MINUTES OF THE MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

April 21, 2009

The Chair of the Board, Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., convened the meeting of The University of Houston System Board of Regents in the Garden Room 1510, Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Boulevard, University of Houston-Clear Lake, on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, with the following members present: Lynden B. Rose, Vice Chair, Dennis D. Golden, O.D., Tamara K. Goodwin, Jacob M. Monty, Mica Mosbacher, Carroll Robertson Ray, Calvin W. Stephens, and Jim P. Wise. Regent Nelda Luce Blair was unable to attend. Noting the presence of a quorum, Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

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The following action items were presented requiring Board approval:

Action Items:

Regent Golden moved board approval of the minutes from the following meetings:

- December 3, 2008, Endowment Management Committee Meeting
- December 9, 2008, Audit and Compliance Committee Meeting
- December 9, 2008, Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee Meeting; and
- December 9, 2008, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

Regent Wise seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson announced the next item presented for Board approval, Item D, Resolution in Remembrance and Appreciation of Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith – UH System. This item was to be presented at the February 17, 2009 Board meeting but was tabled and moved forward for approval today. Chairman Wilson presented this Resolution to Regent Carroll Robertson Ray. On behalf of the Robertson and Smith families, Regent Ray thanked the board and expressed her deepest appreciation for this remarkable resolution.

Regent Wise moved final Board approval of this item. Regent Stephens seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was introduced by Chairman Wilson, Item E, Update from the UH Faculty Senate President, Dr. Dan Wells, on recent faculty activities – University of Houston. Below is a brief overview on several activities of the UH Faculty Senate addressed by Dr. Wells:

- Established a Joint Child Care Task Force to provide a concrete plan for ensuring adequate child care to the University community;
- Working to develop a Faculty-driven Center for Teaching Excellence to provide concrete support for teaching excellence at the University of Houston;
- Working to keep faculty informed about legislative activities and encourage individuals to express their opinions to their senators and representatives;
- Working to establish Outstanding Faculty/Librarian Service Award which would recognize outstanding service to the University and the community;
- Working with Dr. Carlucci to ensure faculty interests and concerns are addressed in areas such as Facilities planning, parking, and budgeting;
- Planning a Scholarship and Community Conference to be held in October which will focus on how faculty and the community can partner on common interests; and
- Through Assistant Professor Forums (the first of which would be held April 22, 2009) to engage junior faculty with the University to improve the retention of our best junior faculty.

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

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Wilson reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met on April 14, 2009 and approved the following items:

1. Approval of FY2010 Academic Tuition and Fee Changes – UH System
2. Approval of voluntary and optional charges for the University of Houston – University of Houston
3. Approval is requested for delegation of authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for the financing and construction of approved program in the Central Utilities Plant – University of Houston
4. Approval is requested for delegation of authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute the contract to provide custodial service for the University of Houston Downtown – UH-Downtown
5. Approval is requested for the delegation of authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a ground lease and other agreements with Fort Bend County for the construction of a County Library – UH System
6. Approval is requested for the delegation of authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute the applicable agreements to convey right of way in Utility Corridor at University of Houston – Clear Lake – UH-Clear Lake
7. Approval is requested for the delegation of authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts associated with the purchase of the University Business Park property – UH System
8. Approval to issue Consolidated Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2009A – UH System
9. Approval to amend UH System Debt Policy – UH System

10. Approval of Investment Resolutions for the University of Houston System – UH System
11. Approval is requested for ratification of a contract between the Texas Institute for Measurement, Evaluation and Statistics (TIMES) at the University of Houston and Riverside Publishing Company – University of Houston

There were no new items presented to the Board from the Finance and Administration Committee at this meeting.

Regent Ray moved approval of the action items as presented. Regent Wise seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Wilson reported that the Academic and Student Success Committee met on April 14, 2009 and approved the following items:

1. Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) Degree in Applied Administration – UH-Downtown
2. Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies – UH-Clear Lake
3. Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematical Biology – University of Houston
4. UH Charter School Waiver – University of Houston

Regent Wise moved approval of the action items as presented. Regent Rose seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson stated there were two new items to be presented, both for information only and require no board action.

