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ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 – The members of the Academic and Student Success Committee of the University of Houston System convened at 8:51 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 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

Nelda Luce Blair, Chair
Jacob M. Monty, Regent
Carroll Robertson Ray, Ex Officio
Andrew Cobos, Student Regent

Absent

Mica Mosbacher, Vice Chair

Non-Members Present

Nandita V. Berry, Regent
Jim P. Wise, 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 noted there were five (5) action items and one (1) information item to be presented to the committee; and stated that all action items would be presented to the committee with the motion of approval of these action items called for after all of the items have been presented. Regent Blair then introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes.

AGENDA ITEMS

Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes – Item B

On motion of Regent Monty, seconded by Regent Ray and by a unanimous vote of the members present, the following minutes from the meeting listed below were approved:

- February 15, 2011, Academic and Student Success Committee Meeting

2. Approval of Faculty Promotions in Academic Rank – University of Houston System, Item C – A&SS-1

Dr. John Antel, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced this item and requested committee approval of faculty promotions in academic rank – University of Houston System. Dr. Antel’s presentation to the board included the recommendations for the University of Houston, University of Houston-Clear Lake, University of Houston-Downtown, and University of Houston-Victoria, along with a description of the selection and approval process. All faculty

promotions will be effective September 1, 2011. A complete listing of the recommendations may be found on the board's website at the following link:

http://www.uhsa.uh.edu/regents/board_meetings/documents/051711Acad/ASS1.1.pdf

3. Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments – University of Houston System, Item D – A&SS-2

Dr. Antel introduced this item requesting committee approval for faculty emeriti appointments at the University of Houston and University of Houston-Downtown. The emeritus title is conferred only upon retired tenured faculty who have made a significant contribution to the university through a long and distinguished record of scholarship, teaching and/or service. Emeritus faculty are expected to remain willing to assist and advise the university as requested, particularly in their areas of competence. A complete listing of the faculty emeriti appointments may be found on the board's website at the following link:

http://www.uhsa.uh.edu/regents/board_meetings/documents/051711Acad/ASS2.1.pdf

4. Approval of appointment of Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer for the University of Houston System/University of Houston, Item E – A&SS-3

Dr. Antel introduced this item requesting approval and ratification for the appointment of Dr. Rathindra (Roth) Bose as vice chancellor/vice president for research and technology transfer pursuant to Board Policy 57.10.

Dr. Bose comes to the University of Houston from Ohio University, where he served as vice president for research and dean of the Graduate College. At Ohio University, Dr. Bose's major responsibilities included overseeing the Graduate College, which enrolls 3,500 graduate students with a budget of more than \$35 million; Research and Sponsored Programs, with annual funding of \$68 million; the Technology Transfer Office, with annual royalty income of more than \$8 million; the Innovation Center, which houses 16 start-up companies; the Edison Biotechnology Institute and three (3) other multi-disciplinary centers of excellence in Energy and Environment and Health and Wellness.

Dr. Bose received his Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in chemistry from the Rajshahi University in Bangladesh, as well as a bachelor's degree in chemistry with honors.

Dr. Bose's appointment becomes effective August 1, 2011.

5. Expansion of System Access at the following University of Houston System Sites, Item F – A&SS-4:

- University of Houston System at Sugar Land;
- University of Houston at the Northwest Site;
- University of Houston-Downtown at the Northwest Site;
- University of Houston's Participation in Harlingen Multi-Institutional Teaching Center;
and
- University of Houston-Clear Lake at the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch

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Dr. Antel introduced this item and discussed the different processes and pro formas developed for each of the locations where the University of Houston System will be expanding program offerings. Below is a breakdown of Dr. Antel's remarks for each of the sites discussed:

- University of Houston System at Sugar Land (UHSSL)
The University of Houston requested approval to expand its program offerings at the University of Houston System at Sugar Land in FY2012. The proposed academic programs would begin in Fall 2011 and include:
 - (1) Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program (upper-division certificate);
 - (2) Master of Science, Human Resource Development;
 - (3) Master of Science, Project Management; and
 - (4) Doctorate of Education, Professional Leadership.

