

**MINUTES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 – The members of the Academic and Student Success Committee of the University of Houston System Board of Regents convened at 8:33 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel, Conrad Hilton Ballroom, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present

Roger F. Welder, Vice Chair  
Nandita V. Berry, Member  
Spencer D. Armour, III, Alternate Member  
Welcome W. Wilson, Jr., Alternate Member  
Benjamin P. Wells, Student Regent  
Nelda Luce Blair, Ex Officio

Absent

Jacob M. Monty, Chair  
Mica Mosbacher, Member

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum in attendance, in the absence of the Chair of the Committee, Jacob M. Monty, Vice Chair of the Committee, Roger F. Welder called the meeting to order and moved to the first item on the agenda, Item B, approval of the minutes. It should be noted that in the absence of two of the committee members, Regent Spencer D. Armour, III and Regent Welcome W. Wilson, Jr. were named as an alternate members to the Academic and Student Success Committee for this meeting only.

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AGENDA ITEMS

**Action Items:**

1. Approval of Minutes – Item B

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

- May 13, 2013, Academic and Student Success Committee Meeting

2. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Houston-Clear Lake – University of Houston-Clear Lake, Item C – A&SS-C3-7

Dr. Paula Myrick Short, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Houston System and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston introduced this item to the committee requesting approval of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at

the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Dr. Short stated that this particular degree would provide registered nurses an opportunity to pursue the BSN in one to two years depending on their full-time/part-time status. This particular program proposal design takes into account the strong clinical focus of the associate of science RN programs that are credited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC). It was designed to be a didactic program, which allows registered nurses to hone their managerial, leadership skills, and advance as nurse managers in various healthcare providers and payer organizations.

The reason UH-Clear Lake chose the NLNAC curriculum was guided by the fact that its partner community colleges which it will serve through this particular degree program which includes San Jacinto College, Alvin Community College, Blinn College, College of the Mainland, Galveston College, and Lee College have their nursing programs accredited by the NLNAC. Since the University of Houston-Clear Lake has articulation agreements, reverse articulation agreements and transfer scholarships with these colleges, having an NLNAC accredited BSN program will allow graduates from their partner community colleges to enjoy a seamless transfer and articulation of their credits into this BSN program at UH-Clear Lake.

UH-Clear Lake has received support and encouragement from the Chief Operating Officers and Executive Officers of Clear Lake Regional Medical Center and the Christus St. John Hospital. These facilities are two of the largest hospitals in the Clear Lake area and they are very excited and supportive of this particular program. The shortage of nurses is critical particularly in this area. The development of this particular program is essential for the University of Houston as a system to serve this health area.

The students who are in this program will be able to earn both the Associates degree at a community college and the Bachelor's degree at UH-Clear Lake with 120 semester credit hours. The program expects to generate \$100,000 in revenue by its second year in operation with an enrollment of 54 students.

Dr. Short recommended the approval of this particular program and also mentioned that this program would not compete with the RN/BSN program now being offered at the University of Houston-Victoria. That program serves a very large need across the state; but this particular program has a niche area of service area that it will serve, and it is tied to the accrediting that is enjoyed by its partner community colleges so that students will have that seamless, four-year experience to get their BSN. A brief discussion followed.

On motion of Regent Wilson, Jr., seconded by Regent Berry, and by a unanimous vote of the members present, the approval of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Houston-Clear Lake was approved by the committee.

3. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Health Studies at the University of Houston-Victoria – University of Houston-Victoria, Item D – A&SS-D8-11

Dr. Short presented this item requesting approval of a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies at the University of Houston-Victoria. The Bachelor of Science in Health Studies will prepare students to enter fields of health promotion, the public health professions, graduate programs in

athletic training, occupational therapy, pharmacy, social work and other professions that relate to the health area. This program, in particular, will provide opportunities for native Victoria students who wish to enter the public health arena and transfer students who would like to enter this particular profession.

It will help introduce students to health informatics, community-based prevention models, global health issues, and public health policy. The capstone experience for students will actually embed them in community health centers, corporate fitness centers or health care facilities, giving them workforce experience during the time they are in this program.

It is a 120 semester credit hour program that can be completed in three years should students go year-round. This is a prosperous program, one that meets the workforce need. The Bureau of Labor Statistics lists career growth for health educators as one of the fastest growing occupations with a projected change of 23.2% to 36.5% within the next 5-10 years. In 2010, there were 63,000 people employed as health educators and it is projected that 86,000 will be needed by 2020.

UH-Victoria has already received support for the work they are doing in the allied health programs with a Johnson Foundation award of \$140,000 in student scholarships. This will help attract students to the program and maintain program integrity. It is expected that by the fourth year of the program, it will generate about \$66,000 in revenue with an enrollment of 99 students.

Dr. Short recommended committee approval of the Bachelor of Science in Health Studies at UH-Victoria.

On motion of Regent Berry, seconded by Regent Wilson, Jr., and by a unanimous vote of the members present, the approval of Bachelor of Science in Health Studies at the University of Houston-Victoria was approved by the committee.

4. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Honors Biomedical Sciences at the University of Houston – University of Houston, Item E – A&SS-E12-15

Dr. Short introduced this item requesting approval of a Bachelor of Science in Honors Biomedical Sciences at the University of Houston. This program was designed to attract the top students and provide a rigorous quality education for students who are interested in professional schools and careers in the health science area. The initial focus of the program will be for students who want to attend either medical school or dental school. They will take a special honors associated sections of science and mathematics classes that are required for medical school during this program.

