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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

September 14, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on September 14, 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, Dr. Roberto Robles and Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza. 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 Mr. Chester Gonzalez at 5:35 p.m.

1 Executive Session

As provided by Government Code, Chapter
551.072, 074

Personnel

Evaluation of the UTB/TSC President

Real Estate

Contract and Resolution for the Purchase of E.
18.5 ft. of Lot 5 and W. 20 ft. of Lot 6, Block
16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas
Discussion and Possible Action on Lot, 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-78.7240 Acres

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:10 p.m.

2 Consideration and Possible Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Evaluation of the UTB/TSC President

Mr. Gonzalez reported that the Board discussed Dr. García's performance for the previous year. He stated that the Board concurs that Dr. García has an excellent year filled with many accomplishments. Mr. Gonzalez also stated that Dr. García has continued to accomplish the mission of partnership between Texas Southmost College and the University of Texas in Brownsville by her work with the Futures Commission, student enrollment, recruitment of new faculty and research. Mr. Gonzalez announced that in the past year Dr. García has been presented the following honors:

- Named Top 20 Elite Hispanic Women by Hispanic Business Magazine
- Featured in a scholarly article to be published in the Harvard Educational Review on women university presidents
- Received an Honorary Doctorate from Brown University
- Received the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Award in Education

Mr. Gonzalez thanked Dr. García on behalf of the Board and the campus community for over 20 years of sustained leadership.

**Consideration and Possible Action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of E. 18.5 ft. of Lot 5 and W. 20 ft. of
Lot 6, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of East 18.5 feet of Lot 5 and West 20 feet of Lot 6, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas as presented; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "A"*

**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 Trevino Share 6 E 78.724 Acres**

No action was taken.

3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of
Regular Meeting August 17, 2006,
Public Hearing August 28, 2006,
Public Hearing August 31, 2006**

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2006, the Public Hearing of August 28, 2006 and the Public Hearing of August 31, 2006 as presented; seconded by Mr. Oliveira; motion carried unanimously.

4 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

5 Board Briefing

Certification Success in Education and Health Sciences

Dr. Charles Dameron, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Carl Stockton, Dean of the School of Education, and Dr. Eldon Nelson, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, to make a presentation on student pass rates on exit exams. Dr. Stockton explained that education students have to be certified by the State Board of Educator Certification. Dr. Stockton explained that 97% of the students that took the test passed the State Board of Educator Certification. Dr. Stockton announced that the education programs (graduate and undergraduate) with 100% passing rates for 2005-2006 academic year are the following: Art Education PK-12, Music Education PK-12, Kinesiology PK-12, School Counselor, ESL Generalist EC-4, Educational Diagnostician, English Language, Arts and Reading, Special Education, History/Social Studies, Mathematics, Reading, Spanish and LPC Professional Certification. Dr. Stockton stated that there were 261 undergraduate and 139 graduate degrees awarded in the School of Education during the 2005-2006

academic year. He also stated that the Teacher Education program had an enrollment of 4,707 students in the spring 2006 semester.

Dr. Nelson explained that in the School of Health Sciences two out of four nursing programs require national certification. Those programs are the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Vocational Nursing (VN). He stated that all five Allied Health Programs have professional certification/registry examinations, but are not necessary for employment. Those programs are: Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Lab Technician, Radiology Technician, and Respiratory Therapy. Dr. Nelson explained that the ADN pass rates for the NCLEX examination for 2006 is 88.73%, but it only represents $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year. Vocational nurses passed the National examination (NCLEX-PN) at 93.33 percent. In addition, the pass rates for EMT, Radiology Technology and Respiratory Therapy is 100%. Dr. Nelson explained that the growth of the programs in the School of Health Sciences is estimated to be 600% by year 2009. The reasons for success is due to the faculty mentoring the students, building on the strength of faculty in both teaching and research, commitment of campus and clinical communities and the addition of more clinical and full-time faculty in the School of Health Sciences.

6 2007 Capital Budget

Consideration and Possible Action on Budget Allocation for Maintenance Tax Notes, Refinanced Bonds and Bond Projects

Dr. Wayne Moore, Interim Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs, described the recommended budget allocation for capital projects.

