MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 – The members of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System convened at 12:48 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel, Waldorf Astoria Ballroom E, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present	Absent
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 introduced the first action item on the agenda, the approval of minutes.

1. Approval of Minutes – Item C:

On motion of Regent Fertitta, seconded by Regent Mosbacher and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the following minutes from the meeting listed below was approved:

- November 16, 2010, Board of Regents Meeting

Chair Ray announced the following items had been unanimously recommended by the various committees for submission on the Board of Regents Consent Docket agenda pursuant to Board Bylaws 6.9 for final board approval.

A. The Academic and Student Success Committee recommended the following items:

1. Approval of Masters Business Administration at the University of Houston-Downtown – University of Houston-Downtown – A&SS-1; and

2. Approval of Partnership Agreement between Alvin Community College of the Mainland, Galveston College, Lee College, the San Jacinto College District and the University of Houston-Clear Lake regarding UHCL offering lower division courses – University of Houston-Clear Lake – A&SS-2.

B. The Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee recommended the following items:

1. Approval of scope and site for a new University of Houston West Dining Facility – University of Houston – FCMP-1; and

2. Project Scope Re-approvals for University of Houston Fleming Addition, the University of Houston Classroom and Business Building and the University of Houston-Clear Lake Arbor Building – University of Houston System – FCMP-2.

C. The Endowment Management Committee recommended the following items:

1. Approval the FY2011 University Advancement Endowment Assessment Rate of 1.5% - University of System – EM-1;

2. Approval to liquidate the Joseph Michael Adamo Drama Scholarship Endowment – University of Houston System – EM-2; and

3. Approval to modify the University of Houston System Endowment Fund Statement of Investment Objectives and Policies – University of Houston System – EM-3.

D. The Finance and Administration Committee recommended the following items:

1. Approval of changes to the voluntary and optional fees and charges for the University of Houston System campuses – University of Houston System – F&A-1;

2. Approval is requested to write off uncollectable Accounts and Notes Receivable for FY2010 – University of Houston System – F&A-2;

3. Approval is requested to write off obsolete Capital Assets for FY2010 – University of Houston System – F&A-3;

4. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute insurance policy renewals for FY2011 – University of Houston System – F&A-4;

5. Approval of Construction of Classroom and Business Building at the University of Houston and to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts up to $41,000,000 – University of Houston – F”&A-5; and

6. Re-approval of Construction of Cemo Hall at the University of Houston and to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts up to $10,599,000 – University of Houston – F&A-6.

E. The Audit and Compliance Committee recommended the following item:

1. Review and Approval of Audit Report and Financial Statements, University of Houston Charter School, FY2010 – University of Houston System – AUDIT-1.

2. Board of Regents' Internal Audit, Institutional Compliance, and Identity Theft Program Policies – University of Houston System – AUDIT-2.

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

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

Academic and Student Success Committee Meeting Report

Chair of the Academic and Student Success Committee, Nelda Luca Blair, was unable to attend the meeting. In Regent Blair's absence, Vice Chair, Mica Mosbacher, commented that all action items from the Academic and Student Success Committee meeting held on February 15, 2011 were listed in the Consent Docket and approved by the Board.

Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee Meeting Report

Chair of the Committee, Tilman Fertitta, stated all action items from the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee meeting held on February 15, 2011 were listed in the Consent Docket and approved by Board.

Endowment Management Committee Meeting Report

Chair Ray noted that the following two items were approved at the November 16, 2010 Endowment Management Committee and required final Board approval.

1. Approval to modify the University of Houston System Investment Policy for Non-Endowed Funds – University of Houston System; and

2. Approval to modify the University of Houston System Endowment Fund Statement of Investment Objectives and Policies – University of Houston System.

Chair of the Committee, Jarvis Hollingsworth, noted Cambridge Associates had been working closely with the Endowment Management Committee to modify the UH System Investment Policy Statement as well as some of the objectives to come more in line with more investment

management endowments across the country. At the Endowment Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, the committee approved three new managers:

- Two (2) Hedge Funds managers in the long/short area (one in the Asian Pacific region and one in the Western Europe area; and
- One (1) Funds-of-Funds manager, with unique access to top tier firms.

Regent Hollingsworth also noted that criteria had been added to the Watch List which addresses not only a manager's performance-related issues but their business-related issues as well. He stated that a manager's performance, as well as their business operations, will be reviewed which would allow for closer monitoring and quicker action for those managers undergoing potentially disruptive changes.

