MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2015 – The members of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System convened at 3:24 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel, Conrad Hilton Ballroom, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present
Tilman J. Fertitta, Chairman
Welcome W. Wilson, Jr., Vice Chairman
Beth Madison, Secretary
Durga D. Agrawal, Regent
Spencer D. Armour III, Regent
Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, Regent
Paula M. Mendoza, Regent
Peter K. Taaffe, Regent
Roger F. Welder, Regent
Asit R. Shah, Student Regent, nonvoting

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum in attendance, Chairman of the Board, Tilman J. Fertitta called the meeting to order.

The first action item presented to the board was the approval of minutes from the February 19, 2015, Board of Regents meeting.

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – Item C:

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

- February 19, 2015, Board of Regents Meeting

Committee Reports

Chairman Fertitta moved to Section II on the agenda, the Committee Reports. Chairman Fertitta 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.

Chairman Fertitta announced that the Chair of the Endowment Management Committee, Regent Jarvis V. Hollingsworth would present the first committee report.

Endowment Management Committee Report – May 21, 2015

Regent Hollingsworth stated the Endowment Management Committee met earlier today, Thursday, May 21, 2015, and unanimously approved the following three (3) action items for submission on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final board approval as follows:

1. Approval is requested to modify the UH System Endowment Fund Statement of Investment Objectives and Policies – University of Houston System;

2. Approval is requested to liquidate an endowment from the UH System Endowment Fund – University of Houston System; and

3. Approval is requested to modify the investment resolutions for the University of Houston System – University of Houston System.

Regent Hollingsworth also stated that the committee had approved three (3) private investment managers that did not require final Board approval. They were listed as follows:

- Approval of a $7.5 million commitment to Denham Oil and Gas Fund, L.P.;

- Approval of a $7.5 million commitment to EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV, L.P.; and

- Approval of a $7.5 million commitment to TrueBridge –Kauffman Fellows Endowment Fund IV.

This concluded the Endowment Management Committee Report.

The following committee report was given by Regent Welcome W. Wilson, Jr., the Chair of the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee.

Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee Report – May 21, 2015

Regent Wilson, Jr. stated the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee meeting was held earlier today, Thursday, May 21, 2015, and approved the following

two (2) action items for submission on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval as follows:

1. Approval is requested for Phase 1 of the University of Houston Master Plan Update – University of Houston; and

2. Approval is requested of the University of Houston Capital Improvement Plan – University of Houston.

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

The next committee report was presented by the Chair of the Academic and Student Success Committee, Regent Paula M. Mendoza.

Academic and Student Success Committee Report – May 21, 2015

Regent Mendoza stated the Academic and Student Success Committee met earlier today, Thursday, May 21, 2015 and approved the following three (3) action items for submission on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval as follows:

1. Approval of Faculty Promotion in Academic Rank – University of Houston System;

2. Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments – University of Houston System; and

3. Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Houston-Victoria – University of Houston-Victoria.

This concluded the Academic and Student Success Committee Report.

The next committee report was presented by the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, Regent Spencer D. Armour, III.

Finance and Administration Committee Report – May 21, 2015

Regent Armour stated the Finance and Administration Committee met earlier in the day, Thursday, May 21, 2015 and placed the following eight (8) action items for submission on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval as follows:

1. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a space lease for University of Houston-Clear Lake at 2151 Holcombe – University of Houston System;

2. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to take all actions precedent to the acceptance of a gift of land from the City of Pearland for the construction of

additional educational facilities and to amend the campus master plan accordingly – University of Houston-Clear Lake;

3. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a contract for the consolidation of software maintenance contracts for the University of Houston System – University of Houston System;

4. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a contract for outsourcing underwriting and sponsorships for Houston Public Media – University of Houston;

5. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a modification to the food services contracts for the University of Houston-Clear Lake and University of Houston-Downtown – University of Houston System;

6. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts associated with the lease of space at Building 8 in the UH Energy Research Park – University of Houston;

7. Approval is requested for the UH Texas Center for Superconductivity specially-designed molecular beam epitaxy system – University of Houston; and

8. Approval is requested to modify all banking resolutions for the University of Houston System – University of Houston System.

