlete Code of Conduct
  - > Create and Implement Formal Financial Aid Policy
  - ➤ Review and Revise Eligibility Certification Process
  - Create and Implement Student-Athlete Criminal Background Process
  - ➤ Develop and Incorporate Student-Athlete Celebration Banquet
  - ➤ Initiate Gender Equity Report/Review

Mr. Rhoades's complete powerpoint presentation was filed in the Board office. This item was for information only and required no Board action.

The next item presented to the board was addressed by Dr. Stuart Long, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology.

3. <u>Annual Report regarding Sponsored Research Comparison by Funding Source, Fiscal Year</u> 2010 and a presentation on the research of Dr. Venkat Selvamanickam – BOR-3

Dr. Long stated the total awards in FY2010 were \$124.0 million, an increase of 6 percent from \$117.5 million in FY2009. In FY2010, federal awards amounted to \$89.2 million and state awards to \$14.9 million. Other awards amounted to \$20.0 million.

Proposals, awards and expenditures were addressed. In FY2009, total proposals amounted to \$555,568,681 compared to FY2010 total of \$600,207,692 – an increase of 8 percent.

Total awards for FY2009 totaled \$110,428,559 vs. FY2010 total of \$114,785,588 – a 4 percent increase.

Total expenditures for FY2009 amounted to \$82,643,967 compared to FY2010 total of \$90,570,123 – an increase of 10 percent.

Dr. Long introduced Dr. Venkat Selvamanickam, M.D. Anderson Chair Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director, Applied Research Hub of Texas Center for Superconductivity at the University of Houston, who gave a presentation on the Metal Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition (MOCVD) System which the board approved the purchase and installation of this technology earlier today. The purchase of this equipment is to complete the fabrication of thin film photocoltaic cells and thermoelectric modules, in order to fully prove the commercial feasibility of the University's underlying thin film technology in these applications. Dr. Selvamanickam's research team has identified a novel MOCVD system with multifunctional features to fabricate various types of materials on the University's unique templates using a reel-to-reel thin film process. The University will benefit in numerous ways from the purchase of this technology. A lengthy discussion and questions by various members of the board followed Dr. Selvamanickam's presentation.

A complete copy of Dr. Selvamanickam's report was filed in the Board office. This item was for information only and required no Board action.

Chair Ray introduced the next item on the agenda and asked Dr. Mark Clarke, UH Faculty Senate President to give his remarks.

4. Presentation by University of Houston Faculty Senate President, Dr. Mark Clarke on Faculty Senate Activities and by Dr. Philip Lyons, University of Houston-Downtown Faculty Senate President on UHD's Faculty Senate Activities and Initiatives – University of Houston System – BOR-4

Before Dr. Clarke reported on Faculty Senate activities at the University of Houston, he asked Dr. Philip Lyons, Faculty Senate President at the University of Houston-Downtown, to update the Board on UHD's Faculty Senate activities.

Below is a summary of Dr. Lyons' remarks:

- The University of Houston-Downtown is a proud institution with a mandate to provide superior undergraduate and graduate education to the Houston area.
- Although UHD scholarship and creative activity has increased significantly in the last several years, we are and will remain primarily a teaching institution, offering high quality

- instruction. However, good teaching alone does not equate with student success. It is effective only if students are engaged.
- UHD has a highly diverse population which includes a high proportion of underprepared students - typical of an urban institution - particularly one with no admission standards. Most of the classes attended by UHD students work, commute and over half are from outside the Beltway. Many students attend night classes after working all day and have significant family concerns.
- Dr. Lyons addressed some faculty-driven efforts to more effectively engage students.
  - ➤ The Freshmen Retention and Graduation Program a research-based, data-driven freshman experience program aimed at increasing FTIC retention and graduation.
- The Fall 2010 Freshman Convocation was addressed and discussed in detail.
- Distance education is increasing; more than 30% of UHD's tenure/tenure-track faculty members have taught online. The Faculty Senate has conducted a survey on the effectiveness and needs of online courses and programs and the response rate exceeded 50%. Approval of a report on the survey is expected to occur at the next Senate meeting; followed by further interpretation of the results grounded in published literature on online teaching. A committee or task force will be formed to develop guidelines and recommendations that will assure quality online instruction.
- The Cultural Enrichment Center, directed by Dr. Jane Creighton, was addressed. This center sponsors campus visits by prominent writers, guest lecturers, artists, and musicians.
- The Center for Public Deliberation, founded by Dr. Windy Lawrence, is a collaborative, non-partisan group that encourages citizens to actively participate in the deliberative democracy process.
- The Urban Education Program received the STAR award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board third UHD STAR award since 2001.
- The UHD Student Research Conference will be held in April 2011 to observe the results of undergraduate research across various disciplines.