Regent Wise, Chair of the Academic and Student Success Committee turned the meeting over to Dr. Antel, who presented the following items:

1. Academic Presentation: UH-Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities – UH-Clear Lake
   Dr. Dorothea Lerman, UH-Clear Lake Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center for Austim and Developmental Disabilities gave a presentation to the Board on the various programs and services of the Center. Below is a brief overview of Dr. Lerman's presentation:
   - Established in March 2008
   - Collaboration among faculty and students in the Behavior Analysis, School of Psychology, and Early Childhood Education graduate program
   - Current Funding - $539,506 in grants and contracts
   - Various Services: School Consultation; Family Services; Specialized Clinic for Severe Behavior Disorders; Autism Assessment Services; and Early Learning Clinic (Down Syndrome).

A complete copy of Dr. Lerman's presentation was filed in the Board office.

2. Quarterly Research Update Report – University of Houston
   Dr. Birx provided the Board with a quarterly research update report. Below are a few brief remarks from his presentation:
   - Year-to-date expenditures, awards and proposals for March 2009 were addressed.
   - Over the last two years, the size and number of proposals have increased by 50 percent since 2006;
   - Proposal rate running 47 percent higher than before;
   - Increasing number of proposal, over 1,100 have been submitted per year;
   - Awards were up 25 percent over last year and up 10 percent from the previous year. If we stay on track, we could reach $100 million.

FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION AND MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Wilson reported that the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee met on April 15, 2009 and approved the following items:

1. Approval of the UH Central Plant Expansion Site and Program – University of Houston
2. Approval is requested to Name the Newly Constructed Academic Building at the University of Houston System Sugar Land – UH System
3. Approval of the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication Expansion Program – University of Houston

There were no new items presented to the Board from the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee at this meeting.

Regent Rose moved approval of the action items as presented. Regent Wise seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no items presented to the Board from the Audit and Compliance Committee at this meeting.

ENDOWMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no items presented to the Endowment Management Committee at this meeting.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Khator thanked the board for their commitment and continued support to the UH System. Dr. Khator gave a presentation to the Board, ***Focus 2008 Report,*** and below are some highlights from this presentation.

Dr. Khator had outlined the UH System success areas: (1) Student Success; (2) Academic Quality; (3) Community Advancement; (4) Recognitions and National Competitiveness; (5) Enrollment; (6) Foundations for the Future; and (7) BOR Success. Below excerpts from each of these areas:

- The UH System degree count had increased from 11,735 to 11,934 in 2008, and the number of bachelor's degrees awarded had increased at each UH System university from 2006 to 2008.
- Our system-wide enrollment grew by 4 percent from 56,700 to 59,200.
- The UH System worked with UH-Victoria and Victoria College to facilitate significant conversations on the future of Higher Education in Victoria which resulted in the Board's approval of the downward expansion of UH-Victoria.
- Research had been completed which provided the Board to consider the downward expansion at UH-Clear Lake.
- Collaborations continued on initiatives in the Northwest region of Houston.
- Board supported local and state initiatives to advance the status of the University of Houston as a national research university.
- How the UH System pulled together to effectively respond after Hurricane Ike.
- The development of a comprehensive strategic enrollment plan for the UH System.
- The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognized the University of Houston, UH-Downtown, and UH-Clear Lake as community engaged universities.
- The Southern Association for Colleges and Schools reaffirmed the accreditation of the University of Houston for the next decade; and UH-Downtown fulfilled reporting requirements for continued accreditation by SACS.
- 100 UH student-athletes named to C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll for maintaining a 3.0 grade-point average or higher.
- UH Cougar football team won its first bowl game in more than two decades.
- UH Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship ranked #1 by the Princeton Review & Entrepreneur magazine.
- UH Law Center climbed an additional five rungs in national rank (to No. 55) – the best performance of any U.S. law school.
- UH EyeCare, a clinical service dedicated to early diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) and to research on visual consequence of MS, was certified by the National MS Society.
- UH COE and CNSM more than doubled number of UH students prepared to each high school math & science.
- UHCL recognized the City of Pearland with the university's 2008 Community Partnership Award.