On motion of Regent Wise, seconded by Regent Monty, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the two action items which were tabled from the November 16, 2010 Endowment Management meeting and brought forward for Board consideration were approved by the Board.

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Report

Chair of the Committee, Regent Jim Wise, stated that all action items from the Finance and Administration Committee held earlier in the day, Wednesday, May 18, 2011, were listed in the Consent Docket and approved by Board.

Audit and Compliance Committee Report

Chair of the Committee, Regent Nandita Berry, noted that all actions items from the Audit and Compliance Committee held earlier in the day, Wednesday, May 18, 2011, were listed in the Consent Docket and approved by the Board.

Regent Berry also noted that Mr. Don Guyton, Chief Audit Executive, performs an outstanding job with the audit reports which are very thorough and comprehensive. Regent Berry encouraged the administration, moving forward, to make use of those reports in their strategic planning process.

At the conclusion of the Committee Meeting Reports, Chair Ray moved to the Board items listed under Section IV on the agenda. There were five information items and two action items presented.

Information Items:

1. Update regarding the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's legislative initiatives by Commissioner Dr. Raymund Paredes – University of Houston System – BOR-1

   Unfortunately, Dr. Paredes was called out of town and was unable to attend the meeting. Chair Ray stated the Board looked forward to his visit in the future.

2. Presentation on the Faculty Senate response to the budget and faculty workload issues - University of Houston – BOR-2

Chair Ray introduced Dr. Monica McHenry, the new University of Houston Faculty Senate President, who presented this item.

Dr. McHenry gave an overview of her background. She has a Masters from Penn State in Speech Pathology and Audiology, and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Speech and Hearing Sciences. Dr. McHenry is honored to be representing the University of Houston faculty; and Dr. McHenry's research focuses on primarily two areas:

- Studies individuals who use their voice professionally, like singers and teachers, to find strategies for them to keep their voice healthy so they can stay working; and
- Does research with people who are hard to understand due to neurological disorders, to improve their ability to communicate.

Dr. McHenry's collaborations range from the School of Music and Theatre to several areas of the Medical Center.

Below is a summary of Dr. McHenry's comments.

- The Board of Regents, administration, and faculty have been united in the pursuit of Tier One status and in the University of Houston's recent major milestone, achievement of the highest research ranking from the Carnegie Foundation.
- Dr. McHenry noted that the University's progress toward greater success, and even the accomplishments we have already accomplished, were now being threatened by the legislature.
- As faculty, she stated they understood that we must do their part to keep the University moving forward in a time of serious budget problems, and they wanted to be active participants in evaluating processes and improving efficiencies to meet those challenges.
- One important part of this process would be a Faculty Senate-led effort to examine faculty workloads. The faculty want to ensure that resources invested in the University were being used in service of its core missions of teaching and research, which must remain their highest priorities.
- Dr. McHenry stated that the single greatest threat to the University of Houston's commitment to student success was the potential elimination of the Texas Grants program. These grants support many of the first generation college students, who may have no other way to afford higher education, even if someone could provide a $10,000 degree, stated Dr. McHenry. The Faculty Senate's Scholarship and Community Committee was working on strategies to encourage faculty to talk with their representatives on an individual basis, to ask them to support continuation of the Texas Grants, as well as to advocate for proportional budget cuts for higher education.
- A well-rounded university that cares as much about the humanities as scientific research was another important issue mentioned. We cannot pretend that a college education is a vocational degree, or that the only way to be successful is to be in the sciences. The humanities are the foundation for all we do, give us a broader perspective of life, and make us good citizens of the world, reiterated Dr. McHenry. The Faculty Senate wants to ensure that all faculty have input into all budget

decisions, and that input from faculty from the humanities and the social sciences has as much weight as that from individuals in the sciences. The Faculty Senate strongly supports a transparent budgeting process that provides real opportunities for faculty input. Faculty buy-in to the process is absolutely critical for success, and their involvement is essential. Building on steps put in place last year, the Faculty Senate are developing ways for faculty to inform department chairs of their budget priorities before these are reported to the deans, and they anticipate active Faculty Senate participation in college budget hearings. Together with others in the Senate leadership, Dr. McHenry stated she will monitor this process and strive to ensure that faculty voices were part of the budget conversation.

