



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA BOOK

February 23-24, 2017

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Mr. Mickey L. Long, Chairman

Mr. John D. Esparza

Mr. L. Frederick "Rick" Francis

Mr. Ron Hammonds

Mr. Christopher M. Huckabee

Mr. Tim Lancaster

Mr. J. Michael Lewis*

Mr. John D. Steinmetz

Mr. John B. Walker*

Mr. Jeremy W. Stewart, Student-Regent

Standing Committees:

Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs:

Tim Lancaster (Chair); Rick Francis; John Esparza; Jeremy Stewart

Audit:

John Steinmetz (Chair); John Esparza; Ron Hammonds

Facilities:

Chris Huckabee (Chair); John Steinmetz

Finance and Administration:

Rick Francis (Chair); Tim Lancaster

(*Pending confirmation of their appointment.)

AGENDA

Board of Regents Meeting

Lubbock, Texas

February 23-24, 2017

Abbreviated Agenda with Approximate Times*

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Meeting of the Board/Committee of the Whole

8:30 am	<p>Call to Order; convene Meeting of the Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swearing-in of newly appointed regents (if necessary) • Officer Elections (if necessary) • Workshop / Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TTUHSC ○ ASU <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas</p>
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Meeting of Standing Committees (Conducted sequentially)

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1:30 pm (after a lunch break or after recess of the Meeting of the Board/Retreat)	Facilities Committee Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue
2:00 pm (or upon adjournment of the Facilities Cmte. meeting)	Finance and Administration Committee Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue
2:40 pm (or upon adjournment of the Finance Cmte. meeting)	Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue
3:10 pm (or upon adjournment of the ACS Cmte. meeting)	Audit Committee Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue

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3:45 pm (or upon adjournment of the Audit Cmte. meeting or whenever deemed necessary)	Call to Order; reconvene Meeting of the Board Meeting of the Committee of the Whole and the Board Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas
3:45 pm	Executive Session Location: Red Raider Lounge (Room 119), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas
5:00 pm	Following Executive Session, convene into Open Session, and Meeting of the Committee of the Whole and the Board Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas
5:00 pm	Recess

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Friday, February 24, 2017

Meeting of the Board

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| 8:30 am | <p>Call to Order; reconvene Meeting of the Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and Recognitions • Meeting of the Committee of the Whole and the Board, or continuation of meetings of the Standing Committees of the Board, if necessary <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor,
Student Union Building, 15th Street and
Akron Avenue</p> |
| 9:30 am | <p>Executive Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Red Raider Lounge (Room 119), First
Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and
Akron Avenue</p> |
| 11:30 am | <p>Following Executive Session, convene into Open Session, and Meeting of the Committee of the Whole and the Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor,
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Akron Avenue</p> |
| 11:30 am | <p>Adjournment</p> |

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Red Raider Lounge (Room 119) and
Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building,
15th Street and Akron Avenue,
Lubbock, Texas

I. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; convene into Open Session of the Board

- A. Swearing-in Ceremony for newly appointed regents (if necessary)..... Regent Lancaster
- A. Board Officer Elections (if necessary) Chairman Long
- B. Workshop/Retreat: The Board will meet as a Committee of the Whole in a workshop/retreat forum for strategic planning purposes. It is not anticipated that any formal action or decisions will result from these discussions.
 - 1. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center..... President Mitchell
 - 2. Angelo State University President May

II. Recess Chairman

III. Meeting of Standing Committees

Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

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matters permissible under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including:

- a. Consultation with Attorney — Section 551.071.
 - b. Discussion of personnel matters – Section 551.074.
3. Open Session: At the conclusion of Executive Session, the committee will convene into Open Session in the Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, to consider appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.
4. Adjournment

IV. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; reconvene into Open Session of the BoardChairman

V. Executive Session: The Board may convene into Executive Session in the Red Raider Lounge (Room 119), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue to consider matters permissible under Chapter 551 of the *Texas Government Code*, including, for example:Chairman

- A. Consultation with attorney regarding privileged communications, pending or contemplated litigation and settlement negotiations – Section 551.071
- B. Deliberations regarding real property: The purchase, lease, exchange, or value of real property – Section 551.072
- C. Deliberations regarding prospective gifts – Section 551.073
- D. Personnel matters: Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of employees – Section 551.074
- E. Deliberations regarding security devices—deployment of security personnel or devices – Section 551.076

VI. Open Session: The Board will reconvene in Open Session in the Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th

Street and Akron Avenue and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board to consider and act on:

- A. Consideration of appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session..... Vice Chairman

VII. Recess Chairman

Friday, February 24, 2017
Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building,
15th Street and Akron Avenue,
Lubbock, Texas

VIII. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; reconvene into Open Session of the Board

- IX. Introductions and Recognitions** Chancellor Duncan,
 President May,
 President Schovanec
 President Mitchell, and
 President Lange

- X. Recess** (if necessary, for standing committees to meet; otherwise continue in Open Session (XIII.))

XI. Meeting of Standing Committees (if not concluded on Thursday)

XII. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; reconvene into Open Session of the Board (only if the Meeting of the Board was recessed to conduct committee meetings)

XIII. Open Session: The Board will continue in Open Session and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board to consider and act on:

- A. Approve minutes of board meetings held on December 15-16, 2016 Chairman
- B. Committee of the Whole..... Vice Chairman

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1.	ASU, TTU, TTUHSC, TTUHSC El Paso, TTUSA and TTUS: Approve Consent Agenda; acknowledge review of Information Agenda	7

Consent Agenda

- a. TTU: Approve faculty development leaves of absence (ACS)
- b. TTU: Approve employee appointment to non-elective position (ACS)
- c. ASU: Approve commissioning of police officers (FA)
- d. TTU: Approve commissioning of police officers (FA)
- e. TTUHSC El Paso: Authorize president to execute consulting contract with Athena Ed, LLC (FA)
- f. TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Approve purchasing contracts in excess of \$1,000,000 per annum (FA)
- g. TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC, TTUHSC El Paso and ASU: Approve delegation of signature authority (FA)

Information Agenda

Information is provided as required by Section 01.02.7.d(4)(c), *Regents' Rules*

- (1) ASU, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Summary of Revenues and Expenditures by Budget Category, FY 2017, per Section 01.02.8.d(3)(g), *Regents' Rules* – All actual expenditures will be reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee annually and provided as information.
- (2) TTU: Consulting contracts with an initial consideration of \$25,000 or less per Section 07.12.4.e.(2), *Regents' Rules* – “(a) Board approval is not required, but notice of the proposed contract must be provided to the chair and the chair of the Finance and Administration Committee prior to execution of the contract. (b) A report of the contract shall be provided as an Information Agenda item at the next board meeting.”
- (3) TTU: Report on establishment of new centers and institutes per Section 04.11.2., *Regents' Rules* – “The establishment or substantive restructuring of a center, institute, or other academic unit or program not addressed in Section 04.11.1 herein shall be approval by the president, with notice provided

to the board via an item in the information Agenda for the next meeting of the board.”

XIV. Reports of Standing Committees: Standing Committee reports will be presented sequentially to the Committee of the Whole.

- A. Report of the Facilities CommitteeRegent Huckabee
- B. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee..... Regent Francis
- C. Report of the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee..... Regent Lancaster
- D. Report of the Audit Committee Regent Steinmetz

XV. The Board will continue in Open Session as the Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board of Regents.

- A. Schedule for Board meetings:
 May 18-19, 2017, Lubbock
 August 10-11, 2017, Lubbock
 October 20, 2017, Lubbock
 December 14-15, 2017, Lubbock Ben Lock
- B. The Chancellor’s Report Chancellor Duncan
- C. The President’s Report, TTU President Schovanec
- D. The President’s Report, TTUHSC El Paso..... President Lange

XVI. Executive Session: The Board may convene into Executive Session, in the Red Raider Lounge (Room 119), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, to consider matters permissible under Chapter 551 of the *Texas Government Code*, including, for example:Chairman

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XVII. Open Session: The Board will convene into Open Session in the Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board to consider and act on:

- A. Consideration of appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session Vice Chairman
- B. Chairman’s Announcements Chairman

XVIII. Adjournment Chairman

FACILITIES

Facilities Committee

Committee Meeting
February 23, 2017

Time: 1:30 pm (or after a lunch break or upon recess of the Meeting of the Board/Retreat)

Place: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Regents: Huckabee (Chair), Steinmetz

Agenda

- Approve minutes of committee meetings held on December 15, 2016
- III.A.** Consideration of items to be recommended by the Facilities Committee to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System (“TTUS”) for and on behalf of Angelo State University (“ASU”), TTUS, the TTU System Administration (“TTUSA”), Texas Tech University (“TTU”), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (“TTUHSC”), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (“TTUHSC El Paso”)

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NOTE: Following consideration of the above items by the committee, the Committee Chair will present the Committee Report to the full Board of Regents for its consideration on Friday, February 24, 2017.

1. ASU: Approve scope expansion and budget increase to the new Press Box project at the LeGrand (Football) Stadium.

Presenter: Mr. Michael Molina & Dr. Brian May Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 08.01.3, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to (i) expand the project scope and increase the project budget for the new Press Box at the LeGrand (Football) Stadium at 1st Community Credit Union Field by \$476,000 for a total project budget of \$3,976,000; (ii) report the project change to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; (iii) amend the design professional contract; (iv) complete the contract documents; and (v) amend the construction contract. The budget increase will be funded with a gift-in-hand.

The chancellor further recommends that the president be authorized to negotiate and execute any and all agreements with city, state, and county agencies, utility companies and other entities required to successfully complete the project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In February 2016, the Board of Regents approved a project to plan, design, and construct a new Press Box at the LeGrand (Football) Stadium at 1st Community Credit Union Field with a total budget of \$3,000,000. The project will demolish the existing Press Box building and construct a new 3-story Press Box building. The new 6,660 gross square foot facility will house concessions area, men's, women's, and unisex restrooms, VIP Suites, Press & Game Officials' Boxes, Coaches' Box, elevator & stairwells, MPE/utility rooms, and roof-top video deck.

Then in August 2016, the Board of Regents approved expansion of the project scope and increased the project budget by \$500,000 for a total budget of \$3,500,000. The project budget increase covered modifications to (1) the window design that provided improved sight lines; (2) enhanced ADA access within the suites; and (3) provided additional elevator stops to accommodate all visitors with total access to the concession area and the suites.

The proposed project budget increase will cover modifications to (1) provide full brick façade to roof in lieu of the Exterior Insulation and Finish System ("EIFS") (incurring additional façade costs); (2) relocation of the building pad 4' to the west (incurring additional earthwork costs); (3) three-story emergency stair structure for egress purposes (incurring additional structural costs); (4) increased elevator size and capacity for emergency responders (incurring additional elevator and structural costs); and (5) design professional costs for associated changes.

The vice president for finance and administration has verified the source of funds.

2. ASU: Approve a project to construct Centennial Village - Phase II.

Presenter: Mr. Michael Molina

Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 08.01.3, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to (i) proceed with a project to plan, design, and construct Centennial Village - Phase II project with a total budget of \$14,500,000; (ii) report the project to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; (iii) complete the contract documents; (iv) waive the use of a Construction Manager Agent; and (v) amend the Design-Build contract. The project will be funded through the Revenue Finance System ("RFS") to be repaid from Residence Life Revenues. The total budget includes the previously authorized budget from Residence Life Revenues (\$813,174 cash).