A complete copy of Dr. Lyons' remarks have been filed in the Board office.

Following Dr. Lyons' remarks to the Board, Dr. Mark Clarke addressed the Board as Faculty Senate President of the University of Houston. In his last address as President, Dr. Clarke stated the Faculty Senate has been engaged in several projects and initiatives.

Below is a summary of Dr. Clarke's remarks:

- Several initiatives were addressed:
  - The newly formed Center for Teaching Excellence and the preparation for posting all undergraduate class syllabi and instructor of record on the web. Dr. Clarke reported that both of these projects have come to fruition with the new Center for Teaching Excellence in full operation this semester and over 95% compliance rate for posting CDs and syllabi on the reporting day which is the seventh day of classes.
  - ➤ Dr. Clarke wanted to publicly thank all of his fellow faculty members for responding to this request and also the large number of faculty members who have actively taken part in the Center for Teaching Excellence. This type of initiative, specifically our CTE, is one of the most cost effective ways to achieve our student success goals of

- greater student engagement, retention, and enhance graduation. The Faculty Senate has taken a lead in this area and will continue to provide support, not only to the growing CTE but to any initiative designed to enhance our overall student success goals.
- > Dr. Clarke reported that the Faculty Senate led Accountability Task Force in conjunction with the University of Houston Teaching Excellence Awards Committee and the Faculty Board of Directors of the newly formed Center for Teaching Excellence recently provided the provost with recommendations concerning a series of new teaching awards which came on line this academic year. The new program raises the number of university level Teaching Excellence Awards from a maximum of nine last year to a total of 20 this year with the average value of those awards rising from \$5,000 to over \$11,000 per award. The new program places greater emphasis on rewarding individual teaching excellence especially in the areas such as the university academic core. While two of the new awards are focused on recognizing faculty who take a collective and collaborative approach rather than an individual approach to teaching excellence in those class sequences that have historically had low completion rates and then consequently impacted our graduation rate and student success elements. Dr. Clarke does not believe that monetary rewards are a major factor which drive faculty to excel in any of their academic endeavors; however, the significant increase in both the number and the amount of these awards is a clear and unequivocal signal to both our students and faculty that teaching excellence is and will continue to be valued by the university community as a whole.
- There are several new initiatives which the Faculty Senate is currently working on:
  - (1) Faculty Senate has taken the lead in revisiting the UH Faculty Workload Policy; to develop more guidelines more in line with a nationally recognized research university. The task has begun but the clear consensus of the Senate is that any new Workload Policy should reflect the overarching principle that each tenure or tenure-tracked faculty member's total workload be a reflection of all three historical responsibilities of the academy namely: teaching, research and service. However, if a faculty member has for whatever reason reduced their efforts in any one of these areas, then there should be an effort to increase their commitment in the remaining areas to compensate for that reduction.
  - (2) In conjunction with the provost, the Faculty Senate has recently begun the development of a more proactive, post-tenure review process which incorporates an automatic review after specific periods of time for ranked tenured faculty. Both of these initiatives will require careful consideration and review by the Faculty Senate, and Dr. Clarke is hopeful that they can reach an agreement on these new policies sometime prior to the end of the academic year.
- The state budget crisis has raised a concern and uneasiness amongst the faculty at large. Dr. Clarke assured the Board that the Faculty Senate has and will continue to work collaboratively with administration to assure that our joint commitment to UH's teaching and research missions remain strong even under these difficult circumstances. Budget cuts must be made strategically and not across the board. A Budgetary Advisory Group has been formed by Dr. John Antel, Senior Vice Chancellor and Provost for the University of Houston and includes three Faculty Senate representatives whose charge will be to evaluate all potential opportunities to generate

- additional revenue or to reduce costs to offset the impending cuts. This group will also be charged with developing a set of guiding principles based on a long term academic and research goal designed to both inform and guide any budgetary decisions that may have to be made concerning academic program funding.
- ➤ Dr. Clarke mentioned that Dr. Monica McHenry will be the new President of the Faculty Senate at the University of Houston beginning January 1, 2011.

A complete copy of Dr. Clarke's remarks has been filed in the Board office. This item was for information only and required no Board action.

Chair Ray moved to the next item on the agenda, the Chancellor's Report.