- Dr. McHenry stated she was confident that we can make it through the current crisis and maintain our Tier One momentum. To do so will require that all voices be heard and we never lose sight of our commitment to research, student success, and all that goes into Tier One education.

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

3. Presentation of anticipated legislative budget actions and their impact on the University of Houston System – University of Houston System – BOR-3

Dr. Carl Carlucci, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Dr. John Antel, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Mr. Grover Campbell, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, provided a summary of the anticipated legislative budget actions and their impact on the University of Houston System.

A copy of the University of Houston System's 2011 Congressional Briefing: University Profiles, Initiatives and Federal Policy Issues booklet was distributed to the Board for reference. An executive summary of the University of Houston System's initiatives were addressed and a lengthy discussion followed.

Listed below is a brief summary of the University of Houston System Initiatives:

- University of Houston Energy Initiatives:
  - Energy Research Park
  - Texas Center for Superconductivity Applied Research Hub
  - Institute for NanoEnergy
  - Program for Space and Defense Nano-Photovoltaics
  - Texas Diesel Testing and Research Center
  - Mission-Oriented Seismic Research Program
  - Smart Grid Energy Training Coalition; and
  - Consortium for Advanced Grid Materials at the Texas Center for Superconductivity
- University of Houston Health Programs and Initiatives:
  - UH Center for Nuclear Receptors and Cell Signaling
  - Department of Health and Human Performance
  - Health and Biomedical Sciences Building

    - Virtual Reality Clinical Research Lab at the Graduate College of Social Work; and
    - Vision Research and Rehabilitation Associated with Traumatic Brain Injury
- University of Houston Transportation Initiative:
    - Multimodal Transportation Centers
- University of Houston-Clear Lake:
    - Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
    - Environmental Institute of Houston
    - UHCL Pearland Campus
- University of Houston-Downtown:
    - High Impact Educational Experiences
    - UH-Downtown Scholars Academy
- University of Houston-Victoria:
    - Forensic DNA Testing Laboratory
    - Centro Victoria: Mexican-American, Literature and Culture Curriculum
    - Nurse Educator Program

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

The Chair's Report was taken out of order and given after this item. Below is a brief summary of Chair Carroll Robertson Ray's remarks:

- The Texas Legislative Session began on January 11, 2011, and Chair Ray reiterated that she was proud to live in a state that wants to live within its means. How we decide to live within our means is based upon the priorities that we set as a state.
- Given the parameters that Governor Rick Perry has set, both the Senate and the House have proposed budgets that will result in significant decreased funding for the University of Houston System.
- Chair Ray stressed that as advocates for the University of Houston System and our students, we can help the state to know how important a priority universities higher education is to our state, both for our students and the opportunities that they can receive through higher education, but also for the state and its economy by educating our work force and creating engines of our economy through research.
- Chair Ray believes that it is our task to advocate on behalf of the UH System within the parameters that the Governor has set; understanding that we want to live within our means we can still say higher education should be a priority within our state. As constituents, we need to take every opportunity to visit with our representatives; and Chair Ray expressed sincere gratitude to all Regents who have been tireless, as have our administration and Chancellor, in representing the University of Houston System specifically.
- The University of Houston's Carnegie announcement was a banner day for the University of Houston and the University of Houston System. The Carnegie designation was a vote of confidence not a guarantee. We have to maintain our excellence to remain Tier One. The state does have access to funding to help us with our research and we will be working on those items as well.

- Chair Ray stated she was proud to be a part of a University system that was looking so far to the future; who was looking ahead in the strategic planning all the way to 10-years out. This is very conceptual – this is a first run, a beginning. It will not be easy but the work we do today will lead us to transform us in a way that we are extremely competitive and very successful in the future.

4. Introduction of Erica Fletcher, student role model, who will discuss her career as an undergraduate researcher – University of Houston – BOR-4

   Dr. Stuart Long, Interim Vice President for Research, introduced Ms. Erica Fletcher, who is an outstanding Honors College graduating senior.

   Ms. Erica Fletcher is a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship and is one of 15 students in the region that includes Texas to be named a finalist for the Marshall Scholarship. She was named one of "2010's Top 10 College Women" by Glamour magazine in September 2010.