It is further recommended that the Board acknowledge that it expects to pay expenditures in connection with the construction of the project prior to the issuance of obligations to finance the project, and in that respect, the Board finds that the reimbursement for the payments of such expenditures will be appropriate and consistent with the lawful objectives of the Texas Tech University System, and as such, declare its intention, in accordance with the provisions of *Treasury Regulations*, Section 1.150-2, to reimburse itself for original expenditures, advanced in connection with the design, planning and construction of a new project an aggregate maximum principal amount expected to be \$13,686,826.

The chancellor further recommends that the president be authorized to negotiate and execute any and all agreements with city, state, and county agencies, utility companies and other entities required to successfully complete the project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The project will construct a three-story, 45,750 GSF addition with 162 beds to the Centennial Village Residence Hall located on the west side of the Angelo State University campus. The addition will match the current architecture style and will house 4-bedroom suites with two bathrooms per suite. The suites will also include a small living area and a kitchenette equipped with sink, microwave and a full sized refrigerator. Resident Assistant ("RA") units will also be included as per the Residence Life requirements. The project will attach to the existing Centennial Village as per the initial plan concept and should include study areas, corridors, stairways, elevators and other common areas as required. Utility infrastructure, landscape enhancements, and public art are included in the project.

The vice president for finance and administration has verified the source of funds.

3. TTU: Approve a project to construct the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts – Maedgen Theatre Addition project.

Presenter: Mr. Michael Molina

Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 08.01.3, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to (i) proceed with a project to plan, design, and construct the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts – Maedgen Theatre Addition project with a total project budget of \$23,000,000; (ii) report the project to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; (iii) amend the Design Professional contract, (iv) amend the Construction Manager Agent contract; and (v) amend the Construction Manager at Risk contract. The project will be funded through the Revenue Finance System ("RFS") to be repaid with Higher Education Assistance Funds (HEAF) (\$10,000,000), a single donation (\$10,000,000), and gifts and donations to be acquired by Institutional Advancement but secured by HEAF until gift funds have been confirmed (\$3,000,000). The total budget includes the previously authorized budget from HEAF (\$504,839 cash), institutional cash (\$159,000), and gifts (\$336,160 cash).

It is further recommended that the board acknowledge that it expects to pay expenditures in connection with the construction of the project prior to the issuance of obligations to finance the project and, in that respect, the board finds that the reimbursement for the payments of such expenditures will be appropriate and consistent with the lawful objectives of the Texas Tech University System, and, as such, declare its intention, in accordance with the provisions of *Treasury Regulations*, Section 1.150-2, to reimburse itself for original expenditures, advanced in connection with the design, planning and construction of a project with an aggregate maximum principal amount expected to be \$12,000,000.

The chancellor further recommends that the president be authorized to negotiate and execute any and all agreements with city, state, and county agencies, utility companies and other entities required to successfully complete the project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts ("TCVPA") at Texas Tech University offers high quality programs and courses in art, music, theatre, and dance aimed to prepare students to be leaders in their professions by employing the highest standards in performance, teaching, research, and artistic and creative vision. In addition, the College contributes to the cultural enrichment in the arts locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

The TCVPA Master Plan completed in June 2013 identified needs for the Theatre, Dance, Music, Art and administrative offices in the College. The proposed construction projects will provide labs, classrooms/rehearsal spaces and office space for the programs to support the past growth and future development of these undergraduate arts programs, success in achieving Graduate degrees, and will foster interdisciplinary collaboration, research and creativity.

The Theatre Department has immediate needs to alleviate overcrowding, theatrical and life safety concerns, and accessibility issues as well as program deficiencies. Addressing these issues are critical for the Department to not only conduct its programs and graduate students on time, but also to meet the accreditation requirements of National Association of Schools of Theatre ("NAST").

The project will construct approximately 50,000 GSF, two-story addition to the north side of the Maedgen Theatre building including a lobby, black box theatre, classrooms, rehearsal spaces, back of house space, dressing/makeup spaces, green room, expansion of the scene shop, a CADD lab, faculty/staff offices with support spaces, and an administrative suite. Also included will be site work, utility infrastructure, landscape enhancements, and public art.

The vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer has verified the source of funds.

4. TTU: Approve naming of indoor arena at Texas Tech Equestrian Center.

Presenter: Mr. Michael Molina & Dr. Michael Galyean Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 08.05.1.d, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve naming of the indoor arena within the Texas Tech Equestrian Center as, "The Kris Wilson Fearless Champion Arena." The family of Dr. Wilson concurs with the naming of this interior space. Appropriate signage will specify the approved name.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Kris Wilson received his Ph.D. from the animal science department at Texas Tech University and then served as an assistant professor for three years before leaving to manage two historic ranches in this region. Although he had a brief time at Texas Tech University, his impact was tremendous. He led the horse judging team to a national championship. He created the ranch horse team and program and won national championships with them. After leaving, he continued as a volunteer to help grow the ranch horse program and became an active member of the equine advisory board.

Dr. Wilson's life changed dramatically when he was diagnosed with cancer in 2013. Nonetheless, he arguably had the greatest impact on people's lives while he was physically struggling in a way many of us may never experience. He chose to use this life event to reach out to people and help them. He established the Western Faithbook Facebook page which now has over 9,000 members as a means to encourage people in their Christian faith and pray for those who are hurting. Shortly before he passed away he published a devotional entitled, "I'll Drop You Off: A 40-Day Devotional for Cowboys." And he continued to support equestrian programs in many different ways.

Kris Wilson passed away in 2016. Because of the imprint that he left on many lives at Texas Tech University, in the State of Texas, and across the nation, as well as his efforts to establish the premier ranch horse program in the country, it is fitting to name the indoor arena at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center the "Kris Wilson Fearless Champion Arena." An endowment has been established in his honor and memory to support the equestrian center.

Regents' Rules, Section 08.05.1.d. states that "Subunits of buildings (auditoriums, offices, reading rooms, libraries, conference rooms, laboratories, and so forth) may be named after an individual who, as an employee, has provided exemplary service to the TTU system or who, as a volunteer, has avidly

pursued a program of excellence for a department, school, or college or for the TTU system, the State of Texas, or the United States of America.”

5. TTUS: Report on Facilities Planning and Construction projects.

Presenter: Mr. Michael Molina

Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Report requested by: Board of Regents

Mr. Michael Molina, Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction, TTUS, will present a report on Facilities Planning and Construction managed projects.



FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Finance and Administration Committee

Committee Meeting
February 23, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm (or upon adjournment of the Facilities Committee meeting)

Place: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Regents: Francis (Chair), Lancaster

Agenda

- Approve minutes of committee meetings held on December 15, 2016

III.B. Consideration of items to be recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System (“TTUS”) for and on behalf of Angelo State University (“ASU”), TTUS, the TTU System Administration (“TTUSA”), Texas Tech University (“TTU”), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (“TTUHSC”), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (“TTUHSC El Paso”)

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7. Adjournment

NOTE: Following consideration of the above items by the committee, the Committee Chair will present the Committee Report to the full Board of Regents for its consideration on Friday, February 24, 2017.

1. TTU: Approve budget adjustments for the period December 15, 2016 through February 24, 2017.

Presenter: Mrs. Noel Sloan

Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 07.04.4.a., *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve a budget adjustment for the period December 15, 2016 through February 24, 2017.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY – BOARD APPROVAL ITEM
(December 15, 2016 – February 24, 2017)

Activity	Source of Funds		Expense
	Other	Income	
<u>Board Approval</u>			
Athletics projects	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000
This budget adjustment requests approval for \$2,500,000 from Athletics fund balance to be used for the following projects: (1) \$1,500,000 to turf football practice fields, and (2) \$1,000,000 to renovate football training facility locker room.			
Total	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 07.04.4.a., *Regents' Rules*, requires Board approval of budget adjustments that exceed certain limits or pertain to certain types of activities or transactions.

2. TTU: Authorize a Solar Energy Power Purchase and Research Agreement, including grant of right of access and use of site, for Texas Tech University's Junction campus.

Presenters: Mr. Michael Molina & Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.d, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents:

- (i) Authorize the president or the president's designee to negotiate and execute a Solar Energy Power Purchase and Research Agreement ("PPA") with Sun Action Trackers, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SAT"), which grants rights to Texas Tech University ("TTU") to access and use SAT's hardware, data, and solar energy for TTU's research purposes (primary benefit) and Junction campus energy requirements (secondary benefit), and conversely grants SAT access to and use of certain land located on Texas Tech University's Junction campus so SAT may install, operate, and maintain a solar powered electric generating system ("Solar Energy System").
 - a. The terms of TTU's grant to SAT of rights of access to and use of the Site may be contained within the PPA or in a separate Site license agreement.
 - b. The general location of the Site is depicted on **Exhibit A**, and includes total of up to 3 acres, to be used as follows: 1.5 acres for the solar installation footprint, plus up to 1.5 acres for SAT's access to the System and possible future expansion of the Solar Energy System (with any future expansion contingent upon mutual agreement of TTU and SAT).
 - c. A preliminary depiction of the proposed layout of the Solar Energy System is contained on **Exhibit B**. The proposed layout is subject to change based on Solar Energy System design work that will be performed after a contract is in place.
 - d. Allowing SAT to construct and operate the Solar Energy System on the Site will benefit Texas Tech University by:
 - 1. furthering Texas Tech University's research mission's increasing emphasis on sustainability and alternative energy, and advancing the Junction campus' focus on field research through research and development of solar energy (initial

- proposed System-related research projects are described in Exhibit C);
2. promoting Texas Tech University's Outdoor School STEM-based Renewable Energy curriculum by the addition of the Solar Energy System to its Junction Campus Discovery Point Demonstration Trail; and
 3. reducing energy costs for the Junction campus (estimated cost savings between \$9,000 and \$13,000 annually); and
- (ii) authorize the TTU System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction to coordinate the Solar Energy System's site location, plans, and construction, and approve Site landscaping plans.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1. How This Opportunity Arose:** Sun Action Trackers, LLC ("SAT") approached Texas Tech University ("TTU") with a request for access to land on TTU's Junction campus for the installation of the Solar Energy System to further research and development of solar energy.
- 2. Benefits to SAT; No Sale of Power by SAT to Third Parties:** SAT will benefit from the installation through testing and certification of its Solar Energy System at an ideal location, and expects to realize environmental tax incentives. All power generated by the Solar Energy System will be provided to TTU. No power will be sold to third parties either by SAT or TTU.
- 3. Access to Site; Solar Energy System Design Plan:** TTU will permit access to the land for installation, maintenance of the Solar Energy System, and associated solar energy research, all of which will be funded entirely by SAT. As depicted on Exhibit A, the Solar Energy System is expected to consist of seven rows of solar modules, one of which will be dedicated to TTU's research needs and contain a motor and tracking device. The actual configuration of the Solar Energy System will not be known until design plans are complete. Design plans will only be prepared once the PPA is in place.
- 4. No cost to TTU:** TTU will not be responsible for any costs for installation, operations, maintenance, landscaping, or insurance. In exchange for use of the land, SAT will (i) provide TTU with sole control over a portion of the Solar Energy System, so that TTU may conduct its own research; and (ii) generate up to half of the electric power required by the Junction campus, in the form of sustainable energy at a discounted rate.
- 5. Procurement Method:** TTU evaluated and approved the Solar Energy System as a proprietary purchase based on SAT's patent for unique real time sensory technology.