- UH-Downtown distinct identity.
- UH System centers – efficient operations.
- Board efficient operations.
- UH System coordination (Sugar Land and Cinco Ranch)
- Greater Houston Partnership resolved to support UH's Tier One aspirations.
- UH-Downtown Library opened the doors to a multi-million dollar expansion.
- UH Cullen College of Engineering received gifts to develop bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering.
- UH Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management received funding to renovate the UH Hilton.
- THECB approved UH BS Pharmaceutical Sciences (the only program in Texas) and the UHV RN to BSN programs.
- Progress cards were requested and received from each system campus which offered benchmarks to monitor progress and hold presidents accountable.
- Improved structure of Board committees.
- Modified Board meeting schedule and bylaws.
- The Board website was enhanced to help guide meetings with online agendas and supporting documentation.

Dr. Khator's complete presentation was filed in the Board office.

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Pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which allows governing boards to meet in closed session, the Board of Regents went into Executive Session at 12:07 p.m. The Board reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Chairman Wilson reconvened the Board meeting at 12:55 p.m. and stated a Litigation Status Report was given by General Counsel, Dona Cornell and personnel issues were discussed. There was no Board action taken in Executive Session.

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INFORMATION ONLY

Chairman Wilson stated eight individuals had signed up for Open Forum:

1. Dr. Wynne Chin, Past President of the University of Houston Faculty Senate and UH System Faculty Executive Committee
2. Mr. Sam Dike, 42nd President of the Student Government Association, University of Houston
3. Mr. Jonas Chin, Immediate Past President & Vice President of the Student Government Association, University of Houston

4. Dr. Dan Jaeckle, President, Faculty Senate, UH-Victoria
5. Dr. Lisa Jones, President, Faculty Senate, UH-Clear Lake
6. Dr. Katy Greenwood, UH Faculty Senate, University of Houston
7. Dr. Dave Mazella, Chair, Educational Policy & Student Affairs Committee, UH Faculty Senate, University of Houston
8. Dr. Michelle Moosally, President, Faculty Senate, UH-Downtown

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report given at the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 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:

Rene Khator
John Antel
Carl Carlucci
Dona Cornell
Michael Rierson
Elwyn Lee
Donald Birx
Raymond Bartlett
Don Guyton
Richard Bonnin
John Powell
Allan Philips
Sam Dike
Karen Clarke
Michelle Dotter
Vera Garcia
Barbara Stanley
David Mazella
Ted Cummings
Sameer Panda
Yvette Bendeck
Usha Mathew
Jonas Chin
Tom Ehardt
Susan Davis Green
Wynne Chin
Craig Ness
Elaine Charlson
Dave Irvin
Katy Greenwood
David Bradley
Carl Stockton
Lisa Jones
David Bell
Malcolm Davis
Bill Ashley
Jeannie Kever
Michelle Moosally
Mary Ann Shallberg
Dineta Frazier
Ed Apodaca
Karen Alfaro
Kelley Dawson
Rebecca Huss-Keeler
Dara Taggart
Gerry Mathisen
Dan Wells
Suzanne LaBrecque
Mike Emery
John Walsh
Liz Fletcher
Oscar Gutierrez
Max Castillo
Tim Hudson
Bill Staples
Michelle Sabino
Ed Hugetz
Yinzfi Li
Molly Woods
John Powell
Don Bates
Jim Anderson
Patrick Cordinas
Jean Carr
Karen Wielhorski
Dan Jaeckle
Darlene Zelinski
Dion McInnis