   Ms. Fletcher discussed her career as an undergraduate researcher at the University of Houston. She produced "Marianismo," a documentary on HIV positive Latina women in Houston; and in addition to the UH showings, this documentary was screened at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, The Thomas Street Health Center, and the AIDS Foundation of Houston. Ms. Fletcher's latest documentary is on human trafficking in Houston, and will serve as her Senior Honors Thesis. Ms. Fletcher ultimately plans an advanced degree in visual anthropology.

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

5. Presentation on research at the University of Houston and the Office of Intellectual Property Management – University of Houston – BOR-5

   Dr. Stuart Long, Interim Vice President for Research, presented a powerpoint presentation on research at the University of Houston and the Office of Intellectual Property Management. Below is an overview of Dr. Long's presentation:
   University of Houston – Summary of Proposals, Awards and Expenditures
   - FY2010 – September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010 (12-month period)
     - Total Proposals -$603,118,962
     - Total Awards - $114,785,588
     - Total Expenditures - $90,538,119
   - FY2011 – September 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 (3-month period)
     - Total Proposals – 191,100,968 – up 32%
     - Total Awards - $32,320,550 – up 28%
     - Total Expenditures - $24,833,858 – up 27%

   Office of Intellectual Property (OIPM) – Brief Overview of Powerpoint Presentation
   - Manages Intellectual Property (IP) for UH System
   - Commercializes IP via Center for Industrial Partnerships

- OIPM is composed of five (5) full-time staff
- Trend in Licensing Activity was addressed. Licenses commercialize intellectual property created by UH researchers and owned by UH>
  - FY 2007 – 2; FY 2008 – 2; FY 2009 – 6; FY 2010 – 6; and FY 2011 – at least 6 estimated
- Trend in Licensing Income was discussed
- UH and Nationally Recognized Research Institutions were addressed
- Dr. Badri Roysam, Hugh and Lillie Cranz Cullen University Professor and Chair, Electrical & Computer Engineering is working on building reliable, mind-controlling prosthetic devices for military and civilian amputees.
  - Challenge – Identifying cause of neural implants failure over time;
  - Grant – Three-year; $5.4 million – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
- Dr. H. Julia Hannay, John and Rebecca Moores Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.
  - Grant – One year, $19,215 continuation award, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
- Dr. Vikram Tiwari, Assistant Professor, Information and Logistics Technology is working on improving patient flow through operating rooms at VA Hospitals.
  - Challenge – Analyze and quantify irregularities in surgery scheduling, cancellations, and workloads;
  - Grant – One year, $65,000 continuation award, Michael F. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center

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

This item concluded the presentation of information items. Chair Ray moved forward to the two remaining action items on the agenda which required Board approval.

Action Items:

1. Approval is requested of the proposed revisions to BOR policies: 02.01-02.02; 22.01; 31.01; 57.04; 57.05; 57.10 with commensurate changes to BOR Bylaws 2.6.5.1 and 6.9 – University of Houston System – BOR-6

   Regent Hollingsworth, Chair of the Ad Hoc Board Policy Committee, stated the committee had reviewed these policies indepth. Regent Hollingsworth asked General Counsel, Dona Cornell, to update the Board on the recommended changes to the policies listed.

   Ms. Cornell stated that there were four standards used by the committee when reviewing these policies: (a) Fair and Clear; (b) Industry Standard; (c) Compliant with the Law; and (d) Functionality. The committee proposed adding references to statutory authority and System Administrative Memoranda (SAMs) to each policy.

Below is a summary of Board Bylaw revisions which are underlined and bolded for reference:

- 2.6 – All executive management employee appoints, **to the extent they are not System executive officers,** shall be approved and **reported to the board.** The board delegates to the chancellor, or his/her designee, the authority to approve all other faculty, professional, and administrative actions.
- 5.1.1(b) – annually review the performance of the chancellor, the internal auditor, and the performance reports on the **executive** officers presented by the chancellor; and
- **Executive** Officers and any other compensation contract of $1,000,000 or more in one fiscal year.
- 6.9.9 – Outside Employment **or Appointments** of **Executive** Officers.

Below is listing of the various Board Policy revisions which were proposed.

