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ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

August 12, 2008

The Chair, Jim P. Wise, convened the meeting of the Academic and Student Success Committee of the University of Houston System Board of Regents in Room 220 E. Cullen Building, 4800 Calhoun, University of Houston, at 8:04 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, with the following members present: Carroll Robertson Ray, Dennis D. Golden, Tamara K. Goodwin, and Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., Ex Officio.

Regent Wise outlined the charge of the committee and the exciting and major issues that would be discussed. He said he wanted to change the order of the agenda and after the appointments and new degree programs were presented, Dr. Don Birx, Vice Chancellor for Research, would present Item No. 9, Research Update – University of Houston.

A. **Action Items**

1. Appointment of Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost - University of Houston/UH System.

   President Renu Khator presented this item and in accordance with Board Policy 57.10, approval of personnel action for Dr. Jerald Strickland was requested. Dr. Strickland's appointment became effective July 21, 2008 pending board approval. Regent Ray moved committee approval; Regent Wise seconded the motion; and members of the committee concurred. This item will be presented for final Board approval at the August 19, 2008 meeting.

After committee approval of Dr. Strickland's appointment, he presented the following seven action items:

1. Appointment of Dean, School of Nursing - UH-Victoria

   In accordance with Board Policy 57.10, approval of personnel action for Dr. Kathryn Tart, Dean, School of Nursing at UH-Victoria, was requested. This appointment would be effective September 1, 2008.

2. Appointment of Interim Dean, School of Business Administration - UH-Victoria

   In accordance with Board Policy 57.10, approval of personnel action for Dr. Jifu Wang, as Interim Dean, School of Business Administration, effective September 1, 2008 was requested.

3. Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering - University of Houston

The University of Houston proposed the establishment of a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering, to be administered by its Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering in the Cullen College of Engineering. It was anticipated this program would attract two hundred fifty students by the fifth year and would be a key component of the College's long-term academic plan. This program also responds to the severe shortage of petroleum professionals in the oil and gas industry and is particularly appropriate for UH, given Houston's strategic position as the global energy capital. Over a five-year period, five faculty members would be added for which the positions have already been allocated. The total five-year program costs approximately $8.5 million, which includes reallocated funds, formula funding, tuition and fees, and corporate support.

4. Master of Science Degree in Human Nutrition - University of Houston

The University of Houston proposed the establishment of a Master of Science degree in Human Nutrition, to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Performance in the College of Education. There would be two program tracks: one in Sports Nutrition and one in Nutritional Science. Sixty students were projected by the fifth year, with one new faculty member added in the second year. The projected five-year cost would total $670,000.

5. Master of Science Degree in Nursing Education - UH-Victoria

UH-Victoria proposed the establishment of a Master of Science degree in Nursing Education, to be administered by its School of Nursing. The program builds on the previously existing Master of Science in Nursing program which allows students with a BSN degree to specialize as a Nurse Educator. It would be delivered in both Victoria and Sugar Land and would attract twenty students by the fifth year. It would also provide a post-master's certificate for students who already have a master's degree in other areas. One new faculty member would be required, with a projected five-year cost totaling $700,000.

6. Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Insurance and Risk Management - UH-Downtown

UH-Downtown proposed the establishment of a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree in Insurance and Risk Management, to be administered by its Department of Finance, Accounting and Computer Information Systems within the College of Business. It is anticipated that this program would have 320 students by the fifth year and projects two new faculty members, with a total projected five-year cost totaling $1.7 million.

7. Master of Arts Degree in Behavior Analysis - UH-Clear Lake

UH-Clear Lake proposed the establishment of a Master of Arts degree in Behavior Analysis, to be administered by its School of Human Sciences and Humanities. This 45-hour degree program would complement other existing graduate programs in psychology and would provide students with the skills and competencies to address issues faced by children with developmental disabilities and emotional/behavioral disorders. Twenty-five students were projected by the fifth year, with a total five-year cost of approximately $300,000. No new faculty members were required.

Regent Ray moved committee approval of all seven action items; Regent Wise seconded the motion; and members of the committee concurred. These items will be presented for final Board approval at the August 19, 2008 meeting.

B. **Information Items:**

Dr. Strickland called on Dr. Birx, who presented the Research Update – University of Houston. This item was taken out of order and required no action.

Dr. Birx gave a brief powerpoint presentation which outlined the year-to-date research activity at the University of Houston and System campuses. He stressed the decisions and investments that are made today are pivotal to the growth and success of the future. The following areas were discussed: (1) Cluster Hiring; (2) Update on the Lone Star Wind Alliance; (3) UH Health facilities, e.g., Science and Engineering Research Center (SEREC); and (4) an Update on Spin-offs and Alliances. A copy of this presentation was filed in the Board office.

An Emergency Technology Fund (ETF) grant had been prepared and sent to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by Dr. Birx and Chairman Wilson stated that it had been one of the best proposals they had ever seen.