- University of Houston at the Northwest Site (UH)
The University of Houston requested approval to expand its program offerings at the University of Houston Northwest Campus in FY2012. The proposed new academic programs from UH have been reviewed and approved by the Northwest Houston Higher Education Coordinating Council representing the University of Houston System, the Texas A&M System, the Texas State System, and Texas Southern University. The proposed academic programs will be phased in over a one-year period beginning in Fall 2011. Programs scheduled to begin in Fall 2011 include:
 - (1) Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, Psychology;
 - (2) Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering Technology; and
 - (3) Undergraduate Concentration in Entrepreneurship.

Programs scheduled to begin in Summer/Fall 2012 include:

 - (1) Master of Business Administration, Business Administration;
 - (2) Master of Public Administration, Public Administration;
 - (3) Master of Science, Petroleum Geosciences; and
 - (4) Master of Science, Petroleum Engineering.

- University of Houston-Downtown at the Northwest Site (UHD)
The University of Houston-Downtown requested approval to expand its program offerings at UHD Northwest Campus in FY2012. The proposed new academic programs from UHD have been reviewed and approved by the Northwest Houston Higher Education Coordinating Council representing the University of Houston System, the Texas A&M System, the Texas State System, and Texas Southern University. The proposed academic programs will be phased in over a one-year period beginning in Fall 2011. Programs scheduled to begin in Fall 2011 include:
 - (1) Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing;
 - (2) Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Studies; and
 - (3) Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies with EC-Teacher Certification.

- University of Houston's Participation in Harlingen Multi-Institutional Teaching Center (UH)
The University of Houston requested approval to participate in the Multi-Institutional Teaching Center (MITC) being established at Texas State Technical College-Harlingen. UH

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participation will include the delivery of selected degree programs from the College of Technology combined with enhanced general recruiting activities in the Rio Grande Valley. The proposed academic programs from UH have been reviewed and approved by the University Council partners associated with this initiative. The proposed academic programs will be phased in over a one-year period beginning in FY2012. Programs scheduled to be offered at the Harlingen MITC include:

- (1) Bachelor of Science, Consumer Science and Merchandising;
- (2) Bachelor of Science, Organizational Leadership and Supervision;
- (3) Bachelor of Science, Supply Chain and Logistics;
- (4) Bachelor of Science, Human Resource Development;
- (5) Master of Science, Human Resource Development; and
- (6) Master of Science, Technology Project Management.

- University of Houston-Clear Lake Expansion at University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch (UHS-CR)

The University of Houston-Clear Lake requested approval to deliver the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch (UHS-CR). The program proposed for delivery at UHS-CR is an approved degree program at UHCL. The request is for approval to deliver the degree off-campus at UHS-CR; and the program is scheduled to begin in January 2012.

A lengthy discussion and numerous questions from the committee followed Dr. Antel's presentation of this item.

6. Authorization for renewal application for University of Houston Charter School – University of Houston, Item G – A&SS-5

Dr. Antel presented this item and requested committee approval for the renewal application for the University of Houston Charter School (UHCS). On October 31, 2000, the UHCS applied for the Open Enrollment Charter School Renewal Application. UHCS grew to six (6) classes of kindergarten through fifth grade students and an average enrollment of 136 students. The Texas State Board of Education renewed the Charter for ten years beginning with the 2001-2002 school year. For the past two years, the school has received an Exemplary Rating based on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. UHCS is funded by the Texas Education Agency, grants, and University of Houston support for facilities and business operations.

At the conclusion of the presentation of this item, Regent Blair called for a motion from the committee to approve the five (5) action items presented, and if approved, to have these five (5) action items placed on the Consent Docket.

On motion of Regent Monty, seconded by Regent Ray, and by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, the following items were approved by the committee and will be placed on the Consent Docket at the Board of Regents meeting on May 18, 2011 for final Board approval.

- (1) Approval of Faculty Promotions in Academic Rank – University of Houston System;
- (2) Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments – University of Houston System;

- (3) Approval of appointment of Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer for the University of Houston System/University of Houston;
- (4) Expansion of System Access at the following University of Houston System Sites:
 - University of Houston System at Sugar Land;
 - University of Houston at the Northwest Site;
 - University of Houston-Downtown at the Northwest Site;
 - University of Houston's Participation in Harlingen Multi-Institutional Teaching Center;
 - University of Houston-Clear Lake at the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch;and
- (5) Authorization for renewal application for University of Houston Charter School.

