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ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 – The members of the Academic and Student Success Committee of The University of Houston System convened at 9:20 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel, Waldorf Astoria Ballroom E, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present	Non-Members Present
Nelda Luce Blair, Chair	Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, Regent
Mica Mosbacher, Vice Chair	
Carroll Robertson Ray, Ex Officio	
Jacob M. Monty, Regent	
Andrew Cobos, Student Regent	

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chair of the Committee, Nelda Luce Blair, called the meeting to order. Regent Blair stated three action items and four information items would be presented to the committee then introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes.

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – Item B

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

   - August 10, 2010, Academic and Student Success Committee Meeting

2. Approval of Appointment of Dean, College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics – University of Houston, Item C – A&SS-1

   Dr. John Antel, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost requested the committee approve and ratify the appointment of Mark A. Smith as Dean, University of Houston College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, pursuant to Board Policy 57.10. The effective date of Dr. Smith's appointment is January 1, 2011.

   On motion of Regent Mosbacher, seconded by Regent Ray and by a unanimous vote of the committee members in attendance (Regent Monty was not present when this vote was taken),

the approval of Dr. Mark A. Smith as Dean of the UH College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics was approved. His appointment becomes effective January 1, 2011.

3. Approval of Masters of Education in Adult and Higher Education at the University of Houston-Victoria, Item D – A&SS-2

   Dr. John Antel introduced this item. The University of Houston-Victoria proposed the establishment of a Masters of Education in Adult and Higher Education and addresses the need to educate the large number of adult learners enrolling in formal, informal, community, and institutional education programs. The increase in adult learners has created a need for skills, insights and knowledge of the field of adult and higher education. The Texas Workforce Commission anticipates that there will be 6,060 new post-secondary faculty and administration openings per year through the year 2016, with an additional 275 new adult education positions per year through the year 2016.

   The program would draw on existing faculty within the School of Education and Human Development. Faculty members would also be drawn from UHV and other local higher education administrators to teach specialized courses. In addition to the already existing full time faculty member, an additional full-time faculty member will be hired after the program is approved.

   On motion of Regent Mosbacher, seconded by Regent Ray and by a unanimous vote, the approval of the Masters of Education in Adult and Higher Education at the University of Houston-Victoria was approved.

4. Approval is requested for 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, Item E – A&SS-3

   Dr. Antel requested approval for 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. This action would facilitate the development of academic and research partnerships between Health and Human Performance and health-related programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. This move supports the University of Houston's goal of enhancing institutional excellence in the health sciences. Board approval is required before the University of Houston can secure approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

   On motion of Regent Mosbacher, seconded by Regent Monty and by a unanimous vote, the request for 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 was approved.

Regent Blair then called for a motion to have these three action items placed on the Consent Docket. On motion of Regent Monty, seconded by Regent Mosbacher and by a unanimous vote,

the following items will be placed on the Consent Docket and presented at the Board of Regents meeting on November 17, 2010 for final Board approval.

(a) Approval of Appointment of Dean, College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics – University of Houston;

(b) Approval of Masters of Education in Adult and Higher Education at the University of Houston-Victoria; and

(c) Approval is requested for 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

Regent Blair continued with the meeting and announced that the remaining items presented were for information only and required no committee action. Regent Blair introduced William Staples, President of the University of Houston-Clear Lake, who introduced the next item on the agenda.

5. Update on the opening of the UHCL Pearland Campus for the Fall 2010 semester – University of Houston-Clear Lake, Item F– A&SS-4

President Staples gave an update on the opening of the UHCL Pearland Campus for the Fall 2010 semester. The UHCL Pearland Campus is a partnership between the City of Pearland and the University of Houston-Clear Lake, and both the University of Houston-Clear Lake and the Pearland Economic Development Corporation are located at the UHCL Pearland Campus. President Staples distributed an issue of the current *Texas 288 South, Newcomer and Relocation Guide, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011* issue and highlighted in the issue was an article on the new UHCL campus and the undergraduate and graduate programs being offered at this location. Along with high-quality academics, the University of Houston-Clear Lake remains actively involved in the community.