This concluded the Finance and Administration Committee Report.

The final committee report was addressed by the Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Regent Roger F. Welder.

Audit and Compliance Committee Report – May 21, 2015

Regent Welder stated the Audit and Compliance Committee met earlier in the day, Thursday, May 21, 2015, and had heard reports from the Chief Audit Executive, Don Guyton, but there were no items forwarded from the committee which required further Board approval.

This concluded the Audit and Compliance Committee Report.

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

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

Following the approval of the Board's Consent Docket Agenda items, Chairman Fertitta moved to Section III, Committee Report item(s) not addressed in the Consent Docket Agenda but requiring final Board approval. It was noted that there were no items forwarded from the committees which required final Board approval at the Board meeting.

Chairman Fertitta moved to the remaining items on the Board's agenda. The next item presented for the Board's consideration was Item 4, Resolution in Appreciation – Asit R. Shah – University of Houston System. Chairman Fertitta requested Vice Chair of the Board, Regent Wilson, Jr., introduce this item.

Regent Wilson, Jr. asked Mr. Shah to step to the podium for the presentation of his resolution. Below is a summary of Regent Wilson's remarks:

- **WHEREAS,** Asit R. Shah was appointed to the University of Houston System Board of Regents in June 2014 by Governor Rick Perry, serving with distinction until his term ended on May 31, 2015; and,
- **WHEREAS,** Asit R. Shah was the ninth 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,
- **WHEREAS,** during his tenure Asit R. Shah diligently and wholeheartedly fulfilled a wide variety of Board of Regents assignments, including:
  - Member, Academic and Student Success Committee, 2014 to 2015,
  - Member, Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee, 2014 to 2015; and,
- **WHEREAS,** Asit R. Shah fulfilled his duties with tremendous enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication, attending dozens of events with donors, alumni, legislators, and the university community; and,
- **WHEREAS,** Asit R. Shah attended UH System Day in Austin on February 23, 2015, 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,
- **WHEREAS,** Asit R. Shah, in spite of the heavy demands of pursuing his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management Information Systems and Supply Chain Management with a Minor in Energy and Sustainability from the Honors College and C.T. Bauer College of Business, he devoted hundreds of hours to Board of Regents work and the many other activities in which he was involved; and,
- **WHEREAS,** Asit R. Shah, is a transfer mentor for the Bauer Business Honors Program, a Co-Coordinator for the Honors Advocate, a member of the Energy Association, and has served on the Undergraduate Admissions Review Committee 2013-2014; and,
- **WHEREAS,** Asit R. Shah, also cofounded College Knowledge, a company seeking to provide college-bound students with guidance, coaching and advice on improving their high school-college transition; and,
- **WHEREAS**, Asit R. Shah was the recipient of The George Foundation Fort Bend County Scholarship, the Honors College Enron Merit Scholarship, and was honored by the General Motors Foundation with the Buick Achiever's Program Provisional Scholarship; and,

- **WHEREAS,** 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 Asit R. Shah for his devoted and distinguished service to the University of Houston System, this 21st day of May, 2015.

Regent Shah stated it was a great privilege to be amongst this very talented and very intelligent Board of Regents; amongst the great leadership of Chairman Fertitta as well as all of the regents who had mentored and helped him grow and understand what the big picture really means. If the University of Houston continues to grow in Dr. Khator's leadership and the University of Houston System in general, he believes that this university will see some incredible things happen in a short amount of time. If anything, he believes we need more individuals with "fire in their belly," not just one but we need 40,000 students from UH; 66,000 students from the System; we need the 5 million people from the city of Houston to back this UH System because we are "the future of higher education!"

On motion of Regent Mendoza, seconded by Regent Armour, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Resolution in Appreciation for Asit R. Shah was approved.