6. Term of PPA: The initial term of the PPA will be fifteen years from the date the Solar Energy System is operational ("Initial Term"). The term for TTU's grant of a right of access and use to the Site to SAT will begin before the Initial Term to permit SAT access needed to install the Solar Energy System. The PPA and right of access and use of the Site may be extended for two optional five-year renewal periods (each a "Renewal Term"), if agreed upon by TTU and SAT prior to the end of the Initial or then current Renewal Term.

7. Site Acreage: While the Site as described in this Agenda item reflects approximately 3 acres, the actual footprint of the Solar Energy System is expected to cover approximately 1.5 acres. The additional 1.5 acres will in part be used to permit SAT access to the Solar Energy System required for installation, operation, and maintenance of the Solar Energy System, and, with mutual agreement of the parties, to permit for the possible future expansion of the Solar Energy System.

8. Site Beautification: In consultation with the TTU System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction, and subject to its approval of site beautification design plans, SAT will landscape the Site in a way that preserves the beauty of the Site at no cost to TTU.

9. TTU Ability to Terminate PPA: TTU will have the ability to terminate the PPA early for three reasons: (1) if SAT USA, LLC has not commenced the installation of the Solar Project within six months of the date the PPA is executed; (2) upon an event of default that remains uncured; or (3) if, due to extenuating circumstances beyond TTU's control, the installation must be removed. While TTU expects research activities will continue to grow beyond the initial projects referenced in Exhibit B, after a period of seven years has elapsed, if TTU determines continued utilization of the Solar Energy System for research is not necessary, SAT will continue to provide power to TTU for the remaining term at no cost in lieu of paying rent.

10. Assignability of PPA by TTU: TTU may assign the PPA and ancillary right of access and use in the event it transfers, sells, or conveys the Site. Any assignee will enjoy the same benefits TTU is entitled to receive under the PPA.

11. Energy Cost Savings to TTU: The parties estimate the Solar Energy System will supply between 33% and 50% of TTU's power needs in Junction. In 2014, TTU spent \$44,890 on electricity at the Junction campus for approximately 448,890 kWh. The Solar Energy System is anticipated to generate approximately 200,000 kWh annually; however, the exact amount cannot be guaranteed due to weather and shut-downs required for testing and maintenance. TTU will pay SAT \$0.035 per kWh for power generated by the Solar Energy System, all of which will be delivered to TTU. Based on 50% of Junction's power being provided by the Solar Energy System, TTU's cost for the estimated power generated by the Solar Energy System would be \$7,000, a savings of approximately \$13,000 per year on electric

utilities. The rate per kWh for any Renewal Term will be negotiated, but any increase will be capped at 2%.

12. TTU's Option to Purchase the Solar Energy System: Prior to expiration of the PPA, TTU will have the option to purchase the Solar Energy System for the then fair market value of the Solar Energy System. TTU must exercise its option not more than twelve months but not less than nine months prior to the expiration of the PPA. If TTU does not exercise its option, the PPA will expire and SAT, at its expense, will decommission the Solar Energy System, and remediate the Site.

Section 07.12.3.d, *Regents' Rules* require board approval on contracts that involve a sale or lease of land and/or improvements thereon, or a commitment of funds or other resources for more than four years.

Attachments:

Exhibit A Diagram of Junction Campus with scale representation of 3 acre Site

Exhibit B Preliminary layout diagram dated 11/8/2016

Exhibit C Proposed Research Projects

EXHIBIT A



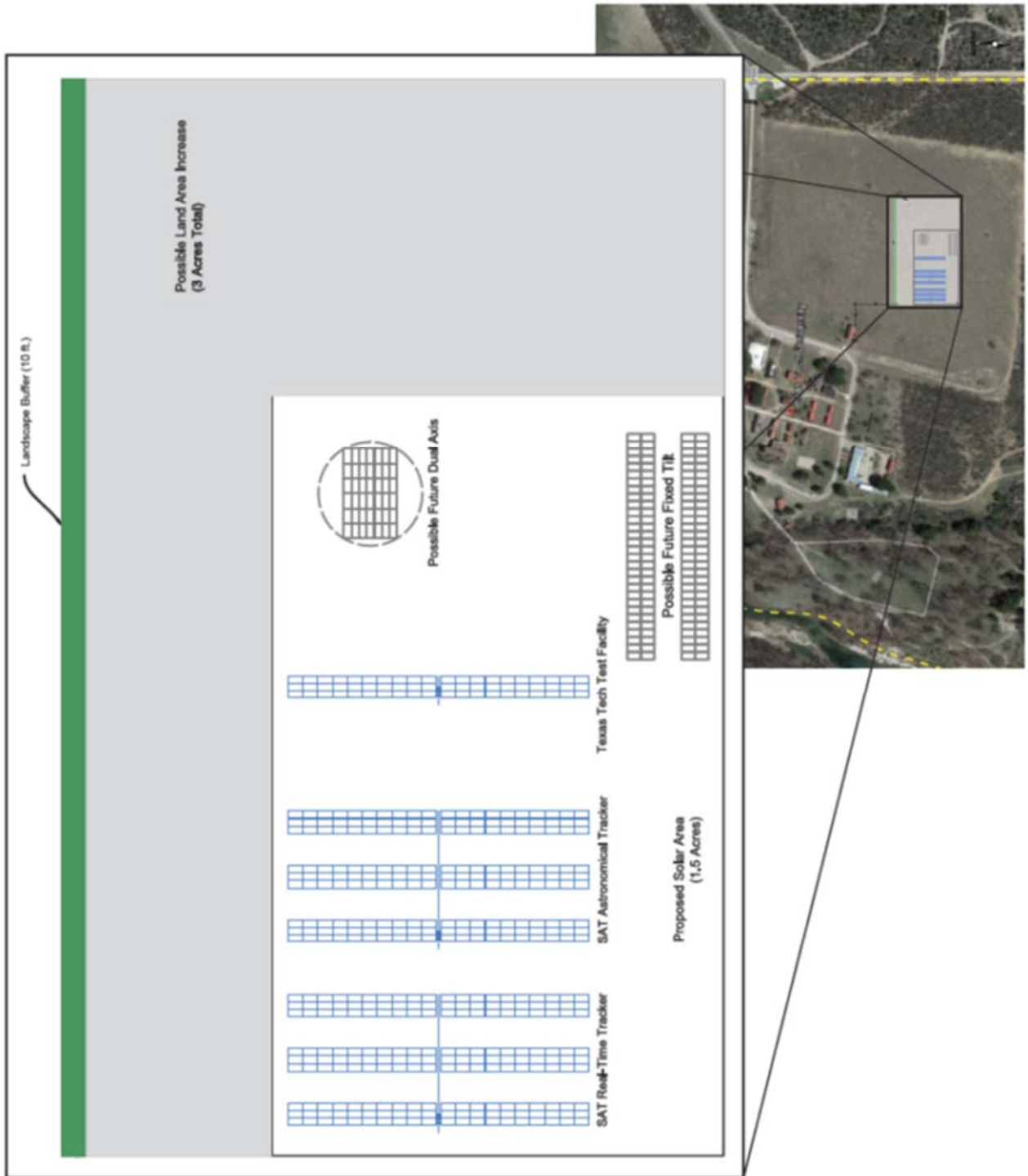
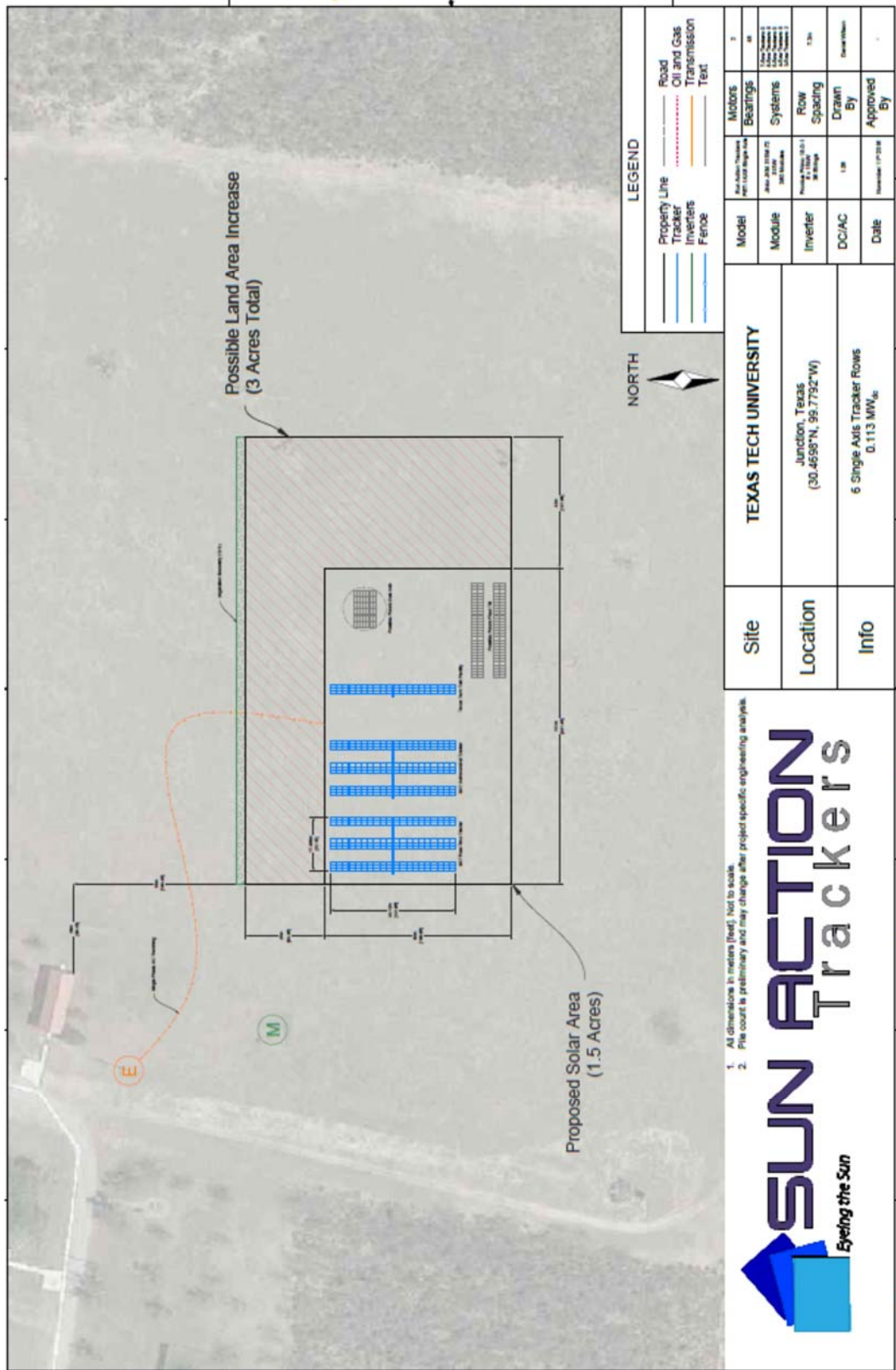


EXHIBIT B



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EXHIBIT C

Paru USA, LLC TTU Junction Campus Solar Array Test Bed Research Concepts

*Stephen Ekwaro-Osire: College of Engineering Research Coordination of Test Bed
Solar Research Interests*

1. Modeling and Data analysis of Grid connected solar system Stephen Bayne _ Solar Tracker (stephen.bayne@ttu.edu)

The following research tasks will be conducted on the project

- Develop a PSCAD model for the grid
- Develop a PSCAD model of the solar system and the power electronics
- Deploy a PMU to the solar system
- Conduct analysis on PMU data
- Conduct steady state and transient analysis on the system
- Conduct economic analysis of the system

Support

- \$50K/year
- Software support PSCAD \$10K

2. Solar Panels (Photo-Voltaic, PV Arrays) operation mode analysis: Michael Giesselmann (michael.giesselmann@ttu.edu)

- Operated at a fixed angle toward the sun (facing south on the northern hemisphere)
- Mounted on a frame that tracks the azimuth of the sun from sunrise to sunset in one axis
- Mounted on a frame that tracks both the azimuth as well as the elevation of the sun from sunrise to sunset in two axes.