## **Chancellor's Report**

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

## <u>University of Houston System</u>

- 2010 UH System Statistical Profile was reviewed. Some of the highlights mentioned were the record enrollments at the four UH System universities, record number of degrees granted, and record amounts of research awards attained during 2010.
- Chancellor Khator visited UHCL, UHD and UHV for informal meetings with students, administrators and staff and was extremely pleased to witness first-hand the pride and enthusiasm across the campuses.
- In December, 5,685 students system-wide will graduate.
- President's Medallions will be awarded to Beth Madison and to the Reverend William Lawson at the UH commencement.
- Student success is our number one priority as we face the uncertainties presented us in the form of budget constraints.
- The budget reduction process is ongoing at the four UH System universities.

## University of Houston

• The Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship at the C.T. Bauer College of Business has been ranked the best of its kind in the nation for the second time in four years, landing at the top of *The Princeton Review's* list of leading undergraduate entrepreneurship programs in the United States.

## University of Houston-Clear Lake

• UHCL Pearland Campus officially opened in August 2010 with 530 students. That figure contributed to the record Fall 2010 enrollment of 8,111 students, a 6% increase over Fall 2009, and a record for UHCL.

## University of Houston-Downtown

Nationally recognized Scholars Academy has won a five-year, \$450,000 federal grant from
the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to increase the number of underrepresented students
in science, technology, engineering and mathematics who enter programs in the nuclear
science arena.

#### University of Houston-Victoria

- Two of the master's-level counseling programs offered by the School of Education and Human Development received national accreditation for the first time after a rigorous twoyear review.
- UHV's softball team was recognized as a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Scholar Team.

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

The next item addressed was the Chair's Report. Chair Ray announced to the Board that this is the year where the policies and procedures of the board are reviewed. This is done every six years and we are currently in the review cycle to have this completed. In order to expedite this process, Chair Ray has created an Ad Hoc Policy Committee. A regent from each of the regent classes has been appointed, and they are Regent Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, who will serve as chair; Regent Nelda Luce Blair; along with the Chair of the Board, Carroll Robertson Ray. General Counsel Dona Cornell and Gerry Mathisen, Executive Administrator to the Board, will also serve on this committee.

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#### **Executive Session Report**

At 4:50 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 6:00 p.m. and the following actions were taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

A Litigation Status Report and Legal Briefing was given by General Counsel, Dona Cornell and property issues were discussed. No Board action was taken on these issues.

Mr. Don Guyton, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Board with his Annual Report.

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

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## **Information Only**

Chair Ray stated 6 individuals had signed up for Open Forum.

- 1. Mr. Daniel Arp, a UH-Downtown student working on his Master's in Technical and Creative Writing
- 2. Mr. Ali Abedi, President of Student Government Association, UH-Downtown

- 3. Mr. Austin Rhoads, Student, Rice University
- 4. Mr. Justin Clay, Student, University of Houston
- 5. Mr. Joe Ortiz, Student, University of Houston
- 6. Mr. Nick Cooper, Student, Rice University

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There being no further action to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 6:00 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:

Tom Ehardt Renu Khator Ed Hugetz Dan Wells Carl Carlucci Gilda Parker John Antel Michael Dressman Raymond Bartlett Dona Cornell Michelle Dotter Wayne Beran Grover Campbell Sean York Derrick McClinton Johanna Wolff Stuart Long David Bradley Elwyn Lee Philip Aldrich Liz Fletcher Michael Rierson Venkat Silvamanickam Daniel Arp William Flores Peggy Engram Molly Woods Don Guyton Susan Green-Davis Don Smith William Staples Ed Apodaca Randy Crypet Barbara Stanley Mark Clarke Karen Clarke Dave Irvin Don Bates Mike Emery Justin Clay **Emanual Castillo** Pat Williams Melinda Konner Vasilis Zaifiris Katina Jackson Mack Rhoades Nick Cooper Phil Lyons Austin Rhoads Viola Garcia Diedra Green Chuck Jackson Kevin Bush Karen Bush Anjou Sikka Keith Wright Suzette Mouchatz David Ellis Joe Ortiz Ali Abedi Jeannie Kever Liz Fletcher Oscar Gutierrez Jane Creighton T. J. Meagher Dennis Rodriguez Melinda Kanner Louis Evans David Branham Alvin Sallee Chynette Nealy Peggy Engram George Pincus Justin Clay Ernest Ballard Joseph Yang Darren Dunn Enrique Tam Mvrna Cohen Sara Farris Trevor Johnson Susan Henney Derek de la Pena Maria Peden

# Others Present (cont'd)

John LaneAshley EvansEdwin TecarroIvonne MontalbanoSandra Wessou-WardLaura TolbeyJon AldrichMarquette HobbsGerry Mathisen