The next item introduced on the agenda was Item 5, the Approval is requested to amend the appointment of the Vice President for Governmental and Community Relations – University of Houston. Chairman Fertitta asked Chancellor Renu Khator to present this item. Dr. Khator stated that at the February 19, 2015 meeting when this item had been presented to the Board, there had been a technical error. The agenda item should have stated Vice President and Vice Chancellor, but only stated Vice President; therefore, this item was required to come back to the Board to request that the appointment of Mr. Jason Smith be amended as Vice President for Governmental and Community Relations for the University of Houston and Vice Chancellor for Governmental and Community Relations for the UH System.

On motion of Regent Hollingsworth, seconded by Regent Armour, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the request to amend the appointment of Jason Smith as the Vice President for Governmental and Community Relations for the University of Houston and Vice Chancellor for Governmental and Community Relations for the UH System was approved.

Item 6, the Approval is requested to amend Board of Regents' policy 53.04 – Approval of Construction Projects – University of Houston System was the next agenda item introduced. Chairman Fertitta asked Ms. Dona Cornell, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel to present this item. Ms. Cornell stated that this amendment to Board of Regents' policy 53.04 that would allow project budget increases in the aggregate amount of 10% would be the cap before it has to come back to the board. In the past, the university used a fixed dollar figure which does not work for large projects. This change is consist with other institutions of

higher education in Texas and something that would be greatly appreciated by those in the field because without it, it could stop the project in its tracks.

On motion of Regent Taaffe, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the request to amend Board of Regents' policy 53.04 – Approval of Construction Projects – University of Houston System was approved.

Item 7, the Approval is requested to ratify the Interim appointment of Vice Chancellor/ Vice President for Administration and Finance – University of Houston, was the next agenda item considered by the Board. Chairman Fertitta requested Dr. Khator introduce this item. Dr. Khator stated Mr. Jim McShan had been previously introduced to the board at the Finance and Administration and the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee meetings held earlier in the day. For 25 years, Mr. McShan was part of the University of Houston and served in various positions; and while he was serving as an Associate Vice Chancellor/Associate Vice President for Finance here at the University of Houston, he had an opportunity to become Vice President of Administration and Finance at Texas Southern University (TSU). Mr. McShan had recently retired from TSU and when the University of Houston had a need, Mr. McShan was asked to return to the University of Houston to serve in an interim position (pending board approval) as the Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Administration and Finance at UH until a search for this position has been completed and the university is able to find another individual to fill this vacancy.

On motion of Regent Taaffe, seconded by Regent Welder, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the request to ratify the Interim appointment of Jim McShan as Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Administration and Finance – University of Houston was approved.

The next agenda item for the Board's consideration was Item 8, the Approval is requested to ratify the Acting/Interim appointment of Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer – University of Houston. Dr. Khator presented this item stating that Dr. Rathrinda Bose, who was serving in this capacity, is fighting some health issues and was advised by his doctors to let go of some of his stress and responsibilities so that he could pay full attention to his health; therefore, Dr. Khator accepted his resignation. Dr. Khator stated Dr. Bose had contributed so much to the University of Houston System and he continues to do that as a professor in NSM and a distinguished research professor. In his place, Dr. Khator requested Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti, who was serving as the Chief Energy Officer and previously Chair of Chemical Engineering, who is a superb leader and knows about research and technology transfer. Dr. Khator requested Dr. Krishnamoorti step in this role and serve until the search for the Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Administration and Finance has been completed; and asked the Board to ratify his appointment.

On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Wilson, Jr., and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the request to ratify the Acting/Interim appointment of Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti as Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer – University of Houston was approved.