Tracking the sun and be achieved by using an optical sensor to find the brightest spot in the sky and following it. This usually works great if the sun is not obscured by clouds. However sun tracking sensors [1] are not optimal if the sun is partially or totally obscured by clouds. In these cases the PV arrays can be positioned by an algorithm that uses GPS location and precise time of day to position the panel using known astronomical data of the sun's movement across the sky. A combination of algorithm and sensor based tracking may yield previously unmatched results.

We are proposing to improve the performance of solar tracking approaches and algorithms by combining the advantages of algorithm based and sensor based tracking. In particular we are proposing to conduct the following research:

- Survey the available Sun Tracking Sensors and their performance
- Study the performance of algorithm based tracking vs. sensor based tracking

- Design a control algorithm for a hybrid, sensor based and algorithm based tracking system
- Test the performance of a hybrid, sensor based and algorithm based tracking system

Resources needed:

- Access to hardware and data from Suntracker field site
- Graduate student at \$50k/year

References:

[1] D. Fontani, P. Sansoni, F. Francini, D. Jafrancesco, L. Mercatelli, and E. Sani, "Pointing Sensors and Sun Tracking Techniques", International Journal of Photoenergy, Volume 2011 (2011), Article ID 806518, 9 pages, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2011/806518>

3. Storage of Solar Energy as Chemical Fuels Theodore Wiesner PhD PE (ted.wiesner@ttu.edu)

Use power from solar panels to synthesize carbon-free chemical energy vectors such as hydrogen and ammonia through photoelectrochemistry.

- Improved photoreactor designs
- Improved photocatalysts
- Improved photoelectrode designs

Enhanced Collection Efficiency of Solar Collectors

- Light focusing on semiconductors using noble metal plasmonics.
- Maximal harvesting of available insolation through optimal sun tracking.
 - Algorithms incorporating model predictive control + chemometrics (overlap here with project by Michael Giesselmann).

Resources Required:

- Access to power from solar panels
- Ability to modify panels on arrays dedicated to TTU research.
- \$50k/year grad student support
- \$10k/yr software and supplies.

4. GLEAMM

On January 13, 2015, TTU received a \$13 million dollar award from the State of Texas Emerging Technology Fund (currently operating under the Office of the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism), to support research and innovation through TTU's Global Laboratory for Energy Asset Management and Manufacturing ("GLEAMM") project, a program aimed at increasing research, innovation and revenue related to microgrid, renewable energy, cybersecurity and other electricity grid modernization initiatives.

In connection with the award, TTU must complete many milestones. One GLEAMM project milestone could be satisfied through the deployment of a phasor measurement unit at or near the Junction Campus solar test bed site.

3. TTUHSC: Authorize president to execute contract to redesign and upgrade network infrastructure.

Presenter: Dr. Chip Shaw

Presentation Time: 5 Minutes

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.a. *Regent's Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents authorize the president to execute contracts with JANUS Software, Inc., d/b/a JANUS Associates, Adaptive Technology Systems and Juniper Networks to redesign and upgrade network infrastructure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC") recognizes the need to redesign and upgrade the network infrastructure across all campuses.

In May of 2016, TTUHSC engaged Janus Associates to evaluate the existing network infrastructure for redesign and upgrades to support future growth. The assessment was completed in the fall of 2016 and provided recommendations to redesign and update the network infrastructure. The recommendations specifically focused on improved monitoring, reducing network complexity, more effective configuration and change management controls, increased network resiliency, enhanced ability to perform root cause analysis, and improved network security. This functionality is important and critical to the current and future TTUHSC environment.

The implementation of the network infrastructure redesign and upgrade project is anticipated to take up to two years to complete and will involve all TTUHSC campuses in addition to multiple vendors as follows:

1. Network personnel with experience in redesigning and architecting network infrastructure will be contracted through JANUS Software, Inc., d/b/a JANUS Associates (JANUS) through U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) contract: GSA Schedule 70, GS-35F-471BA. Total Cost: \$422,500
2. Network equipment will be procured through Adaptive Technology Systems (ATS) on The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) contract 1071615. Total Cost: \$3,647,400
3. Juniper Networks equipment will be procured through the DIR-TSO-2641 contract. Total Cost: \$232,500

Total project cost is \$4,302,400 plus \$120,000 for travel and other expenses. HEAF will be used to fund \$3,822,400 and \$600,000 will be funded through operating expense.

Section 07.12.3.a. *Regent's Rules*, requires Board approval on contracts that involve a stated or implied consideration that totals in excess of \$1,000,000 over the entire term of the contract, unless a different consideration is specified by this policy.

4. TTUHSC El Paso: Authorize president to execute contract with University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City and Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine at Ho Chi Minh City.

Presenter: Richard A. Lange, M.D., M.B.A.

Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 07.12, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents authorize the president to execute a contract with the University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City and Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine at Ho Chi Minh City

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso ("TTUHSC El Paso") partnered with University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City and Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine at Ho Chi Minh City in January 2017 to provide support for the faculty development program to support the new competency-based curriculum of undergraduate and graduate medical-education and the development and the standardization of a clinical simulation center. Both Vietnamese universities have a mission to educate and train healthcare professionals for the southern provinces of Vietnam and to promote the development of health sciences and research in the field of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Public Health, Traditional Medicine and Nursing, and Medical Technology.

TTUHSC El Paso has the qualifications to support both universities and their initiatives which include the following:

- 1) Implementing a new competency-based medical curriculum of the undergraduate medical education with the early and effective integration of clinical simulation in pre-clinical years; and
- 2) Developing and establishing a clinical simulation center to support the new curriculum.

Both memorandum of understandings will be for a total value not to exceed \$204,312 and will be effective as of January 10, 2017 and will end on December 31, 2021.

5. **TTUS: Report on the TTUS Enterprise Risk Management Strategic Initiative.**

Presenters: Mr. Gary Barnes
Report requested by: Chancellor Duncan

Presentation Time: 10 minutes

Mr. Gary Barnes, Vice Chancellor and CFO, will provide an update on the TTU System's Enterprise Risk Management Strategic Initiative.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Update to the implementation of the Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") processes across the Texas Tech University System ("TTUS"). ERM is a comprehensive program to identify and proactively manage real and potential threats as well as opportunities that may affect TTUS component institutions.

6. TTUS: Report on the 2017 Bond Issuance.

Presenter: Mr. Gary Barnes
Report requested by: Chancellor Duncan

Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Mr. Gary Barnes, Vice Chancellor and CFO, will present a report on the 2017 issuance of Tuition Revenue Bonds and Revenue Financing System Bonds.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Follow up to the December 2016 approval of the 17th Supplemental Resolution to the Revenue Financing System Master Resolution adopted October 21, 1993. The 17th Supplemental Resolution authorized “the issuance, sale, and delivery of Board of Regents of Texas Tech University System Revenue Financing System Refunding and Improvement Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$420 million and approving and authorizing instruments and procedures relating thereto.”

**ACADEMIC,
CLINICAL AND
STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee

Committee Meeting
February 23, 2017

Time: 2:40 pm (or upon adjournment of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting)

Place: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Regents: Lancaster (Chair), Esparza, Francis, Stewart

Agenda

- Approve minutes of committee meeting held on December 15, 2016
- III.C.** Consideration of items to be recommended by the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System (“TTUS”) for and on behalf of Angelo State University (“ASU”), TTUS, the TTU System Administration (“TTUSA”), Texas Tech University (“TTU”), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (“TTUHSC”), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (“TTUHSC El Paso”)

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NOTE: Following consideration of the above items by the committee, the Committee Chair will present the Committee Report to the full Board of Regents for its consideration on Friday, February 24, 2017.

1. ASU: Approve changes in academic rank.

Presenter: Dr. Donald R. Topliff

Presentation Time: 2 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; ASU Operating Policy 06.23

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve the changes in academic rank for the following faculty of Angelo State University ("ASU") effective with the 2017-2018 academic year:

Timothy Bonenfant, D.M.A., associate professor to professor, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, College of Arts and Humanities;

Heather J. Braden, Ph.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Physical Therapy, Archer College of Health and Human Services;

R. Gary Pumphrey, Ph.D., associate professor to professor, Department of History, College of Arts and Humanities;

Christine L. Purkiss, Ed.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Teacher Education, College of Education; and

Scott Raines, D.M.A., associate professor to professor, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, College of Arts and Humanities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Those members of the faculty whose names appear above have been judged by the appropriate department and college committees and administrative personnel as worthy of the promotions for which they have been recommended. The procedure used in recommending members of the faculty for promotion has been carefully followed.

2. **ASU: Approve changes in academic rank and granting of tenure.**

Presenter: Dr. Donald R. Topliff

Presentation Time: 2 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; ASU Operating Policy 06.23

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve the changes in academic rank and the granting of tenure, effective with the 2017-2018 academic year, for the following faculty of Angelo State University:

Michael Burnett, M.F.A., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, College of Arts and Humanities;

Charlene D. Bustos, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of Teacher Education, College of Education;

J. Will Dickison, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of Agriculture, College of Science and Engineering;

Dinah J. Harriger, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of Physical Therapy, Archer College of Health and Human Services;

Avis F. Johnson-Smith, D.N.P., clinical professor to professor and tenure, Department of Nursing, Archer College of Health and Human Services;

Crystal M. Kreitler, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of Psychology, Sociology and Social Work, Archer College of Health and Human Services;

Nicholas J. Negovetich, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of Biology, College of Science and Engineering;

Sandra K. Pate, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of Management and Marketing, College of Business;

William A. Taylor, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Humanities; and

Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor and tenure, Department of History, College of Arts and Humanities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Members of the faculty of Angelo State University are granted tenure under the provisions of the Tenure Policy, which has been approved by the Board of Regents.

The appropriate reviewing committees and administrative personnel have judged those members of the faculty whose names appear above worthy of academic tenure. The procedure established in the Tenure Policy for the awarding of tenure to qualified members of the faculty has been carefully followed. Approval of these individuals brings the number of full-time tenured faculty at Angelo State University to 144. There are a total of 201 faculty, either tenured or tenure-track. After these appointments, the percentage of tenure-track faculty who have been awarded tenure will be 72 percent. The number of full-time non-tenure-track faculty is 83.