Dr. Moore explained that the Maintenance Notes can be spent only for repairs and renovations to existing facilities. The funds cannot be spent for new construction or property acquisition. Funds from the refinancing of Combined Fee Revenue Bonds can be spent on new construction, property acquisition, as well as on repairs and renovations. The complete budget allocation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Campirano asked Dr. Moore to explain how the \$33.88 million Tution Revenue will benefit the School of Health Sciences with the shortage of space for the nursing students. Dr. Moore explained that some of the research area will be relocated to the Science and Engineering building to expand the nursing program in the Life Health and Science building. Dr. Moore explained that the TRB Bond will also fund the infrastructure heating and cooling capacity for the entire campus.

Mr. Campirano expressed his opposition to the reduction of the budget allocation for the renovations at the ITEC Campus from \$17 million to little over \$16 million. He clarified that his opposition was because the programming for the ITEC Campus renovations has not been completed and the budget is already being cut.

Mr. Oliveira stated that he feels very confident that the funding for the ITEC Campus renovations will be restored. Mr. Esparza stated that more than restoring the ITEC Campus renovations budget back to \$17 million, he was sure that the budget was going to increase.

Mr. Campirano said that he looked forward for the opportunity to come back to the Board to allocate more funds to the ITEC project in the future.

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the Budget Allocation for Maintenance Tax Notes, Refinanced Bonds and Bond Projects as presented; seconded by Mr. Oliveira; motion carried by four votes for and one vote against cast by Mr. Campirano. Exhibit "B"

7 Pedestrian Bridge

Consideration and Possible Action on Change Order #1 for Contract with Jamail Construction for Pedestrian Bridge

Dr. Moore reminded the Board that the contract for the pedestrian bridge project was approved on June 30, 2006. He explained that when the construction contract was approved, the design of the bridge was not finalized. This change order is not a result of an increase in price but is a result of the addition of 40 linear feet to the length of the bridge. Dr. Moore stated that the change order in the amount of \$56,310.56 includes the additional bridge length, wood painting and treatment, future conduit installation, payment and performance bonds and the company's overhead.

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to approve Change Order #1 for the Contract with Jamail Construction for the Pedestrian Bridge in the amount of \$56,310.56 as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "C"

8 Tax Rate

Consideration and Possible Action on TSC District 2006 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Dr. Moore explained that it is the third and final step required of the Board to set the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the coming year. He mentioned that the first step was to publish the notice of the effective and rollback rate calculations and that the second step was to hold two public hearings, which were conducted on August 28 and 31. Dr. Moore stated that the final step is to adopt the rates which are included in the resolutions. He explained that by adopting the resolutions, the Board will be setting a

rate that is higher than the Rollback Rate. Dr. Moore read the resolutions for the Maintenance and Operation tax rate which sets the rate at \$0.109955 per \$100 valuation and the resolution for the debt rate which sets the debt rate as follows: a debt rate of \$0.014585 for the 1987 tax bonds, a debt rate of \$0.009447 for the 2005 tax bonds, a debt rate of \$0.023581 for the 2006 tax bonds, and a debt rate of \$0.003521 for the Maintenance Tax Notes per \$100 valuation.

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira that taxes be increased by the adoption of the following rates: a tax rate of \$0.109955 for maintenance and operations, a debt rate of \$0.014585 for the 1987 tax bonds, a debt rate of \$0.009447 for the 2005 tax bonds, a debt rate of \$0.023581 for the 2006 tax bonds, and a debt rate of \$0.003521 for the Maintenance Tax Notes per \$100 valuation as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "D"*

9 TSC District Board Policies

Consideration and Possible Action on Second Reading: Policy IV – C.1: Sick Leave

Dr. Moore stated that this was the second reading of the policy IV – C.1: Sick Leave. This policy brings Texas Southmost College in accordance with The University of Texas at Brownsville and the state of Texas Policy.

A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to approve the amendment to Policy IV – C.1: Sick Leave as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. *Exhibit "E"*

10 Organization of the Board

Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira to reelect the current slate of officers of the Board of Trustees; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously.

The current Officers are: Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chair, Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, and Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary.

11 Committees of the Board

Consideration and possible action on Appointment of Trustees to Partnership Committees

Mr. Gonzalez appointed the following Board members to the Partnership Committees:

Academic Affairs Partnership Committee

Rosemary Breedlove
Roman "Dino" Esparza

Business Affairs Partnership Committee

Eduardo A. Campirano
David Oliveira

Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Committee

Rosemary Breedlove
Dolly Zimmerman

Student Affairs Partnership Committee

Dolly Zimmerman
Roberto Robles, M.D.