The students will also minor in the medicine and society component through the Honors College and that incorporates observational and shadowing experiences in the healthcare settings. They will be members of the Honors Program for health professionals which gives them extra opportunities for advising, extra opportunities for mentoring and career guidance that will be helpful to these students as they enter the professional schools.

The fourth year of study of this program is interesting in that it will depend on the students; where the student decides to emphasize whether medicine or dental. Up to 15 students a year will combine their last year at the University of Houston in this program with the first year in one of the participating local medical schools. We have created an agreement with UT-Health, UTMB and Baylor College of Medicine such that these students in this 3/4 BS to MD program that is being created will be able to, in a sense, enter their first year of medical school, the fourth year that they are completing their degree. They will also receive both degrees.

Some members of the board have asked about the tuition for this program and Dr. Short stated that students who are in this curriculum that when they enter their fourth year of medical school will pay the tuition that is required of the medical school, but through the students' first three years they would pay the UH tuition.

The question was raised as to whether or not students that were in this program would take slots from students that may be in our DeBakey High School program or those students who come to UH who were already dually admitted into the Baylor College of Medicine. Would this cause us to lose any of those slots and the answer was - it would not. They do not compete with each other for the slots in these two programs.

It is a 121 semester credit hours program and consists of 90 hours of mandatory coursework with the two track options for their senior year. The projected enrollment is expected to reach 246 students by the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year. It is also expected to have a net revenue gain of approximately \$20,000 in the first year with that increasing to over \$778,000 by the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the program. Since UH already has agreements with the medical schools mentioned, 25 students have already been recruited for this program awaiting approval by the Board; and it is anticipated that UH will increase that enrollment to 60 for the first year of the program. This is a very exciting opportunity for UH both in recruitment of these high caliber students but also giving them a good, clear pathway onto these professional schools, particularly the medical schools.

Dr. Short recommended committee approval of the Bachelor of Science in Honors Biomedical Sciences at the University of Houston.

On motion of Regent Berry, seconded by Regent Wilson, Jr., and by a unanimous vote of the members present, the approval of Bachelor of Science in Honors Biomedical Sciences at the University of Houston was approved by the committee.

5. Approval of Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Houston, Item F – A&SS-F16-20.

Dr. Short requested the committee consider the approval of the Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Houston. Dr. Short stated this was a research degree that was being proposed by the University of Houston through their College of Education. It is a Ph.D. program that will focus on issues related to higher education, higher education leadership and higher education policy. In particular, the proposal addresses the preparation of researchers and policy analysts and higher education leaders who understand issues of access, equity, affordability, retention, student learning and excellence in higher education.

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Students will be able to choose from four (4) areas of speciality:

- (1) Research and Measurement;
- (2) Educational Policy;
- (3) Advocacy and Social Justice; and
- (4) International Expertise.

We believe and agree with the College of Education that experts are needed in this area not only for the State of Texas, not only to serve institutions of higher education in Texas or the Coordinating Board and serve the Legislature, but to do so nationally. We would like to have a national footprint in the policy area and educational policy area and it is believed this degree would afford our students and our faculty that kind of national visibility.

This degree is distinct from other higher education programs in institutions in Texas in that it would really focus on recruiting a diverse group of scholars to this particular program. Diversity is extremely important as they believe that it will take those multiple perspectives in order to address the educational issues that exist in postsecondary education.

The projection from the business pro forma was that by the 4<sup>th</sup> year enrollment was expected to be 39 students with a net gain of \$24,000.

Dr. Short recommended committee approval of the Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Houston.

On motion of Regent Berry, seconded by Regent Armour, and by a unanimous vote of the members present, the approval of Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Houston was approved by the committee.

At the conclusion of the approval of the last action item presented, Regent Welder called for a motion to place all four (4) action items presented to the committee on the Board of Regents' Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval at the Board of Regents meeting scheduled later today, Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Berry, and by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, the following four (4) action items will be placed on the Board of Regents' Consent Docket Agenda for final approval at the August 14, 2013 Board meeting as listed below.

1. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Houston-Clear Lake – University of Houston-Clear Lake;
2. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Health Studies at the University of Houston-Victoria – University of Houston-Victoria;
3. Approval of Bachelor of Science in Honors Biomedical Sciences at the University of Houston – University of Houston; and
4. Approval of Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Houston – University of Houston.

No Executive Session was called.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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  
Paula Myrick Short  
Carl Carlucci  
Dona Cornell  
Rathindra Bose  
Elwyn Lee  
Eloise Stuhr  
Richard Walker  
Philip Castille  
William Flores  
William Staples  
Don Guyton  
Bill Monroe  
Don Price  
Jon Aldrich  
Gerry Mathisen

Carl Stockton  
Dan Maxwell  
Wayne Beran  
Michelle Dotter  
Cedric Bandoh  
Chris Stanich  
Josh Adams  
Lauri Ruiz  
Victor Duran  
Mike Emery  
Phil Booth  
Brandon Alexander  
Matthew Brawley  
Mike Scott  
Marquette Hobbs

Oscar Gutierrez  
Andrew Hamilton  
Mark Clarke  
Jeffrey Cass  
Maria Elena Soliño  
Dan Wells  
Joe Brueggeman  
Nam My Lei  
Ed Hugetz  
Dana Rooks  
Frank Castro  
Gordon Luce  
Landon Jullien  
Ed Jones  
Brenda Robles