3. **ASU: Approve modification of OP 42.01 Admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research.**

Presenter: Dr. Don Topliff

Presentation Time: 3 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 05.01.2, *Regents Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve modification of OP 42.01, Admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research, effective immediately. OP 42.01 with proposed amendments is included as a supplemental agenda attachment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Change the name of the College of Graduate Studies to the College of Graduate Studies and Research as approved by the Board of Regents. Board Motion XI.B.1a on October 13-14, 2016.
- Expand Section 1.d. to include acceptance of transcripts sent by certified electronic exchange as official transcripts.
- Modify Section 1.f. to include the international student application form and the TOEFL scores for general admissions and those required by Physical Therapy and English.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Regents approved the name change for the College of Graduate Studies and Research in October of 2016. The name change is reflected throughout the proposed OP. Further, the addition of a statement concerning acceptance of transcripts sent by certified electronic exchange has been added. Finally, modifications to international student application and TOEFL scores for general graduate admissions and those required by Physical Therapy and English are contained in the revised policy.

Section 05.01.2, Board policies and procedures approval, *Regents Rules*, requires Board approval of this policy modification.

4. TTU: Approve changes in academic rank.

Presenter: Dr. Michael Galyean Presentation Time: 2 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; TTU Operating Policy 32.17

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve changes in academic rank for the following faculty of Texas Tech University effective with the 2016-2017 academic year:

Ayrton Bernussi, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., College of Engineering;

Paul Bolls, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Public Relations, College of Media and Communication;

Costica Bradatan, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Honors College;

Marsha Callender, M.S., from associate librarian to librarian, University Library;

Dorothy Chansky, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, School of Theatre and Dance, J.T. and Margaret Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts;

Kelly Cukrowicz, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Psychological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences;

Mayukh Dass, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Area of Marketing, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business;

Charlotte Dunham, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, College of Arts and Sciences;

Gary Fleischman, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, School of Accounting, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business;

Katharine Hayhoe, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences;

Laura Heinz, M.S., from associate librarian to librarian, University Library;

Cynthia Henry, M.L.S., from associate librarian to librarian, University Library;

Patrick Hughes, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Communication Studies, College of Media and Communication;

Sandra Huston, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Personal Financial Planning, College of Human Sciences;

Sam Jackson, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources;

Charlene Kalenkoski, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Personal Financial Planning, College of Human Sciences;

Deena Katz, B.S., C.F.P., from associate professor to professor, Department of Personal Financial Planning, College of Human Sciences;

Thomas Maccarone, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences;

John Mankowski, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., College of Engineering;

Carmen Pereira-Muro, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences;

Elizabeth Sharp, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Human Sciences;

Robert Sherwin, J.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, School of Law; and

Brian Still, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The faculty members whose names appear above have been judged by the respective department faculty, appropriate committees and administrative

personnel as worthy of the promotions for which they have been recommended. University procedures (OP 32.01) for recommending promotion of qualified members of the faculty have been carefully followed.

5. TTU: Approve changes in academic rank and granting of tenure.

Presenter: Dr. Michael Galyean

Presentation Time: 2 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; TTU Operating Policy 32.17

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve changes in academic rank along with the granting of tenure for the following faculty of Texas Tech University effective with the 2017-2018 academic year:

Ryan Cassidy, M.S., from assistant librarian to associate librarian, University Library;

Yong Chen, Ph.D., from assistant to associate professor, Department of Computer Science, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., College of Engineering;

Gordon Christopher, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., College of Engineering;

Kirsten Cook, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, School of Accounting, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business;

Wesley Dotson, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership, College of Education;

Leif Ellingson, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences;

Michael Findlater, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences;

Raymond Flores, Ed.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Teacher Education, College of Education;

Lisaann Gittner, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences;

DeLeith Gossett, J.D., from associate professor to professor, School of Law;

Sally Henry, J.D., from associate professor to professor, School of Law;

Wendy Humphrey, J.D., from associate professor to professor, School of Law;

Michael Jordan, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, College of Arts and Sciences;

Ali Nejat, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., College of Engineering;

James Sheng, Ph.D., from associate professor to professor, Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., College of Engineering;

Dustin Sweet, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Geosciences, College of Arts and Sciences;

Ryan Williams, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources;

Weile Yan, Ph.D., from assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., College of Engineering; and

Le Yang, M.L.I.S., from assistant librarian to associate librarian, University Library.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The faculty members whose names appear above have been judged by the respective department faculty, appropriate committees and administrative personnel as worthy of academic promotion and tenure. University procedures (OP 32.01) for recommending promotion and tenure of qualified members of the faculty have been carefully followed.

Approval of these individuals and the individuals on page ACS-12 brings the number of full-time tenured faculty at Texas Tech University to 794. There are 1096 full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty. After these appointments, the percentage of tenure track faculty who have been awarded tenure will be 72.

6. TTU: Approve granting of tenure.

Presenter: Dr. Michael Galyean Presentation Time: 2 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; TTU Operating Policy 32.17

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve the granting of tenure for the following faculty of Texas Tech University effective with the 2017-2018 academic year:

Michael Noel, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Economics,
College of Arts and Sciences; and

Yi-Jing Wu, Ph.D., associate professor, School of Accounting, Jerry S.
Rawls College of Business.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The faculty members whose names appear above have been judged by the respective department faculty, appropriate committees and administrative personnel as worthy of academic promotion and tenure. University procedures (OP 32.01) for recommending promotion and tenure of qualified members of the faculty have been carefully followed.

Approval of these individuals and the individuals on pages ACS-10 and ACS-11 brings the number of full-time tenured faculty at Texas Tech University to 794. There are 1096 full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty. After these appointments, the percentage of tenure-track faculty who have been awarded tenure will be 72.

7. **TTU: Approve emeritus appointments.**

Presenter: Dr. Michael Galyean

Presentation Time: 2 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 04.01.2, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents grant emeritus status to the individuals listed below:

Amma Akrofi	Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction (15 years)
Nancy Bell	Professor of Human Development and Family Studies (43 years)
Douglas Crowell	Associate Professor of English (35 years)
Phillip Dingus	Professor of Art (34 years)
Sam Dragga	Professor of English (27 years)
Albert Gustafson	Associate Professor of Personal Financial Planning (38 years)
Donald Haragan	Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and the Honors College (42 years)
Alon Kvashny	Professor of Landscape Architecture (16 years)
Carleton Phillips	Professor of Biological Sciences (18 years)
Margaret (Peggie) Price	Associate Professor, Education (18 years)
Alden Roberts	Professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work (35 years)
Lorum Stratton	Associate Professor of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures (47 years)
Julian Suppe	Professor of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures (16 years)
Carolyn Tate	Professor of Art (23 years)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to the *Regents' Rules*, emeritus appointments shall be honorary and without stipend. The appointments are given at retirement and are intended to recognize long and faithful service, or very distinguished service to the university. The named individuals qualify for emeritus appointment under the policy of the Board of Regents.

8. TTU: Approve Bachelor of Arts in Digital Media and Professional Communication.

Presenter: Dr. Michael Galyean

Presentation Time: 3 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 04.09.1, *Regents' Rules*; TTU Operating Policy

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve the new degree program, Bachelor of Arts in Digital Media and Professional Communication in the College of Media and Communication, to be offered both on-campus and at Texas Tech University ("TTU") regional sites and authorize submission by the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board seeking its certification of such a program and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges for acknowledgement of a new degree program.

The new program is proposed to begin with the fall semester of 2017.

As outlined in the following table, projected cost of the proposed program over five years is \$1,161,108. Of this amount, \$953,340 is for two new faculty lines, to be funded jointly by each off-campus site and the college, and administrative staff support. Another \$207,768 of the total cost is anticipated for marketing, recruitment, and retention activities, support of online instruction, and periodic travel of the off-campus site instructors to Lubbock, and the Lubbock-based director's travel to the off-campus sites. There is no need for new facilities. Classroom space is available both on-campus and at the regional sites. These costs will be more than covered by total revenue of \$2,336,093, comprising \$654,443 in new formula funding, and \$1,681,650 in local tuition and fees. The revenue figures are based on conservative enrollment projections.

Five-Year Costs		Five-Year Funding	
Personnel	\$953,340	Reallocated Funds	\$0
Facilities and Equipment	\$0	Anticipated New Formula Funding	\$654,443
Library, Supplies, Materials	\$0	Special Item Funding	\$0
Other	\$207,768	Other	\$1,681,650
Total Costs	\$1,161,108	Total Funding	\$2,336,093

Enrollment projections, summarized in the following table, indicate steady growth in the program over five years to approximately 150 majors, many of whom will

be full-time students. More part-time enrollments are expected as the program attracts more non-traditional students at the regional sites.

YEAR	1	2	3	4	5
Headcount	30	60	90	120	150
FTSE	30	60	90	120	150
SCH	900	1800	2700	3600	4500

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Bachelor of Arts in Digital Media and Communication degree is designed to prepare undergraduate students with marketable skills for careers in the dynamic industries of media and communication and other industries seeking media and communication professionals. Specifically, the program aims to develop outstanding communicators, critical thinkers, ethical problem solvers, and flexible learners for increasing opportunities in professional media and communication and related occupations. Recent trends suggest that these types of “soft-skills” are also increasingly sought across traditionally ‘non-media and communication’ industries and employers (Perlmeier, 2015; Robaton, 2015).

To address the goal of 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 having a certificate or degree, curriculum planning must change to meet needs and demands from more students. According to the 2nd Texas Small Business Needs Assessment Poll (Perlmeier, 2015), the top three employee skills identified by small business owners in the state of Texas were interpersonal, sales and marketing and punctuality/reliability. These surveys of employers suggest an emerging need for communication specialists who have versatile skillsets that allow them to use multiple communication skills across dozens of jobs in hundreds of different types of companies and organizations. Currently, most schools and colleges in the state of Texas offering degrees in communication fields are focused on advertising, journalism, public relations, radio-tv-film, digital media, speech communication or general majors in fields such as communication studies. The proposed degree program matches the emerging convergence of creative and communication disciplines in industries, companies and organizations and the desire of students to have marketable skills in both media and communication.

As of fall 2016, only two media and communication programs at four-year institutions in Texas offered some type of ‘general’ degree program. While some programs allow students to minor in one of the other majors, there are no other 4- year, public universities in the state of Texas that offer a blended media and communication generalist academic major. This degree will provide an opportunity for Texas Tech and the state to take a leadership role in the synergies created from an increasingly information-driven economy. Because of the demand from a job market perspective, this degree program will target three different student populations: community college transfer

students, students seeking an online degree program, and traditional high school students looking for a degree program with more versatile and transferrable skills. After meeting with directors of Texas Tech University regional sites – TTU Highland Lakes, TTU Fredericksburg, TTU Junction, TTU Waco and TTU Collin -- a growing demand is evident among these student populations for more degree options that allow them to continue to live and work in their local communities. Both TTU Collin and TTU Waco catchments enjoy unique industries in media, communication, environment, healthcare and technology that are seeking the types of marketable skills this program will offer. Another target audience will be traditional high school students who are looking for a degree program to prepare them to go into multiple occupational opportunities in media and communication.