The Report on the appointment of the Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics – University of Houston, Item 9, was the next report presented to the board. Dr. Khator introduced this item and stated the search committee for UH had spent many hours looking absolutely for the best candidate who was ready to take us forward. Mr. Hunter Yurachek has been with UH for the past year in the capacity as Associate Athletic Director and emerged from a vast pool of very talented leaders from all across the country. Mr. Yurachek is truly the best person for this position and has been appointed as Athletic Director. This appointment does not require board approval but Dr. Khator wanted to introduce him to the board.

Chairman Fertitta thanked the Chancellor and Regents Jarvis Hollingsworth and Spencer Armour for their time and efforts on this search. Numerous hours were put into this search and many impressive candidates had been interviewed. Chairman Fertitta stated he believes this committee made the absolute, unanimous, right choice to lead this university in the direction of Athletics. Mr. Yurachek knows what this Board and this Chancellor is expecting and Chairman Fertitta believes that there will be a lot of positive changes; and we will get used to winning here at the University of Houston! Chairman Fertitta congratulated Mr. Yuracheck on his appointment and stated the university was proud to have him onboard.

Mr. Yuracheck thanked the Board and the Chancellor for this opportunity and stated he was ecstatic to be the Vice President for Athletics at the University of Houston. His goal as the Department of Athletics was "not to be good, it was not to be great, it was quite simply, we are going to be the best!" Over the past three weeks, this was the message he had given and that he had delivered to every member of the Athletics Department from their custodial staff up to their head football coach. If there is not buy-in with that, there will be change seen because the university has invested a great deal of resources in Athletics in order for them to be the best. Athletics will be great stewards of these resources and he assured the Board that he will give his best efforts every day to make certain that goal was accomplished.

This item was presented as information only and required no further board action.

The next agenda item presented was the Feasibility Study Results for Hofheinz Pavilion Renovation – University of Houston, Item 10. Mr. Hunter Yuracheck and T.J. Meagher, Associate Athletic Director for Capital Projects, presented a powerpoint presentation to the Board and below is a brief summary of their remarks.

- In 2010, the Athletic Department, in conjunction with the feasibility study for Robertson Stadium, conducted a feasibility study for renovations to Hofheinz Pavilion.
- With the 2010 feasibility study, the university partnered with JMI Sports to refresh and reevaluate this study. This process began in December 2014 and was concluded in mid-April 2015.
- Phase 1: Exterior
  - Currently underway in building the Basketball Development Center
  - Total Project Cost - $25 million; 53,000 square feet

  - Scheduled to open October 2015
  - This step was necessary to give our team a base of operations during their season, playing during the renovations, so this had to take place first.
  - It also gives the university the improvements of the façade of Hofheinz by effectively hiding it; and the plan is to deal with the rest of the façade during the renovation.
- Phase II: Interior Base Renovation
  - What is the cost to put a 50-year old structure in compliance with all current building and fire codes?
  - $29.1 million project estimate
  - Current capacity – 8,355
  - Modify the structure to comply with current building and fire codes
  - Remove hazardous building materials (estimated at $6.1 million)
  - Perform deferred maintenance on major building systems.
- Phase II – Option 1
  - Base + additional $21.0 million = $50.1 million (project estimate)
  - This opportunity would modernize every finish within Hofheinz. It would give a brand new feel to the building.
  - It would include fan enhancements such as video board displays and distributed sound system.
  - It helps us to develop the premium seating areas that would be available for sale that would help drive our revenue and operating budget.
  - It gives the opportunity to develop the event level.
  - This option does not deal with the current rigid bowl structure. It would have new seating but would remain intact.
  - It does include an upgrade in the exterior façade and entry plazas
- Phase II – Option 2
  - Base + Option 1 + $9.4 million = $59.5 million (project estimate) which would be to reconfigure the seating bowl. It would raise court level 3 feet and move seats closer to the court.
  - Total capacity would be 7,420
  - Develop premium seating areas
  - Expand concourse level to improve circulation
- Option 1 versus Option 2 was shown for comparison
- Phase II – Option 3 – Is to reconstruct Hofheinz Pavilion as a Multi-Event Center.
  - Base + Option 1 + Option 2 + $25.8 million – ($85.3 million project estimate) was to build a new roof structure over Hofheinz.
  - To have a Multi-Event Center, we would have to improve the floor/ceiling clearance and the strength of the roof to support an overhead rigging structure that is currently not present with the design.
  - At $25.8 million, several challenges have still not been addressed to truly make this a Multi-Event Center, e.g., event load-in, provide an area for marshalling/staging, and assess displacement expenses (basically to move ROTC out and provide for the other two options). Therefore, ultimately looking at an $85.3 million project estimate; this was not fitting their definition of feasible.