Information Item:

1. Presentation on Student Success Through Residential Life – University of Houston System, Item H – A&SS-6

Dr. John Antel introduced this item and a powerpoint presentation on Student Success and Residential Life was presented. Living and learning is a key part of engagement; and research has shown student engagement leads to success.

Cougar Village I, which opened in the Fall at the University of Houston, was the first step in the long-term commitment to build more residential life on the University of Houston campus. Dr. Antel addressed this issue with the committee. Interim President of the University of Houston-Victoria, Don Smith discussed the University of Houston-Victoria and Jaguar Hall which has opened more opportunities for students to live on campus in a positive and supportive learning environment. Given the new profile of students at both of these campuses and the need to continue the freshman success into the sophomore year, additional housing opportunities that tie into the academic and student life are essential.

Dr. Antel noted the commitment to build Cougar Village II which will add an additional 1,100 beds and will be situated next to Cougar Village I. Our goal is to reach 25 percent of residential undergraduate students on campus; and once attained, we would then achieve another threshold set by the Carnegie Commission for Higher Education; and the university would be recognized as a more residential university. Dr. Antel remarked that graduation rates were up; the Fall to Spring retention rate was 94.4%; and the one-year retention rate was 81.6%; and the Princeton Review's inclusion of the University of Houston in their "Top 376 Colleges in America" was a great follow-up to our Carnegie Tier One designation.

Dr. Antel introduced Dr. Raul Ramos, Associate Professor of History, who is a "faculty in residence" in the Cougar Village I complex. Dr. Ramos stated that he, his wife and two small children moved in last year. Dr. Ramos noted they were not sure what to expect upon their arrival since it was a new experience for them, but they were truly excited to participate in this program. Dr. Cathy Horn, Educational Psychology Fulbright Scholar, and Carroll Blue, UH Center for Public History, are also "faculty in residence" in Cougar Village I.

Dr. Don Smith, Interim President of the University of Houston-Victoria, addressed the new Jaguar Hall facility. For many years, the University of Houston-Victoria was an upper level

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institution; but now with the admission of freshmen, a better infrastructure was needed for providing them in class and out of class institutional and personal support. Dr. Smith summarized the academic student success initiatives currently in place to assist students which are:

- (1) Creative Writing Center/Academic Tutoring;
- (2) Early Intervention Program;
- (3) Community of Readers Program;
- (4) Student Employment Center; and
- (5) Freshman Seminar which is required for all incoming freshmen and meets weekly.

Early results have shown that the Fall to Spring retention rate at UHV was at 85%. Dr. Smith reiterated that freshman recognition awards were initiated this year and eight (8) Spirited Jaguar Awards were given to students who were nominated by faculty members for their commitment to excellence and service; five (5) students made the President's List, having a 4.0 GPA; and twenty-nine (29) students made the Dean's List, which required a 3.5 GPA or above. Dr. Smith also noted that athletes must live in the dorm and approximately 32 percent of freshmen participate in athletics.

The next steps toward student success were addressed by Dr. Smith and include:

- (1) Life after College Program;
- (2) Leadership Academy;
- (3) Jaguar Pledge;
- (4) Supplemental Instruction;
- (5) Student Success Coaching; and
- (6) Up to 450 students living on campus in Fall 2011, with living off-campus partner.

A complete copy of this powerpoint presentation has been 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 10:13 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.

Others Present:

Renu Khator
Carl Carlucci
John Antel
Dona Cornell
William Flores
Don Smith
Michael Lawrence
Elwyn Lee
Ed Jones

Don Guyton
Raul Ramos
Barbara Stanley
Liz Fletcher
Ed Hugetz
Mike Emery
Brian Chapman
Mark Clarke
Marquette Hobbs

Oscar Gutierrez
Elaine Charlson
Monica McHenry
Dan Wells
Keith Kowalka
Mike Dressman
Emily Messa
Jon Aldrich
Gerry Mathisen