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9. TTUHSC: Approve changes in academic rank.

Presenter: Steven L. Berk, M. D.

Presentation

Time: 2 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, Regents' Rules; HSC Operating Policy 60.01

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve changes in academic rank effective September 1, 2017, for the individuals as listed below:

Tenured Faculty:

None

Tenure Track Faculty:

Hafiz M.R. Khan, Ph.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Public Health, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences;

Erica Hendrix, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Laboratory Sciences & Primary Care, School of Health Professions;

Wade Redman, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Laboratory Sciences & Primary Care, School of Health Professions;

Non-Tenure Track Faculty:

Olubukunola Adesanya, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine;

Yasir Ahmed, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine;

Muhittin Belirgen, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine;

Robert Casanova, M.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, School of Medicine;

Rahul Chandra, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine;

Amanda Griffin, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine;

Fred Hardwicke, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor,
Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine;

Jerry Kirkland, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor,
Department of Family & Community Medicine, School of Medicine;

Alita Loveless, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor,
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, School of Medicine;

Janet Meller, M.D., associate professor to professor, Department of
Pediatrics, School of Medicine;

Marcela Nur, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department
of Pediatrics, School of Medicine;

Ikemefuna Okwuwa, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor,
Department of Family & Community Medicine, School of Medicine;

Anurag Singh, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor,
Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine;

Hena Tewari, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor,
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, School of Medicine;

Lisa Campbell, DNP, RN, APHN-BC, associate professor to professor,
Graduate Program, School of Nursing;

Bibha Gautam, Ph.D., RN, CNE, assistant professor to associate
professor, Accelerated Program, School of Nursing;

Erin Gibson, MSN, RN, CCRN, instructor to assistant professor,
Traditional Undergraduate Program, School of Nursing;

Christy Howard, MSN, RN-BC, instructor to assistant professor,
Traditional Undergraduate Program, School of Nursing;

Donna Paris, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, instructor to assistant professor,
Traditional Undergraduate Program, School of Nursing;

Laura Thomas, Ph.D., RN, CNE, assistant professor to associate
professor, Graduate Program, School of Nursing;

Patricia White, MSN, RN, CHSE, instructor to assistant professor,
Traditional Undergraduate Program, School of Nursing;

Tiffany Coomer, Pharm.D., instructor to assistant professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy;

Young Lee, Pharm.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy; and

Wei Wang, M.D., Ph.D., research assistant professor to research associate professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Those members of the faculty whose names appear on the above list have been judged by the appropriate departmental and collegiate committees and administrative personnel as worthy of the promotions for which they have been recommended. The procedure used in recommending members of the faculty for promotion has been followed carefully.

10. TTUHSC: Approve changes in academic rank and granting of tenure.

Presenter: Steven L. Berk, M.D.

Presentation Time: 1 minute

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; HSC Operating Policy 60.01

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve changes in academic rank effective September 1, 2017, and the granting of tenure, effective this date, to the individuals as listed below:

Rubini Pasupathy, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Healthcare Management & Leadership, School of Health Professions;

Samuel Campbell, M.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Surgery, School of Medicine;

Shailesh Jain, M.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine;

Jongyeol Kim, M.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Neurology, School of Medicine;

Magdalena Karbowniczek, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Immunotherapeutics & Biotechnology, School of Pharmacy;

Ninh "Irene" La-Beck, Pharm.D., assistant professor to associate professor, Department of Immunotherapeutics & Biotechnology, School of Pharmacy; and

Maciej Markiewski, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor to professor, Department of Immunotherapeutics & Biotechnology, School of Pharmacy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of tenure at this Board meeting for these individuals and the individuals listed on page ACS-22 brings the number of tenured faculty in all academic schools of the Health Sciences Center to 146. There are a total of 199 faculty either in the tenure-track or tenured. After these appointments, the percentage of tenure track faculty who has been awarded tenure will be approximately 73.3 percent. The number of faculty that is non-tenure track is 551.

11. TTUHSC: Approve granting of tenure.

Presenter: Steven L. Berk, M.D.

Presentation Time: 1 minute

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; HSC Operating Policy 60.01

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that tenure be granted, effective this date, to the individuals as listed below:

Allan Haynes, M.D., professor, Department of Urology, School of Medicine;

Patti Patterson, M.D., MPH, professor, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine; and

Ronald Hall, Pharm.D., associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of tenure at this Board meeting for these individuals and the individuals listed on ACS- 21 brings the number of tenured faculty in all academic schools of the Health Sciences Center to 146 .There are a total of 199 faculty either in the tenure-track or tenured. After these appointments, the percentage of tenure track faculty who has been awarded tenure will be 73.3 percent. The number of faculty that is non-tenure track is 551.

12. TTUHSC: Approve the establishment of an online Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree in Lubbock.

Presenter: Dr. Tedd Mitchell

Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 04.09.1, *Regents' Rules*; HSC Operating Policy 60.11 and Chapter 5, Subchapter C, THECB Laws and Rules

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve the establishment of an online Master of Science (“MS”) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree in Lubbock and authorize the submission by the senior vice president for Academic Affairs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges seeking their approval for such a program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A critical mental health counselor shortage has been documented in the rural West Texas region, and current estimates are that this shortfall will grow by an additional 19% over the next seven years. Compounding this shortfall is a process of increasing the pre-service educational requirements for counselors nationwide coupled with more stringent licensure requirements recently put in place (48 credit hours to 60 credit hours). The projected shortfall reflects data from urban areas within the region, and does not reflect the majority of rural communities which may lack services entirely. Using a distance education model the program anticipates drawing a diverse student body from groups with limited access to traditional educational models.

The Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling has, as an integral part of the curricula, an emphasis on distance based service provision, which is a cutting edge technique growing in practice and acceptance nationwide. Building upon the existing strengths of the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (“TTUHSC”), the students will be eligible for certification in tele-health, creating the first Clinical Mental Health Counselor program in the United States to train practitioners simultaneously in clinical counseling skills and distance service provision techniques. Accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Counselor Exam, which is required for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Texas.

COSTS and FUNDING

All costs associated with the new program are recurring costs and are outlined in the table below. Total recurring costs of \$717,493.00 are expected over the initial five years of the program with costs for FY 2017 and FY 2018 being \$31,084 and

\$165,875 respectively. Funding for these recurring costs include reallocated funds from vacant positions, new formula funding, board authorized tuition, and out of state distance learning fees resulting from increased enrollment.

Recurring Costs	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	5 YR Total
Faculty	\$20,250	\$129,375	\$143,425	\$136,429	\$134,179	\$563,659
Staff	\$10,834	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$138,834
Operating Costs		\$4,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$15,000
Total Expenses	\$31,084	\$165,875	\$178,925	\$171,929	\$169,679	\$717,493

Funding Sources	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	5 YR Total
Reallocated Funds from Vacant Positions	\$31,084	\$123,875	\$73,025			\$227,984
Anticipated New Formula Funding				\$92,927	\$92,927	\$185,854
Board Authorized Tuition		\$6,000	\$14,700	\$26,700	\$35,700	\$83,100
Out of State Distance Learning Fees		\$36,000	\$91,200	\$160,800	\$211,200	\$499,200
Total Funding Sources						\$996,138

Projected Student Enrollment	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
	0	14	32	56	66

13. TTUHSC: Approve the establishment of an online Master of Science in Addiction Counseling degree in Lubbock.

Presenter: Dr. Tedd Mitchell

Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Board approval required by: Section 04.09.1, *Regents' Rules*; HSC Operating Policy 60.11 and Chapter 5, Subchapter C, THECB Laws and Rules

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve the establishment of an online Master of Science (“MS”) in Addiction Counseling degree in Lubbock and authorize the submission by the executive vice president for Academic Affairs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges seeking their approval for such a program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A critical shortage of addiction counselors exists throughout the State of Texas and is projected to worsen over the next 10 years. The behavioral healthcare industry is growing rapidly due to recent changes in federal legislation and the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the need for addiction counselors, in Texas, to grow by 30% from 2012 to 2024. The degree program will be delivered using a distance education model, allowing the School of Health Professions to recruit students from areas with limited access to traditional educational models.

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (“TTUHSC”) Master of Science in Addiction Counseling will have, as an integral part of the curricula, an emphasis on telehealth. Graduate students will be eligible for certification in telehealth through the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural Health at TTUHSC, creating the first Addiction Counseling program in the United States to train practitioners simultaneously in clinical counseling skills and distance service provision techniques. Accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (“CACREP”), graduates will be eligible to pursue licensure in Texas. There are only seven CACREP accredited masters-level addiction counseling programs in the nation, with only one of those using a distance education model. This new Addiction Counseling Degree Program will further the mission of the university, school, and department by offering students the academic and clinical foundation needed to pursue employment and deploy clinical services in rural areas across the rapidly growing behavioral health industry.

COSTS and FUNDING

All costs associated with the new program are recurring costs and are outlined in the table below. Total recurring costs of \$718,408.00 are expected over the initial five years of the program with costs for FY 2017 and FY 2018 being \$31,084 and

\$162,875 respectively. Funding for these recurring costs include reallocated funds from vacant positions, new formula funding, board authorized tuition, and out of state distance learning fees resulting from increased enrollment.

Recurring Costs	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	5 YR Total
Faculty	\$20,250	\$126,375	\$136,825	\$141,575	\$139,550	\$564,575
Staff	\$10,834	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$138,834
Operating Costs		\$4,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$15,000
Total Expenses	\$31,084	\$162,875	\$172,325	\$177,075	\$175,050	\$718,409

Funding Sources	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	5 YR Total
Reallocated Funds from Vacant Positions	\$31,084	\$137,075	\$96,125			\$264,284
Anticipated New Formula Funding				\$71,483	\$71,483	\$142,966
Board Authorized Tuition		\$1,800	\$11,400	\$21,600	\$29,700	\$64,500
Out of State Distance Learning Fees		\$24,000	\$64,800	\$120,000	\$163,200	\$372,000
Total Funding Sources						\$843,750

Projected Student Enrollment	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
	0	10	24	44	54

Justin Wright, M.D., assistant professor to associate professor,
Department of Family and Community Medicine, Paul L. Foster
School of Medicine

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Those members of the faculty whose names appear on the above list have been judged by the appropriate departmental and collegiate committees and administrative personnel as worthy of the promotions for which they have been recommended. The procedure used in recommending members of the faculty for promotion has been followed carefully.

15. TTUHSC El Paso: Approve change in academic rank and granting of tenure.

Presenter: Richard A. Lange, MD, MBA

Presentation Time: 1 minute

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; HSC Operating Policy 60.01

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve changes in academic rank, effective September 1, 2017, and the granting of tenure concurrent with this change to the individual as listed below:

Alok Dwivedi, Ph.D., assistant professor to associate professor,
Department of Biomedical Sciences, Paul L. Foster School of
Medicine.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The member of the faculty whose names appear on the above list have been judged by the appropriate departmental and collegiate committees and administrative personnel as worthy of the promotion and granting of tenure for which he has been recommended. The procedure used in recommending members of the faculty for promotion and tenure has been followed carefully.