- The presentation was summarized as follows:
  - Phase 1 is underway, dealing with the exterior by building the practice facility at $25 million.
  - Phase 2 – Progressive Project Estimates:

	Cost	Cumulative Cost
o Base Renovation	$29.1 million	$29.1 million
o Option 1	$21.0 million	$50.1 million
o **Option 2**	**$ 9.4 million**	**$59.5 million**
o Option 3	$25.8 million	$85.3 million

  - First-Year Revenue Projection: $2.52 million
    (*Excluding single game ticket sales)* (*2014-2015 - $350,000)*
    - o Premium Seat Ticket & Donations*: $1.47 million
    - o Season Tickets & Donations*: $1.05 million

      *Assuming 75% sold

    A lengthy discussion followed this presentation.

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

The final item listed on the Board's agenda was Item 11, Update on Faculty Activities – University of Houston, BOR-11. Chairman Fertitta asked Dr. Wynne Chin, President of the University of Houston Faculty Senate to address the board and below is a brief summary of his remarks.

- Dr. Chin stated it was his birthday and it was always a good thing to be able to address the Board on one's birthday!
- Dr. Chin's update included the top ten list of Faculty Senate activities as follows:
  - The Research and Scholarship Committee of the Faculty Senate completed their annual Strategic Retreat meeting last week. Overall, there were many good ideas on improving the direction on increasing research grants and accelerating intellectual properties.
  - The Faculty Senate had a Retreat meeting and it had been seven (7) years since a meeting was held. President Khator and Provost Short joined in this one (1) day meeting that was held on April 27, 2015. The meeting focused on key issues that were important to the faculty. This meeting was actually designed as the kick-off point for bottom up faculty generation of issues and ideas.
  - Upcoming Executive Committee Retreat - The results of the Faculty Senate Retreat which included three (3) weeks of subsequent online survey and discussion with all Faculty senators will be used for a meeting of their Senate Executive Committee consisting of all Senate committee chairs and corresponding administrators early in June.
  - Faculty Handbook Revision – The handbook is the place which all faculty go to for guidance, information, and rules and policies for faculty. For the past semester and this summer, they will be updating and clarifying many key areas such as Promotion and Tenure and what constitute adequate work load.
  - President-elect Jonathan Snow and Dr. Chin have continued their meetings with college senators representing Engineering, Technology, Education, and Business. This provides additional information to the President and Provost on top of what they receive from the Deans.