C. Proposed Accountability Report and Progress Card on Performance Measures – University of Houston.

President Khator gave a brief update on the Proposed Accountability Report and Progress Card. Below are her remarks:

- There were three new measures added to the score card: Athletics Competitiveness, Local and National Recognition. These measures will be included on all UH System campuses' score cards.
- Total Research Expenditures for FY2007 was $73,542,000; and Federal Research Expenditures for FY2007 totaled $40,116,000.
- The number of Graduate Programs ranked in the Top 50 according to the latest edition of US News.

- As of Fall 2007, the UH System total enrollment was 34,663; the transfer retention rate (first year) was 77%; transfer graduation rate (4 year) 58%; and total degrees awarded were 6,961.
- As of Fall 2007, the University of Houston FTIC retention rate (first year) totaled 77%; FTIC graduation rate (6 year) was 43%; Percentage of graduate/professional students was 20%; Freshmen acceptance rate – 77%; and the Freshmen average SAT score was 1055.
- Community Advancement was measured. The percent of baccalaureate graduates enrolled or employed within one year was 83%.; number of service learning courses offered annually for FY2008 was 338; and the number of community partnerships totaled 227. Research awards with community emphasis, is currently under development.
- Athletics Competitiveness was added to the progress card. The measures included were: University Athletics overall academic progress rate for FY2008 to date was 944; Total team sports wins totaled 185; C-USA Championships (individual/team) – 10 /4; NCAA Post Season Qualifiers (individual/team) – 36 / 5 and the attendance average (football/men's basketball) totaled 19,627 / 4,342, respectively.
- Local and National Recognition is currently under development.

The regents' response to this overview was extremely positive. Regent Wise stated that this should be looked upon in a positive light; future goals will be set and measured. Regent Golden stated that there are now ways to moderate and evaluate what the UH System has accomplished and what areas will need improvement.

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

D. System Response to Strategies Regarding Teaching Efficiency, Accreditation, and Higher Education Finance – UH System

This was a follow-up to the previous introduction of this item presented at the June, 2008 Board of Regents meeting. The seven breakthrough solutions were sent to The Pappas Consulting Group for their review and recommendations. Chairman Wilson stated the responsibility of the Board was to look at all of solutions. It was mentioned that before we do anything, pilot programs should be developed; and it was the consensus of the committee that these recommendations are a positive step towards the future.

E. Enrollment Update – UH System

Dr. Strickland gave an enrollment update to the Board. He stated at the University of Houston central campus, summer credit hours for FY'07-FY'08 was up 3 percent; UH-Clear Lake up 2 percent; UH-Downtown was up 6 percent and system-wide – 4.5 percent.

The Fall enrollment figures for 7/31/07 through 7/31/08 also increased: University of Houston Central campus – 3 percent; UH-Clear Lake – 9 percent; UH-Downtown – 18% ; and overall a 5 percent increase or 2,000 students.

F. Report on UH System Initiatives – UH System

- Proposed expansion in Northwest and Southwest Houston
- Preliminary analysis for downward expansion at UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria
- Renaming options for UH-Downtown

Ed Hugetz gave a brief summary of the issues and introduced Dr. Max Castillo, President of UH-Downtown, who gave an overview of the UH-Downtown name change issue. Dr. Castillo stated this was in the exploratory stages and a name has not yet been identified. He stressed the importance of meeting with key legislators and communicating with them and the community on this matter. Dr. Castillo stated he hopes to have this subject presented at the December 16 Board meeting for further discussion.

The possibility of a Northwest campus was addressed. Mr. Hugetz stated President Khator had called a meeting of the three Texas systems to have a collaborative framework plan in place to move forward with this initiative. This plan calls for a non-exclusive right and it should be complimentary for all systems. It is the hope to have a proposal in place by the end of September. Chairman Wilson complimented Regent Stephens for all of his work on this matter.

The Sugar Land building will open in January 2009. There should be between 1,500-2,000 students from Wharton County. The enrollment in this area is up 40 percent.

The downward expansion of UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria was discussed. Consultants have asked for more on the partnership proposal between UH-Victoria and Victoria College. This will be discussed in further detail at the August 19, 2008 Board meeting.

G. Update on Carnegie Classification regarding Community Engagement – UH System

This item was withdrawn and will be presented to the full Board at their meeting on August 19, 2008.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

All documentation submitted to the Committee in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to "Passed" agenda items and supporting documentation

presented to the Committee, is incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes for all purposes; however, this does not constitute a waiver of any privileges contained herein.

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Others Present:

Renu Khator
Jerry Strickland
Dan Gardner
Dona Cornell
Grover Campbell
Elwyn Lee
Michael Rierson
Donald Birx
James Anderson
Lisa Holdeman
Gerry Mathisen
Max Castillo
Elaine Charlson
Denise Neal
Dan Jones
Ed Hugetz
Diane Murphy
Bob Wimpelberg
Don Bates
Karen Clarke
Sue Davis
Wayne Beran
Carl Stockton
Don Guyton
John Powell
Oscar Gutierrez
David Bell
Ed Apodaca
Rob Sheridan
Mike Emery
Joe Tedesco