Approval of this individual for tenure brings the number of tenured faculty to 39. There are a total of 70 faculty either in the tenure-track or tenured. After these appointments, the percentage of tenure track faculty who have been awarded tenure at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso will be 55.7 percent and faculty that are on the non-tenure track is 233.

16. TTUHSC El Paso: Approve granting of tenure.

Presenter: Richard A. Lange, MD, MBA

Presentation Time: 1 minute

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; HSC Operating Policy 60.01

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the president that the Board of Regents approve the granting of tenure, effective this date, to the individuals as listed below:

Subramanian Dhandayupathani, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine;

Miguel Pirela-Cruz, M.D., professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine; and

Dale Quest, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Medical Education, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of these individuals for tenure brings the number of tenured faculty to 39. There are a total of 70 faculty either in the tenure-track or tenured. After these appointments, the percentage of tenure track faculty who have been awarded tenure at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso will be 55.7 percent and faculty that are on the non-tenure track is 233.

AUDIT

Audit Committee

Committee Meeting
February 23, 2017

Time: 3:10 pm (or upon adjournment of the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee meeting)

Place: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Regents: Steinmetz (Chair), Esparza, Hammonds,

Agenda

- Approve minutes of committee meeting held on December 15, 2016

III.D. Consideration of items to be recommended by the Audit Committee to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System (“TTUS”) for and on behalf of Angelo State University (“ASU”), TTUS, the TTU System Administration (“TTUSA”), Texas Tech University (“TTU”), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (“TTUHSC”), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (“TTUHSC El Paso”)

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| | a. Consultation with Attorney — Section 551.071. | |
| | b. Discussion of personnel matters – Section 551.074. | |
| 3. | Open Session: At the conclusion of Executive Session, the committee will convene into Open Session in the Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, to consider appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session. | |
| 4. | Adjournment | |

NOTE: Following consideration of the above items by the committee, the Committee Chair will present the Committee Report to the full Board of Regents for its consideration on Friday, February 24, 2017.

1. TTUS: Report on audits.

Presenter: Mrs. Kim Turner

Presentation Time: 10 minutes

Report to Board required by: Section 07.02.7, *Regents' Rules*; and Audit Committee Charter

Mrs. Kim Turner, Chief Audit Executive, will present a report on the System's audit projects.

**MEETING OF THE
BOARD**

Meeting of the Board
Thursday, February 23, 2017

Time: 8:30 am

Place: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Agenda

I. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; convene into Open Session of the Board

- A. Swearing-in Ceremony for newly appointed regents (if necessary)..... Regent Lancaster
- B. Board Officer Elections (if necessary) Regent Lancaster
- C. Workshop/Retreat: The Board will meet as a Committee of the Whole in a workshop/retreat forum for strategic planning purposes. It is not anticipated that any formal action or decisions will result from these discussions.
 - 1. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center..... President Mitchell
 - 2. Angelo State University President May

II. RecessChairman

III. Meeting of Standing Committees: Conducted sequentially and separately from the Meeting of the Board at the adjournment of the Carr Scholarship Foundation meeting; refer to agenda for each respective committee meeting.

Location: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Meeting of the Board

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Time: 3:45 pm (or upon adjournment of the last committee meeting of the day or whenever deemed necessary)

Place: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

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IV. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; reconvene into Open Session of the BoardChairman

V. Executive Session: The Board may convene into Executive Session in the Red Raider Lounge (Room 119), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue to consider matters permissible under Chapter 551 of the *Texas Government Code*, including, for example:Chairman

A. Consultation with attorney regarding privileged communications, pending or contemplated litigation and settlement negotiations – Section 551.071

B. Deliberations regarding real property: The purchase, lease, exchange, or value of real property – Section 551.072

C. Deliberations regarding prospective gifts – Section 551.073

D. Personnel matters: Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of employees – Section 551.074

E. Deliberations regarding security devices—deployment of security personnel or devices – Section 551.076

VI. Open Session: The Board will reconvene in Open Session in the Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board to consider and act on:

A. Consideration of appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.....Vice Chairman

VII. RecessChairman

Meeting of the Board
Friday, February 24, 2017

Time: 8:30 am

Place: Ballroom (Room 118), First Floor, Student Union Building, 15th Street and Akron Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Agenda

VIII. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; reconvene into Open Session of the Board.....Chairman

IX. Introductions and Recognitions..... Chancellor Duncan,
President May,
President Schovanec
President Mitchell, and
President Lange

X. Recess (if necessary, for standing committees to meet; otherwise continue in Open Session (XIII.)).....Chairman

XI. Meeting of Standing Committees (if not concluded on Thursday)

XII. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; reconvene into Open Session of the Board

XIII. Open Session: The Board will continue in Open Session and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board to consider and act on:

A. Approve minutes of Board meetings held on December 15-16, 2016Chairman

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- b. TTU: Approve employee appointment to non-elective position (ACS)
- c. ASU: Approve commissioning of police officers (FA)
- d. TTU: Approve commissioning of police officers (FA)
- e. TTUHSC El Paso: Authorize president to execute consulting contract with Athena Ed, LLC (FA)
- f. TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Approve purchasing contracts in excess of \$1,000,000 per annum (FA)
- g. TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC, TTUHSC El Paso and ASU: Approve delegation of signature authority (FA)

Information Agenda

Information is provided as required by Section 01.02.7.d(4)(c), *Regents' Rules*

- (1) ASU, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Summary of Revenues and Expenditures by Budget Category, FY 2017, per Section 01.02.8.d(3)(g), *Regents' Rules* – All actual expenditures will be reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee annually and provided as information.
- (2) TTU: Consulting contracts with an initial consideration of \$25,000 or less per Section 07.12.4.e.(2), *Regents' Rules* – “(a) Board approval is not required, but notice of the proposed contract must be provided to the chair and the chair of the Finance and Administration Committee prior to execution of the contract. (b) A report of the contract shall be provided as an Information Agenda item at the next board meeting.”
- (3) TTU: Report on establishment of new centers and institutes per Section 04.11.2., *Regents' Rules* – “The establishment or substantive restructuring of a center, institute, or other academic unit or program not addressed in Section 04.11.1 herein shall be approval by the president, with notice provided to the board via an item in the information Agenda for the next meeting of the board.”

XIV. Reports of Standing Committees: Standing Committee reports will be presented sequentially to the Committee of the Whole.

- A. Report of the Facilities CommitteeRegent Huckabee
- B. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee..... Regent Francis
- C. Report of the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee..... Regent Lancaster
- D. Report of the Audit CommitteeRegent Steinmetz

XV. The Board will continue in Open Session as the Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board of Regents.

- A. Schedule for Board meetings:
May 18-19, 2017, Lubbock
August 10-11, 2017, Lubbock
October 20, 2017, Lubbock
December 14-15, 2017, Lubbock Ben Lock
- B. The Chancellor's Report Chancellor Duncan
- C. The President's Report, TTU President Schovanec
- D. The President's Report, TTUHSC El Paso..... President Lange

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- A. Consideration of appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session..... Vice Chairman
- B. Chairman’s Announcements.....Chairman

XVIII. Adjournment Chairman

1. **ASU, TTU, TTUHSC, TTUHSC El Paso, TTUSA and TTUS:
Approve Consent Agenda; acknowledge review of
Information Agenda.**

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor recommends that the Board of Regents (i) approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting of February 23-24, 2017; and (ii) acknowledge its review of the Information Agenda for the same meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 01.02.6.b(2), *Regents' Rules*, the Board of Regents approves certain administrative actions.

This action is required to authorize the various officers and officials of Texas Tech to perform the tasks and duties delineated in the policies of the Board of Regents. This action also confirms the authority to prepare reports, execute contracts, documents, or instruments approved within the Consent Agenda and further confirms that such authority has been delegated to the officer or official preparing and/or executing the said item.

**CONSENT/
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BOARD OF REGENTS
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

CONSENT AGENDA
and
INFORMATION AGENDA

February 23-24, 2017

BOARD OF REGENTS

Mr. Mickey L. Long, Chairman

Mr. John D. Esparza

Mr. L. Frederick "Rick" Francis

Mr. Ron Hammonds

Mr. Christopher M. Huckabee

Mr. Tim Lancaster

Mr. J. Michael Lewis*

Mr. John D. Steinmetz

Mr. John B. Walker*

Mr. Jeremy W. Stewart, Student-Regent

Standing Committees:

Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs:

Tim Lancaster (Chair); Rick Francis; John Esparza; Jeremy Stewart

Audit:

John Steinmetz (Chair); John Esparza; Ron Hammonds

Facilities:

Chris Huckabee (Chair); John Steinmetz

Finance and Administration:

Rick Francis (Chair); Tim Lancaster

(*Pending confirmation of their appointment.)

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS**

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NOTE: The following are reports or other documents which, according to the *Regents' Rules* or state law, must be made available to the Board of Regents. As such, the reports below are on file in the Board Office, and their listing on the Information Agenda constitutes notice that they are available to Board members upon request.

- (1) **ASU, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Summary of Revenues and Expenditures by Budget Category, FY 2017, per Section 01.02.8.d(3)(g), *Regents' Rules*** – All actual expenditures will be reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee annually and provided as information.
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a. TTU: Approve faculty development leaves of absence.

Board approval required by: Section 4.05.1, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to approve the following leaves of absence. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Gretchen Adams, associate professor of History in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of her leave is to complete the manuscript for her second book, *American Judas: Benedict Arnold, Civil Religion, and the American Political Imagination*.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Linda Allen, Horn professor of Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of her leave is two-fold: to serve a portion of the time as a Visiting Fellow and to give a series of lectures and initiate new collaborations with faculty and students in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka; and also to visit the University of Tennessee to continue research with collaborators in the Departments of Microbiology and Immunology on the NSF grant, Modeling Immune Dynamics of RNA Viruses in Reservoir and Nonreservoir Species.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Brian Ancell, associate professor of Geosciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. This purpose of this leave is to conduct substantial, focused research activity that could not be completed while on a normal faculty load. This progress will include dissemination of results, transition of large ending grants to their next stages, research associated with current funded projects, proposal development, initiation of research for newly funded projects, and potentially an international Fulbright Scholarship.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Edward Anderson, Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The goals of this leave are to begin the process of developing a computer-based, artificially-intelligent knowledge network for a fundamental engineering knowledge domain by recruiting a national and international coalition of experts to identify the network nodes and links that will then be coded into a tool to be used by lower division engineering students to hopefully improve retention in Engineering programs. The pilot network developed under this proposal is intended to serve as a demonstration of capabilities for a future grant proposal.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Andrea Bilkey, associate professor of Theatre and Dance in the Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts, for the period January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. The purpose of this leave is to conduct archival research at the Stage Lighting Archives at Penn State University and develop a co-authored book on the history of lighting technology. This project will open opportunities for future research work at the archives for our students and faculty who have interests in design and history.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Glenn Browne, professor of Information Systems and Quantitative Sciences in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to continue ongoing work pursuing research related to information search, stopping, and information avoidance behavior using experiments and neuroscience (fMRI) techniques as well as DNA analysis. Plans include visits to the University of Mannheim Business School In Germany, to continue work there with research colleagues.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Jongpil Cheon, associate professor of Instructional Technology in the College of Education, for the period January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. The goal for this leave project is to conduct empirical research on computational thinking for effective implementation of computing curriculum in K-12 classrooms, where it can serve as an effective vehicle for learning challenging science and math concepts.