- A University Faculty Executive Committee meeting was underway. This committee consists of all the Senate Presidents and Vice Presidents of all the UH System campuses. Dr. Chin has been pushing to have a meeting and a date for this meeting has been set for next week.
- Adjunct Faculty – A Task Force is being developed to look at the state of their part-time instructors. There seems to be wide variation on how they are paid and treated depending on which department they belong. Their goal is to provide a white paper recommending policies and procedures for adjunct faculty that is commensurate for a Tier One institution.
- Task Force on Task Forces – Seven (7) years ago when Dr. Chin was Senate President, they had laid out a plan to remove redundant committees. It has taken six (6) years to eliminate redundancies within the Faculty Senate and finally merged the last committee dealing with graduate students. Yet, this past year – the Faculty Senate has seen a new proliferation of other committees being created – often overlapping with existing University committees. As such, Dr. Chin has commissioned a Senate Task Force to come up with a policy and a set of guidelines on when and how to create new committees, and equally importantly, when and how to dissolve existing ones.
- Technological Infrastructure – This summer the Faculty Senate will finally work on their woefully inadequate Senate website. The goal, based on funding from the Provost, is to provide an infrastructure to support their work which includes private online meetings, scheduling, and survey polling.
- Faculty Senate Excellence Endowment – This endowment was established seven (7) years ago and was meant to focus on community outreach, especially the immediate neighborhoods around UH. The initial set of donations all came from faculty; but it has lapsed in the intervening years. This past month, Dr. Chin threw down the gauntlet to each of his Executive Committee members for a donation with an incentive of his matching their contribution. Dr. Chin was happy to report that every one of his Executive Committee has risen to the challenge. At their last full Senate meeting, Dr. Chin asked all 134 senators to commit at least $10 each month for one (1) year to the Endowment. In return, they would receive their first ever Faculty Senate shirt (which Dr. Chin wore to the meeting). Dr. Chin also announced today the next step – the Platinum Circle which will constitute a plaque in the Senate office highlighting those administrators who provide $5,000 or more to the Endowment. Dr. Chin also stated that he hopes everyone in President Khator's Leadership Team will contribute and Dr. Chin will report back at the next Board meeting. Dr. Chin stated that beyond this, he was open to any other suggestions from the Board on how he could get more funding into this important endowment.

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

Chairman Fertitta thanked Dr. Chin for his report and then moved to the next section on the Board's agenda, the Chancellor's Report. Dr. Renu Khator presented her report and below is a summary of her remarks.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Renu Khator presented a UH System-wide report to the Board and began her report with the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

University of Houston-Clear Lake Achievements:

- A UHCL school and an academic program were currently re-accredited. The School of Business has maintained its business and accounting accreditations by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. Less than 5% of the world's business programs are AACSB-accredited and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation continued its National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education accreditation for the School of Education at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels.
- President William Staples presented the 2015 UHCL Community Partnership Award to Flow-Cal Inc. during the president's annual Report to the Community.
- "Green" is the new black at UHCL! A special ceremony marked the dedication and naming of the Pat and Wendell Wilson Park on campus. Patricia Wilson is Associate Professor Emeritus at UHCL; and through their generosity we will be able to secure and maintain some natural surroundings on campus.

University of Houston-Downtown Achievements:

- UHD's Scholars Academy recently hosted its 14th Annual Student Research Conference. Throughout the day-long event, nearly 100 students from a variety of disciplines presented posters and/or gave oral presentations on a wide range of topics.
- French artist, Sebastien "Mr. D" Boileau recently completed a building-sized mural of a gator, the UHD mascot, on the north side of a large storage facility adjacent to student parking at Main Street and I-10. UHD unveiled the mural as part of its 40th anniversary celebration on campus for faculty, staff, students and alumni in May; and the university has garnered national media coverage for the mural during the past month.
- Robin Davidson, UHD Associate Professor of English, has been named Poet Laureate of Houston. During her two-year appointment, she will work with the city to highlight the importance and beauty of poetry and to celebrate poetry and other literary works in Houston libraries, schools and public venues.

University of Houston-Victoria Achievements:

- An internationally renowned nonprofit literary organization will move its publishing operations this summer from Champaign, Illinois to UHV. The Dalkey Archive Press has published more than 750 fiction and poetry books during the past three decades; and the move will give UHV students additional internship and fellowship opportunities and the press will be used in the growth and development of new and existing academic programs.
- The School of Business Administration was recently re-accredited by AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – and was ranked nationally and internationally for its degree programs. The school also earned the No. 1 spot on Value Colleges' national list of 50 Best Value Online Undergraduate Business Schools of 2015, and was ranked No. 17 internationally in the 2015 QS Distance Online Master of Business Administration Rankings.
- UHV is offering new civic engagement opportunities for students with its first Alternative Spring Break trip and the inaugural Jags Join In - Day of Service event. Ten students traveled to New Orleans as part of Alternative Spring Break and helped restore the homes of two elderly veterans. About 20 students also partnered with

Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity in Victoria to help build two houses during the Jags Join In – Day of Service.