This item was for information only and required no committee action. A copy of the publication distributed was filed in the Board office.

6. Dr. Stuart Long, Interim Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer, University of Houston will provide an overview of research funding and recent awards – University of Houston, Item G – A&SS-5

Dr. Long introduced this item and gave an update on research at the University of Houston with regard to funding and expenditures. His presentation also highlighted recent faculty awards. Below is a brief summary of his remarks:

- Total awards in FY2010 were $124.0 million, an increase of 6% from $117.5 million in FY2009;
- In FY2010, federal awards amounted to $89.2 million and state awards to $14.9 million. Other awards amount to $20.0 million;
- The number of total projects over $1 million increased 182%, from 11 to 31;

- Total project funding over $1 million has increased 240%, from $16,098,377 to $54,802,148;
- The number of awards over $500,000 and with multiple P.I. have increased 133% from 9 to 21;
- CPRIT (Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas) Awards were addressed.
  - Dr. Preethi H. Gunaratne (NSM) - $199,977; and
  - Dr. Richard C. Willson (Engineering) - $433,934
- In the first month of FY2011, Geoscience was awarded $1.06 million, about 30% of the total amount awarded for FY2010;
- Other awards were mentioned:
  - Dr. Jonathan Snow (NSM) - $375,297 - National Science Foundation. This study tests a new model for the end-life stage of the episodic sea-floor
  - Dr. Raymond Cline (Technology) - $2.5 million from U.S. Department of Energy;
  - Drs. Rachel Muncrief, Michael Harold, and Charles Rooks (Engineering) - $1.05 million from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;
  - Dr. Ramesh Shrestha (Engineering) - $760,306 from University of California, Merced received a supplemental funding award for collecting LiDAR research-grade data.
- Dr. Badri Roysam, Hugh and Lillie Cranz Cullen University Professor Chair, Electrical & Computer Engineering, is a new faculty member and joined the University on October 1, 2010. His area of expertise is imaging and many applications in the medical field.

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

7. Report on University of Houston TierOne Scholars Program - University of Houston, Item H – A&SS 6

Dr. Antel presented the report on the University of Houston TierOne Scholars Program, which provides scholarships to highly qualified freshmen. Students must graduate in the top 10% of their high school class and earn at least a 1300 on the SAT to be eligible for a TierOne Scholarship.

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

8. Profile of University of Houston-Victoria freshman class - University of Houston-Victoria, Item I - A&SS-7

Dr. Don Smith, Interim President of the University of Houston-Victoria, gave a powerpoint presentation which gave a profile of UH-Victoria's first freshman class. Below is a brief summary of his remarks:

- 1,444 applications for Fall 2010 were received;
- 581 applicants were admitted; and
- 219 freshmen and 80 sophomores were matriculated.
- The freshmen profile had 107 males and 112 females; and approximately 1/3 were first-generation college students.

- Average SAT score – 915.69; minimum SAT score – 650; and maximum SAT score – 1210;
- High School Rankings: 60 students were in the top 25%; 83 students between the top25% to 50%; and 76 from the lower 50%.
- Freshmen Profile Demographics: Caucasian – 31%; Hispanic – 25%; African American - 17%; White & Hispanic – 19%; Asian – 2%; and Other – 6%.
- Freshmen Profile – Most Popular Majors: School of Business; School of Education; and School of Arts & Sciences.
- Freshmen Profile – Financial Aid: 89% of freshmen received some sort of financial aid; average financial aid received - $10,529.

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

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 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	Liz Fletcher	Ed Hugetz
Carl Carlucci	Suzanne LaBrecque	Mike Dressman
John Antel	Oscar Gutierrez	Patrick McNeil
Dona Cornell	Elaine Charlson	Mark Clarke
Grover Campbell	Dave Irvin	Mike Emery
Elwyn Lee	Barbara Stanley	Michelle Moosally
Stuart Long	Katherine Peek	Miranda Bennett
Don Smith	Wayne Beran	Malcolm Davis
Bill Staples	Carl Stockton	Monica McHenry
Don Guyton	Dan Wells	Jon Aldrich
Ed Jones	Marquette Hobbs	Gerry Mathisen