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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

November 30, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on November 30, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chair, Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Mr. David Oliveira, and Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza. Absent was Dr. Roberto Robles. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. Garcia, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gonzalez at 5:45 p.m.

1 Bond Projects Report

Ms. Veronica Mendez, Vice President for Construction, reported the following:

- The Music Building and the Center for Early Childhood Studies are currently under design development.
- The Classrooms and Library projects are currently in the schematic design phase.
- Student Housing and the Science and Technology Learning Center are currently in the programming phase. Eight proposals were received for Construction Managers-at-Risk (CM-at-Risk) for the Science and Technology Learning Center. A recommendation for CM-at-Risk will be presented to the Board early spring 2007.

- The thermal plant at the ITECC Campus received a new chiller and cooling tower. Another cooling tower will be installed on the roof in early March 2007.
- The REK Center is currently in the construction phase.

2 Executive Session

As provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.072, 074

Real Estate

- Contract** and Resolution for Purchase of Lot 9, Block 14, Paredes Track Addition, Brownsville, Texas
- Contract** and Resolution for Purchase of Lot 10, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas
- Contract** and Resolution for Purchase of Lot 16, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas
- Discussion** and Possible Action on Lot 1, Block 1, Lots 1-9, Block 2 and Lots 1-10, Block 4, University Park
- Discussion** and Possible Action on Los Tomates Banco #122, 84.15 Acres
- Discussion** and Possible Action on Abs 6 – J Y Trevino Share 6 E, 78.72 Acres

Legal Matters

- Discussion** and Possible Action on Property Leases

Personnel Matters

- Discussion** and Possible Action regarding Vice President for Partnership Affairs

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:50 p.m.

3 Consideration and Possible Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

**Consideration and Possible Action on
 Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
 Lot 9, Block 14, Paredes Track Addition, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 9, Block 14, Paredes Track Addition, Brownsville, Texas as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Esparza and carried unanimously. Exhibit "A"

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 10, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 10, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Breedlove and carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 16, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 16, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. Exhibit "C"

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Lot 1, Block 1, Lots 1-9, Block 2, and
Lots 1-10, Block 4, University Park**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Los Tomates Banco #122, 84.15 Acres**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Abs 6 – J Y Treviño Share 6 E, 78.72 Acres**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action on
Property Leases**

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action regarding
Vice President for Partnership Affairs**

No action was taken.

4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of
Regular Meeting October 26, 2006**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2006, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Breedlove and carried unanimously.

5 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

6 Board Briefing

Report on Musical Performance of Hansel and Gretel

Dr. Charles Dameron, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Sue Zanne Urbis, Chair of the Fine Arts Department. Dr. Urbis explained that the Patron of the Arts program, which began 23 years ago, conducts over 70 events throughout the year. These events are geared towards the students and community.

Dr. Urbis introduced Ms. Amy Hymel Brownlow, Adjunct Professor of Fine Arts. Ms. Brownlow explained that the Bravo Opera Company offers singers the opportunity to perform fully-staged operas and operettas. She reported that the students have performed such works as Don Pasquale, Hansel and Gretel, the Marriage of Figaro, and the Mikado. Ms. Brownlow narrated videos of various performances of Hansel and Gretel. She also introduced the members of the Bravo Opera Company.

7 Student Affairs Partnership Committee Report

Ms. Zimmerman reported that the Student Affairs Partnership Committee met on November 27, 2006. She stated that Mr. Dan Huntley, Athletic Director, provided the results of the Athletic Fee Referendum. He reported that the total number of votes

cast were 2013. Ms. Zimmerman also reported that the votes cast in favor were 1082 and the votes cast against were 932.

Ms. Zimmerman explained that the Athletic fee, which will be \$7 per semester credit hour, will make it possible to continue the expansion of student support services. She reported that a committee consisting of students, staff, and faculty will begin the process of identifying the priorities for the use of the additional funds. Ms. Zimmerman reported that the new fee will be implemented in fall 2008.

Ms. Zimmerman asked Mrs. Breedlove to provide a report of the Board Bond Advisory Committee meeting for the Student Housing project. Ms. Breedlove introduced Ms. Rosemary Martinez, Vice President for Business Affairs, to provide the board with an update on student housing. Ms. Martinez stated that the Holiday Inn was retrofitted to provide student housing. She explained that the firm of Anderson Stickler prepared a study on the need for student housing on our campus. Ms. Martinez explained that according to the Anderson Stickler study, UTB/TSC has a need for a facility that can accommodate 800 beds. Ms. Martinez reported that the University is planning to build student housing with funds from self generated revenues, which means that no tax dollars or general revenue are pledged to secure the project.

