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Minutes of the Board of Trustees Workshop

September 11, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session September 11, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chairman, Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Dr. Roberto Robles, and Mr. David Oliveira. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. Garcia, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Workshop

Call to Order

The workshop was called to order by Chairman Gonzalez at 5:39 p.m.

1 Discussion of Texas Southmost College Subsidy

Chairman Gonzalez introduced President Garcia to begin the discussion on the TSC Subsidy. President Garcia reminded the Board that at the time of the creation of the UTB/TSC Partnership, the TSC Board decided to subsidize the difference between the UTB and TSC tuition for in-district students to guarantee them access to higher education. She reported that although the subsidy has helped thousands of students earn college degrees; it has also been misused by others. Therefore, in an effort to enhance academic success for students with good academic performance, the staff has prepared a proposal for that ensures students' movement toward earning a baccalaureate degree.

President Garcia reviewed the new satisfactory academic progress (SAP) criteria which were recently implemented. The new SAP criteria require a minimum

cumulative 2.0 GPA and a cumulative 70% percent course completion rate. She stated that one of the expected effects of these criteria will be that students will only enroll for the courses they need, allowing others to register before classes are filled. Another expected effect of SAP is that there will be a savings in the amount of money needed to subsidize the tuition for in-district lower division students because they will enroll in fewer semester credit hours.


President García introduced Dr. José Martín, Provost, to present the staff's recommendation for the use of the unused funds. Dr. Martín stated that the current TSC Subsidy provides a \$19 tuition credit discount for each semester credit hour taken by in-district lower division students. The proposal is to convert the current TSC Subsidy into a TSC Trustees Scholarship to facilitate students' movement towards a baccalaureate degree and to extend the award to upper division in-district students who are able to register under SAP and are enrolled for of 15 semester credit hours.

The Board concurred with the staff's recommendation and asked that an item be placed on the September Board agenda to take formal action on the creation of the new TSC Trustees Scholarship.


Mr. Gonzalez announced that the next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorgas Board Room, Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College.

Adjournment

The workshop was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 7:20 p.m.



Mr. Chester Gonzalez
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano
Secretary, Board of Trustees

The minutes for the Board of Trustees Workshop on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 were taken and transcribed by Gloria Miranda, Administrative Assistant for the Office of the Vice President for Partnership Affairs.