Partnership Advisory Committee

Chester Gonzalez
Rosemary Breedlove
Roberto Robles, M.D.

12 Third Quarter Financial and Investment Report

Ms. Nancy Saldaña, Assistant District Comptroller, presented the Financial and Investment reports. The report was for informational purposes only and required no action. *Exhibit "F"*

13 Bond Projects Report

Ms. Mendez reported that the first groundbreaking ceremony for one of the Bond construction projects was held on August 22nd. The groundbreaking was for the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Complex (REK). She stated that the event was well attended by members of the board of trustees, the University community and the community at large.

Ms. Mendez reported that the REK Complex construction continues to move along. She stated that the site will be filled with soil and compacted to prepare for drilling. The work is scheduled to continue through the month of October. Dr. García

mentioned that this building was very unique because there was some money raised by the students and it was combined with money that was raised by the bond issue.

Ms. Mendez stated that the Board Bond Advisory Committees will be scheduled in October to review the schematic designs for other bond projects.

14 Construction Report

Dr. Moore reported the following:

- There have been substantial changes to the Kraigher House, including new windows, roofing, new facia around the exterior and the interior and some wooden upgrades.
- Construction on the George Truan Sculpture Garden is underway. The bricks, pavers and landscaping will be installed very soon. There has been some delay with this project and the projects on campus because of the rain.
- The Port Mansfield Facility interior received a facelift and new appliances were installed.

15 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- Dr. García reported that the following endowments have been created at the University:

○ Breeden McCumber for Communication Majors	\$10,000
○ JE Dunn Construction Company	\$10,000
○ A.X. and Florestela Benavidez	\$10,000
○ Margarita de Luna Hinojosa	\$20,000
○ Sierra Title Co	\$25,000
○ In honor of Dr. Milo Kearney	\$20,000
○ For International Students	\$27,000
Total	\$122,000
- The El Paseo Arts Foundation in the South Padre-Laguna Madre area is sponsoring the UTB/TSC Master Chorale in a fund-raising concert, "Shamrocks and Apple Pie" Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 p.m. to help the group pay for their trip to Dublin, Ireland. The group has been invited to perform on St. Patrick's Day 2007 at the St. Patrick's Cathedral.

- Former Governor Ann Richards passed away on September 14, 2006. Honorable Richards led the South Texas Border Initiative and helped establish the UTB/TSC Partnership, among many other great accomplishments.

16 Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, October 26, 2006
Thursday, November 30, 2006
Thursday, December 21, 2006

Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the dates with the Board.

17 Announcements

- Mr. Gilberto Hernandez is the new UTB/TSC Chess Coach. Mr. Hernandez is from San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He obtained the prestigious title of National Master in Mexico at age 14 and at age 16 became the International Federation for Chess Master. He earned the title of International Master at age 19 and in 1995 was awarded the prestigious title of International Grand Master which is the highest title obtainable in the chess community. Mr. Hernandez has 15 years of coaching experience with players of all levels. He is married to another grand Master, Ms. Claudia Argentina, who until recently was a top rated female player in Latin America.
- Mr. Kevin Alford, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Brownsville, presented the board with the Beautification Award for the landscaping of the Education and Business Complex. He congratulated the Board and Dr. Garcia for continuing to beautify the campus.
- Mr. Ronnie Zamora has been appointed as Director for Sports Information, Marketing and Development. Mr. Zamora has been at UTB/TSC for 16 years, first as Director of Public Information and Director of Publications when the partnership was formed.
- Dr. Garcia will be in a special NBC broadcast of the 20th Anniversary of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Award Ceremony on Friday, October 6. Dr. Garcia was one of the five to be chosen as a 2006 Hispanic Heritage Awards Honoree.
- Dr. David McCullough, one of the most celebrated and readable historians, comes to UTB/TSC on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Science and Engineering and Technology Building for the 8th Annual Distinguish Lecture Series.

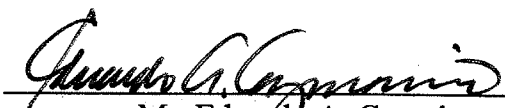
Adjournment

Ms. Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; all other trustees present concurred.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 8:50 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 September 14, 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.