- Section I – General – suggested changes to the following policies:
  02.01 – Chancellor
  02.02 – General Officers (designation to be changed to "Executive Officers")
- Section III – Academic and Student Affairs (following sections were completed with no substantive changes for the sections)
  21.08 – Intellectual Property – reviewed generally at sub-committee meeting – no changes
  22.01 – Intercollegiate Athletics – minor changes were made to this section
- Section IV – University Advancement – Information and Communication
  31.01 – Public Announcements
- Section VI – Administration and Finance (following sections were completed)
  57.04 – Dual Office Holding
  57.05 – Outside Employment of General Officers (designation to be changed to "Outside Employment and Appointment of Executive Officers)
  57.10 – Executive Management Employees
- Section VII – Endowment Management (currently under review)
- Section VIII – External Affairs – no substantive changes suggested

A copy of the redlined version of the proposed Board Policies may be found at: http://www.uhsa.uh.edu/regents/board_meetings/documents/021611Board/BOR.6.2.pdf for reference.

On motion of Regent Fertitta, seconded by Regent Hollingsworth, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the approval of the proposed revisions to BOR policies: 02.01-02.02; 22.01; 31.01; 57.04; 57.05; 57.10, with commensurate changes to BOR bylaws 2.6, 5.1 and 6.9 – University of Houston System were approved.

2. Approval is requested of professional, civic and business boards on which the Chancellor currently serves – University of Houston System – BOR-7

   Chancellor Renu Khator presented this item Pursuant to University of Houston System Board of Regents' policy, the Chancellor provided a list of the various boards of directors on which she currently serves. There were no conflicts of interest noted.

On motion of Regent Berry, seconded by Regent Hollingsworth, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the approval of professional, civic and business boards on which the Chancellor currently serves was approved.

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:

University of Houston System Achievements

- Record Spring semester enrollment across the UH System. Preliminary figures system-wide show strong growth over the same period last year, 62,376 in Spring 2011, up from 58,880 in Spring 2010 (+5.9%). The breakdown is as follows:
  - UH – 37,337, up from 35,476 (+5.2%)
  - UHCL – 8,073, up from 7,678 (+5.1%)
  - UHD – 12,717, up from 12,035 (+5.7%)
  - UHV – 4,249, up from 3,691 (+15%)
- Among the state 15 "master universities," UH-Victoria is at the top of the list in enrollment growth – 141.2% in the last decade.
- UH-Clear Lake has increased its Hispanic student headcount 97.8% in the past decade, making it a "Hispanic Serving Institution," and UH-Victoria has increased its Hispanic student headcount by 244.4%, brining it very close to being designated as a "Hispanic Serving Institution" as well.
- UH-Downtown is very near the top of the list of Texas universities in the total number of degrees awarded, a 107.3% increase in the past decade.
- The state describes "at-risk-students" as those eligible for Pell Grants, or those who hold a GED, or are 20-years old or older, or attend part-time, or have low SAT scores. UH-Victoria has the distinction of being at the top of the list of master's universities awarding degrees to these at-risk students, a 203% growth during the past decade. UH-Downtown follows closely with a 180.9% growth rate, with UH-Clear Lake growing 46% in the past decade.
- Two initiatives have been launched that will make it easier for *all* UH System students to have access to *all* UH System institutions and locations. The two initiatives are:
  - The UH System Pathways Program – allows a student in any of the four UH System universities to take courses at any of them, with grades and credit reverting to the student's "home" university automatically. Financial aid will similarly be available through consortium agreements among the four institutions; and there is no application fee. All university services across the UH System will be available to students enrolled in program; and will be effective Fall 2011, with enrollment beginning May 1.
  - The UH System Nursing Education Consortium – The UH-Victoria School of Nursing has been awarding RN-to-BSN degrees since 2007. With this new program in place, accredite3d RN-to-BSN degrees will be offered at other UH System locations. The UH System nursing program will have one dean who will oversee the faculty and curriculum at all universities. Benefits for students include the availability of classes near home or work, common tuition and fees, a centralized application and admission

system, and centralized or coordinated students services. The first cohort of students will be admitted in Fall 2014.

