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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 21, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on February 21, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Adela G. Garza, Vice Chair; Trey Mendez, Secretary; René Torres and Dr. Reynaldo García. Also present was Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of Texas Southmost College. Board members absent were Dr. Robert Lozano and Ramon Hinojosa.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:32 p.m.

2. Announcements

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to make the announcements. Dr. Tercero announced that TSC has received two grants. The first grant is a \$300,000 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for Developmental Education Programs. Funding from this grant will support non-traditional interventions to accelerate student success and achieve college readiness. In addition, the funding from this grant will support more professional development opportunities for developmental education faculty.

Dr. Tercero thanked Dr. Angelica Fuentes, Dr. Laura Villarreal and all the faculty members that assisted in preparing this application.

Dr. Tercero announced the second grant, in the amount of \$50,000, was received from the Southern Education Foundation, a public charity whose mission is to advance equality and excellence in education in the southern states. The Foundation identifies and engages institutions that have a deep interest in enhancing practices that directly improve student success. This funding will

allow TSC to implement many of the significant structural and curricular changes to its developmental education programs under the College's new Division of College Preparatory Studies.

Dr. Tercero thanked Dr. Laura Villarreal, Dr. Angelica Fuentes and all faculty members that assisted with the preparation of this application.

Dr. Tercero announced that two new staff members have been hired. The first is the Director of Financial Aid, Mr. Arnold Trejo. Arnold has over 30 years of experience in student financial aid, enrollment management, recruitment and financial services. Mr. Trejo is a graduate of Texas A & M Kingsville with a degree of Business Administration concentrating in the area of Finance. He also holds a Master's in Educational Administration from the University of Texas-Pan American.

The second position announced was the Director of Educational Technology and Curricular Innovation, Mrs. Angela Wolf. Mrs. Wolf has over 15 years of experience in teaching in the UTB/TSC Applied Business Technology Department. She has taught online, hybrid, and face to face courses full time. Mrs. Wolf also has extensive experience in providing training to numerous businesses throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Mrs. Wolf is a graduate of Fairmont State University in West Virginia with a Bachelor's in Marketing and Business Administration. She also holds a Master's degree in Educational Technology from UTB/TSC. She is currently working on her Doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction specializing in educational technology from UTB/TSC.

Dr. Tercero announced TSC will be establishing the TSC Career and Technical Education Academy in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology. This new program includes a unique collaboration with BISD, which will provide qualified BISD high school students with the opportunity to earn up to 24 SCHs during their junior and senior years—through dual credit—and thus, at no tuition cost to the students. All courses will be offered at TSC. After high school graduation, these students will have the opportunity to enroll at TSC for the last 12 SCH's to complete the 36 SCH requirements for the Level I Certificate. They will also have the opportunity to continue and complete the requirements for an Associate of Applied Science degree.

As part of this collaborative effort, BISD has agreed to lease, at \$1 per year, the equipment that will be used in this program. This new program will greatly benefit BISD students and other individuals interested in pursuing a career in air conditioning and refrigeration technology. An official signing ceremony for this unique collaborative effort is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the Foyer area of the ITECC.

3. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

Chairman Rendon called on Ms. Gloria Anciso, TSC Student in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program. Ms. Anciso explained she was speaking on behalf of the students currently enrolled in the program. She expressed how strongly they felt about the work being done on behalf of students. She stated that the Board truly does have the student's best interest in mind and that she and her fellow students are filled with pride, gratitude, and respect for the Board and TSC staff, especially now that they are learning about all the work that goes into creating and running a successful College. Ms. Anciso further stated that she and her fellow students found it important and necessary to express thanks and appreciation for all of the Board's hard work and dedication to the College. She concluded by stressing they, as students, believe TSC is their College and that they will be Scorpions for life.

4. Mission Statement

Chairman Rendon read the existing mission for Texas Southmost College District as follows:

"Transforming our communities through innovative learning opportunities"

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2013, and the Special Meeting on February 11, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Torres to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garza and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Torres to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on February 11, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garza and carried. Mr. Rendon abstained from the vote.

6. Proposal for Private Cloud Hosting Services

Consideration and Approval of Proposal for Private Cloud Hosting Services

This item was tabled.

7. Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2013**Consideration and Approval of
Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2013**

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis to present the item. Mr. Lewis informed the Board that the proposed budget amendment is to increase the Campus Technology line for Fiscal Year 2013.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garza to approve Budget Amendment #13-002 for Fiscal Year 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. García and carried unanimously. *Exhibit "A"*

8. Report of the First Quarter Financial Statements and Investment for FY 2013

Chairman Rendon called on Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis provided a brief report on the First Quarter Financial Statements and Investment Report for FY 2013. Mr. Lewis stated that the reports are provided for informational purposes only, and no action is required by the Board. *Exhibit "B"*

9. Executive Session as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.072 and Chapter 551.074.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:54 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:29 p.m.

10. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Consultation with Attorney on Pending Real Estate Issues, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code. The Real Property Discussion will address the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of Real Estate.

No action was taken.

Consultation with Attorney on Pending Personnel Issues, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code. The Deliberation may include a discussion of the Evaluation and Employment Contract of the

President, and the Board of Trustees' Appraisal Process.

No action was taken.

11. Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 6:30 p.m.



Mr. Francisco G. Rendon
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Trey Mendez, J. D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on February 21, 2013, is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at UTB/TSC Media Services. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Max E. Roca, Administrative Assistant. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KBSD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.