University of Houston System-wide Achievements:

- The four (4) UH System universities are awarding a total of 7,687 degrees at six commencement ceremonies in May 2015.
- Jason Smith, VC for Governmental Relations was available to give a Legislative update to the board; but Dr. Khator stated that she understood that the budget had been released. She thanked everyone for their very hard work and championship in Austin stating we have done very well for the UH System.
- A UH Day in Austin was held on February 23, 2015 and more than 400 students, representing all four universities had participated.

University of Houston Achievements:

- Dr. Khator requested Provost Paula Myrick Short discuss the book that had been distributed to each of the regents prior to the meeting. Dr. Short stated that one initiative that had been started here at UH was to build the community and welcome our new students. The Faculty Committee has selected a book which all new students will receive with a note from the Provost inside. They will be asked to read the book and when they arrive on campus this fall they will be involved in small group discussion sessions which will be led by faculty. The author of the book, *The Rise, by* Sarah Lewis will be on campus to meet students and take part in some of these group discussion sessions on September 23, 2015. If interested, any regent may call the Board office and sign up to lead a group session if they wish to do so.
- Dr. Khator thanked everyone who attended the commencement ceremony at UH. There was a lot of excitement and national news with Matthew McConaughey giving the commencement speech. Dr. Khator asked Richie Hunter, VP for University Marketing, Communications and Media Relations to brief the Board on what kind of national exposure we have been able to garner from the first university-wide commencement in many years.
- Ms. Hunter stated that commencement was a huge success. We have had coverage from not only all across the nation but all across the world. We have already counted (and we're still counting as reports are coming in) but to date, we have been able to confirm over $17 million in earned revenue related to commencement. Coverage has been confirmed in over 27 states, 28 countries, (the UK had the largest coverage) and it has dominated end-to-end, whether you were Portland, Oregon or Portland, Maine, you heard about the University of Houston! A brief video of commencement was presented.

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.

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Chair's Report

A Chair's Report was not given at the meeting.

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At 4:30 p.m., Chairman Fertitta announced that pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which allows governing boards to meet in closed session, Chairman Fertitta stated the Board would convene in Executive Session.

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Executive Session Report

Chairman Fertitta reconvened the Board of Regents meeting in open session at 4:54 p.m. and stated that the regents had met in Executive Session and heard a Litigation Status Report and a presentation regarding gifts to support the naming of a university facility. Following this presentation, the Board would like to recommend that the new Basketball Practice Facility to be named for Guy V. Lewis.

On motion of Regent Wilson, Jr., seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the recommendation that the new Basketball Practice Facility be named for Guy V. Lewis was unanimously approved.

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Information Only

There were no individuals for Open Forum.

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There being no further action to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 4:54 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	Wynne Chin	Dick Phillips
Carl Carlucci	Emily Messa	Mark Clarke
Paula Myrick Short	Hunter Yurachek	Ed Hugetz
Dona Cornell	T. J. Meagher	Mark Yzaguirre
Richie Hunter	Don Price	Richard Bonnin
Jason Smith	Don Guyton	Jeffrey Cass

Others Present: (cont'd)

Eloise Stuhr	Dan Maxwell	Carl Stockton
Richard Walker	Casear Moore	Abner Fletcher
William Flores	Dana Rooks	Raymond Bartlett
Vic Morgan	Valerie Coleman Ferguson	Mike Emery
Bill Staples	Katie Bowen	Ben Wernand
Ramanan Krishnamoorti	David Bradley	Brian Thomas
Brandon Alexander	Jon Aldrich	Nick Bowen
Don Price	Wayne Beran	Marquette Hobbs
Tiffany Meyers	Shannon Harrison	Joe Brueggman
Brenda Robles	Gerry Mathisen	