8 Academic Affairs Partnership Committee

Ms. Breedlove reported that the Academic Affairs Partnership Committee met on November 29, 2006. She stated that Ms. Linda Fossen, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Planning, provided an update on enrollment. Ms. Fossen reported that the headcount enrollment for fall 2006 was 15,831 students. She also reported that the dual enrollment program increased by 113.87% over the previous year.

Ms. Breedlove reported that Dr. Carl Stockton, Dean of School of Education, and Dr. Stephen Rosales, Assistant Dean of School of Education, provided an update on the Math and Science Academy at UTB/TSC. The Math and Science Academy is geared toward high school students who are high achievers interested in mathematics and science. She stated that the students will be taught by the faculty at the UTB/TSC campus. Upon completion of two years in the Math and Science Academy, students will be graduating with a high school diploma issued by UTB/TSC, as well as 60 or more credit hours towards an Associates Degree.

Ms. Breedlove introduced Ms. Yajaira Fuentes, the student representative on the Student Affairs Partnership Committee, to share her experience as a dual enrollment student.

9 Business Affairs Partnership Committee

Mr. Campirano reported that Business Affairs Partnership Committee met on Monday, November 20th, and discussed the following Budget Amendments:

- Budget Amendment #06-017 to adjust for ITECC Thermal Plant expenses from Maintenance Tax Notes in the amount of \$921,068 and to adjust for proceeds from the 2006 Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds in the amount of \$2,525,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the TSC District Budget Amendment #06-017 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and carried unanimously. "Exhibit D"

- Budget Amendment #07-001 to record a rollover from FY 06 from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant in the amount of \$467,000 and to record a rollover from FY 06 of expenditures for College Park in the amount of \$934,000.
- Budget Amendment #07-002 to adjust for ITECC Thermal Plant expenses from Maintenance Tax Notes in the amount of \$2,399,342; and to adjust for Capital Improvement expenses from Maintenance Tax Notes in the amount of \$475,000 as approved at the September 14th Board of Trustees meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the TSC District Budget Amendments #07-001 and #07-002 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. "Exhibit E"

10 Construction Report

Dr. Moore reported the following:

- Construction of the new entrance to the Physical Plant has begun. The new entrance is located between the levee and the Armory building. The entrance includes a new parking lot for Physical Plant vehicles and equipment. The project will be completed by January 2007.
- Landscaping and paving is in progress at the George Truan Sculpture Garden.
- Trees were planted between the parking spaces in front of Mary Rose Cardenas South Hall.
- Dr. Moore reported on behalf of Ms. Mendez regarding the Recreation, Education, and Kinesiology (REK) complex. He stated that there had been 15 days of rain, which delayed the construction progress. However, since the

compaction of the soil was already completed, the foundation piers are ready to be installed.

11 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m. at the Student Union Lawn. The keynote speaker will be the 2006 Distinguish Alumnus recipient, Dr. Guadalupe Quintanilla.

12 Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, December 21, 2006
Friday, January 12, 2007- Board Workshop
Thursday, February 1, 2007
Thursday, March 1, 2007
Thursday, April 26, 2007
Thursday, May 31, 2007
Thursday, June 21, 2007
July – No meeting

Partnership Advisory Committee:

February 7 and 8, 2007

Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the dates with the Board.

13 Announcements

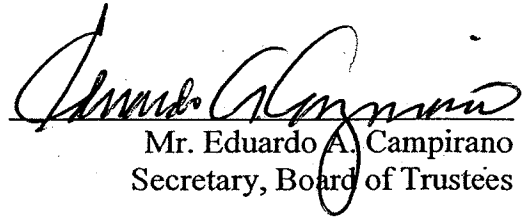
- Mr. Dan Huntley introduced the following new staff members in the Athletics Department: Mr. Bob Lucio, Men's and Women's Head Golf Coach, Mr. Joel Barta, Head Baseball Coach, Mr. Derek Waqddoups, Assistant Baseball Coach, Mr. Scott Madsen, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach, Mr. Bruce Atkinson, Head Volleyball Coach, and Mr. Gavin Rudder, Assistant Volleyball Coach. Mr. Huntley also reported that the UTB/TSC Volleyball team had an overall record of 27-12 in the fall of 2006. This gave UTB/TSC a Red River Athletic Conference record of 10-1, placing the team in second place. The Volleyball team also won 22 of 25 matches for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), losing only to the #8 ranked team in the NAIA, Houston Baptist.
- Ms. Breedlove announced that the Resaca Book Club is meeting on December 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 8:10 p.m.



Mr. Chester Gonzalez
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on November 30, 2006 is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at the UTB/TSC Media center. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Mari Montelongo, Administrative Secretary. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KISD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.