University of Houston Achievements

- The announcement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching elevating UH to its highest category of a university with "very high research activity" swept the campus in early January, culminating in a spectacular campus-wide Celebration of Excellence event held on January 28. Larry Kellner and Jeff Mosely from the Greater Houston Partnership delivered congratulatory remarks in representation of Houston's corporate and community sectors, and U.S. Congressman Gene Green addressed the crowd in representation of several city and state elected officials who were present.
- Two significant grants were received in December 2010: Houston Endowment Inc. awarded a $5 million grant to help increase the number of doctoral students graduating annually; and *teach*HOUSTON, the teacher-prep program designed to create qualified math and science teachers to meet the critical national shortage, was the recipient of a $1 million gift from Kitty King Powell, co-founder of the Powell Foundation.
- Richard C. Wilson, professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering and biochemical and biophysical sciences, was named a 2010 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal Science.
- The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education magazine ranked the UH Law Center 22nd nationally for total number of degrees conferred on Hispanic students in 2009.
- A team of biomedical scientists and engineers from UH and physicians from The Methodist Hospital Institute are collaborating to develop a platform for image-guided and robot-assisted surgeries on beating hearts that is minimally invasive.
- Ars Lyrica Houston, a Baroque and classical music ensemble founded at the University of Houston by Matthew Dirst, associate professor of musicology, was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Opera Recording category.

UH-Clear Lake Achievements

- UHCL has been designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.
- UHCL Counseling Services has been accredite3d by the University and College Counseling Services Board of Accreditation on behalf of the International Association of Counseling Services.
- Houston Endowment has awarded UHCL $400,000 over three years for its arts audience development initiative.
- Delegates from China Three Gorges University signed a memorandum of understanding while visiting UHCL in November that will allow students to begin their degrees at China Three Gorges University and then transfer to UHCL to complete the degree.
- Alumna Nancy Hutchinson ('82 BS) was named Classroom Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, and Teacher of the Year by the Gulf Coast Association for the Education of Young Children.

UH-Downtown Achievements

- UHD, Lone Star College-CyFair and Lone Star College-Kingwood together won one of four Star Awards from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Boardf for a

collaborative, teacher-education degree program.

- UHD instituted its first Winter Term, an all on-line session, in late 2010. The student-friendly addition, held from December 27, 2010 through January 14, 2011, proved very popular for current and recent UHD students, with more than 700 students enrolled.
- Lisa D. Morano, associate professor of natural sciences won a $247,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for "Rocks to Wine: Connecting Urban Education and Research with the Texas Wine Industry."
- The Student Accounting and Cashiers offices will no longer mail paper fee bills starting with the Spring 2011 semester in an effort to become more environmentally conscious and cost efficient. Fee bills for the Spring 2011 semester are now available electronically.

UH-Victoria Achievements

- UHV has received the highest score in Texas concerning satisfaction of senior students. The 2009 National Survey of Student Engagement asked seniors if they would choose the same institution again if they were given the chance to start over with their higher education. Ninety-six percent of UHV survey participants answered that they would select the university again.
- The School of Business Administration was ranked No. 3 in the nation for opportunities for minority students and was named one of the nation's top 300 business schools overall by The Princeton Review.
- UHV held its inaugural induction ceremony for students invited to be in the School of Nursing Honor Society. The organization should receive its charter in November 2011.
- "Port of Victoria" is the first book published by UHV's University Press of Victoria. The book looks at the history of area waterways and the evolution of getting the Port of Victoria established. University Press of Victoria is headed by faculty members Charles Alcorn III and Kyle Schlesinger, along with Jeffrey Di Leo, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.
- Students Lenox Evans and Sarah Saldivar were selected for the 2010 Association of Independent Institutions all-conference soccer team. This is the first year of UHV's soccer program.

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.

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Executive Session Report

At 3:20 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 4:30 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 and personnel issues were discussed.

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

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Information Only

Chair Ray stated 1 individual had signed up for Open Forum.

1. Mr. Daniel Arp, a UH-Downtown student working on his Master's in Technical and Creative Writing

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There being no further action to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 4:32 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
Grover Campbell
Elwyn Lee
Stuart Long
William Flores
Don Smith
Bill Staples
Spencer Yantis
Emily Messa
Mike Emery
Tom Ehardt
Steve Wallace
Jon Aldrich
Gerry Mathisen
Elaine Charlson
Wayne Beran
Nick Ragan
Barbara Stanley
Erica Fletcher
Monica McHenry
Karen Weber
Sean York
Oscar Gutierrez
Brian Chapman
Mike Dressman
Karen Clarke
Don Bates
Keith Kowalka
Gail Evans
Ed Jones
Raymond Bartlett
Michelle Dotter
Daniel Arp
Johanna Wolff
Mark Clarke
Liz Fletcher
Dave Irvin
Richard Bonnin
Molly Woods
Dimitri Litvinov
Ed Hugetz
Don Guyton
Katherine Peek
Carl Stockton
Sue Davis Green
Marquette Hobbs