Faculty development leave with one-half salary for Bruce Clarke, Horn Professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. The purpose of this leave is to complete the scholarly book *Partial Earth: The Systems Counterculture and the Rise of Gaia*. This study will recover and revalue the intellectual activity that developed around Gaia theory in the history of cybernetics.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Stefano D'Amico, professor of History in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to conduct research in Italian archives and libraries in preparation for a book manuscript tentatively entitled, *The Widow, the Prostitute and the Nun: Women, Poverty and Survival Strategies in Counter-Reformation Milan*. Travel is needed to meet with faculty members and administrators in Milan and Rome to discuss possible collaborations and faculty exchanges.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Keith Dye, professor of Music in the Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts, for the

period of January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. The purpose of this leave is to focus work on compiling data and completing research on the effectiveness of various cloud-based music education delivery systems in K-12 music programs. It is intended that this will result in various publications possibly to include research articles, a book detailing best practices and various resource materials.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Stefan Estreicher, Horn Professor of Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to pursue two new collaborations in Germany, both of which follow from recent research in Dr. Estreicher's research group. Travel is needed to spend time at the Fritz-Haber Institute in Berlin to supervise a local PhD student; and at the Technical University in Dresden where Dr. Estreicher has a research collaborator.

Faculty development with full salary for Clifford Fedler, professor of Civil Engineering in the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, for the period of January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. The purpose of this leave is to develop a full-level cooperative research exchange program with two international universities, one in Kazan, Russia and the second in Tianjin, China, based upon existing cooperation with faculty at each institution. Part of the task will be to apply for external research funding for these research efforts and to produce journal publications.

Faculty development leave with salary for Lisa Garner, professor of Music in the Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to complete writing a textbook titled, *Yoga and the Creative Arts – Philosophy and Practice*, to compliment the course by the same title, VPA 2302. The primary benefit of this leave will be to enhance the delivery of materials for VPA 2302 as well as enrichment of the student experiences of the course.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Kerry Griffis-Kyle, associate professor of Natural Resources Management in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to advance a research program in desert wetland ecology by broadening her quantitative skills, including modeling, and to complete work on an NSF proposal.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Justin Hart, associate professor of History in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period, September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is for Dr. Hart to serve, by invitation, as the Roosevelt Distinguished Visiting

Professor at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies associated with the University of Leiden, The Netherlands.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Luan Hoang, associate professor of Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to collaborate with colleagues in the United States and abroad to finish ongoing projects that mainly focus on partial differential equations arising from fluid dynamics. Projects include initiating a book with J-C Saut and Ciprian Foias entitled *Asymptotic Expansions of Solutions to Navier-Stokes Equations*.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Donald Jones, professor of Information Systems and Quantitative Sciences in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to develop a stream of research on data visualization, including three activities aimed toward publications in premier journals: (1) to visit faculty at another university having expertise in human computer interaction, (2) to write a literature review paper that develops an organizing framework for categorizing past research and potential future theoretical development, and (3) to conduct a behavioral experiment testing the effects of visual metaphors relative to traditional graphical information displays.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Sara Smock Jordan, associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies in the College of Human Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to learn a new method of analysis at the university of Victoria, British Columbia, and has two parts. First, to travel to Victoria, B.C. for one month to master the method of analyzing grounding sequences through microanalysis, and to work with the Victoria team to test our theory. Second, to return to Lubbock for the remainder of the leave in order to apply the Victoria learning experience to the publications of a series of psychotherapy videos.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Rajesh Khare, professor of Chemical Engineering in the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to work with scientists at Sandia National Laboratories to acquire in-depth understanding of a simulation package for molecular simulations, useful for tackling problems in the areas of molecular thermodynamics and nanoscale transport.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Tigga Kingston, associate professor of Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this

leave is to establish and solidify collaborative relations, gather preliminary data and logistical information, and prepare and submit a series of proposals to NSF on bats, baobabs, and sustainable livelihoods across Africa.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Clemens Krempner, associate professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to spend time at the Leibniz Institute of Catalysis LIKAT in Rostock, Germany, to establish an international research collaboration in Green and Sustainable Catalysis. Working at the LIKAT will expand Dr. Krempner's knowledge in heterogeneous and homogenous catalysis and further develop his visibility and reputation in the field of Green and Sustainable Catalysis at both the national and international levels.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Sung-Wook Kwon, associate professor of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. This leave project will be to examine two critical areas of interlocal cooperation -- economic development and water resource management -- focusing on rural municipalities in West Texas.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Hoon Lee, associate professor of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. The primary goal of this leave is to focus on a book project titled *Globalization, Social Cleavages, Tax and Welfare Policies*. During and after the leave, plans are to continue working on the book project and submit a grant proposal to the Political Science Program at the National Science Foundation.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Hongchao Liu, professor of Civil Engineering in the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to analyze the operating data of Beijing's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, which has been collected in the past eight years since the 2008 Olympic Games, and develop an advanced signal priority control algorithm for an integrated BRT system with consideration of oversaturated traffic conditions. This will also provide an opportunity to collect materials to develop a new undergraduate course on transit planning and operation.

Faculty development leave with one-half salary for Arnold Loewy, George Killam Chair in Criminal Law in the School of Law, for the period September 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. The purpose of this leave is to honor contracts with Carolina Academic Press and West Publishing to produce new and updated editions of a casebook and basic textbook.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Jorge Morales, associate professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to intensively concentrate research projects involving the development and use of theoretical chemistry methods to perform computer simulations of proton cancer therapy reactions.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Gad Perry, professor of Natural Resources Management in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and Senior Director of the Division of International Research and Development and Director of the International Center for Arid and Semiarid Land Studies. This leave is for the period September 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018 so that Dr. Perry may fulfill an agreement to serve as a Jefferson Science Fellow, spending one year on assignment at the U.S. Department of State or USAID as a science advisor on foreign policy and international development issues. Following the fellowship year, Dr. Perry will return to Texas Tech but remain available to the U.S. government as an experienced consultant for short-term projects.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Bill Poirier, professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. The purpose of this leave is to collaborate with Jan-Michael Rost, Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems, in Dresden, Germany. The collaboration will address fundamental aspects and practical computational applications of interest to both parties.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Marjean Purinton, professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period of September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The primary purpose of this leave is to bring to publication the book manuscript, *Staging Ghosts and Grotesques: Techno-Gothic British Drama*. The book promises to be a significant study in the field of British Romanticism, the history of medicine, nineteenth-century cultural studies, and drama.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Rich Rice, associate professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this leave is to complete an edited collection on intercultural communication research called *Thinking Globally, Composing Locally: Rethinking Online Writing in the Age of the Global Internet*, to publish two articles (one in *Technical Communication* and one in *Communication Design Quarterly*), and submit an NEH grant proposal to host a conference at TTU. The book covers topics such as intercultural activity theory, creating apps for global audiences, teaching global communication, multimodality in transnational

spaces, localized research practices with mobile devices, and global thinking and writing.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Moira Ridley, professor of Geosciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. This leave will provide an opportunity to broaden and expand Dr. Ridley's molecular modeling skills, which will dramatically enhance her research activities. This will be achieved by strengthening collaborative ties with international scientists through research on an important environmental project.

Faculty development leave with full salary for Kenneth Schmidt, associate professor of Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. This leave will be used in tandem with a grant from the National Science Foundation to undertake a major, synthetic writing project, which will lay the foundation for a quantitative theory of the ecology of information. Synthesizing material into a book format will provide a pedagogical tool for advanced undergraduates, graduate students, and professional ecologists. The book will be written with the aim of submitting to the highly acclaimed series, Princeton Monographs in Population Ecology.

Faculty development leave with one-half salary for Su-Jeong Hwang Shin, associate professor of Apparel Design and Manufacturing in the College of Human Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. Considering the fast pace with which research in apparel design manufacturing technology is changing, Dr. Shin plans to gain the most up-to-date knowledge in her field by focusing on two objectives in this leave: further development of professional research, and also further development of instructional pedagogy in apparel technology education. Both objectives will help strengthen the technological aspects of the apparel design and manufacturing program at Texas Tech.

Faculty development leave with one-half salary for Yi-Yuan Tang, professor of Psychological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period September 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. The leave project is based on Dr. Tang's long-term basic and translational research on brain-based behavior change and its underlying mechanisms funded by NIH and DoD. The project objectives cover two areas of research: 1) brain mechanisms of effective behavior change, and 2) development of brain-based behavior change techniques for addictions, mood disorders and other mental disorders.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board approval is required for leaves of absence of faculty. The existing policy

provides that leaves may be granted under conditions allowable by the State of Texas. Faculty members submit requests for leave through their respective deans to the provost. The provost has approved each leave as indicated, based on recommendations of the Faculty Development Leave Committee which evaluated the applications. The principle objective of faculty development leaves is to enable faculty members to engage in study, research, writing, field work, or similar professional activities for a period of time free from their obligations at the university.

The ultimate purpose of faculty development leaves is to subsequently enhance educational offerings available to Texas Tech University students through the faculty members' refreshed or expanded knowledge gained from the leave activities. A faculty member is eligible when he or she has served as a member of the Texas Tech faculty for at least five academic years and is tenured by the time of the leave. Applications are reviewed according to criteria including the potential of the work to contribute to the faculty members' field, evidence that the faculty member has already shown professional growth in the field, and evidence of the potential for continuing scholarship in teaching and research at Texas Tech. Faculty development leaves may be granted for one semester at full salary or for an academic year (two semesters) at one-half salary.

b. TTU: Approve employee appointment to non-elective position.

Board approval required by: Article 16, Section 33, Texas Constitution; Chapter 667.007, Texas Government Code and 70.15 TTU Operating Policy

The request is to approve an employee appointment to a non-elective position as listed below. Further, it is recommended that the Board of Regents find, with respect to the appointee, that his service is of benefit to the State of Texas and Texas Tech University and does not conflict with his position of employment at Texas Tech University. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Bradley J. Johnson, the Gordon W. Davis Regent's Chair in Meat Science and Muscle Biology in the Texas Tech University Department of Animal & Food Sciences, has been selected to a five-year term on the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives ("JECFA"). This international committee evaluates the safety of food additives. The JECFA is a collection of international food safety experts that not only ensures the safety of food additives but also includes evaluating contaminants, naturally occurring toxicants and residues of veterinary drugs in food. The JECFA is administered by the Food and Agriculture Organization ("FAO") of the United Nations and the World Health Organization ("WHO"). The committee has developed guidelines for assessing the safety and risk assessment of chemicals in food as well as noting advancements in toxicology, microbiology, biotechnology, exposure assessment and food chemistry. Johnson's term will begin this year and run through 2021.

This appointment is not in conflict with Dr. Johnson's employment at Texas Tech University. He will serve on the committee without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary travel and *per diem* in the performance of his duties as a member of the committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Texas Constitution, *Texas Government Code*, and Texas Tech University Operating Policy require a finding of fact before a university employee may accept an appointment to serve in a non-elective state office.

c. ASU: Approve commissioning of police officers.

Board approval required by: Section 51.203, *Texas Education Code*

The request is to commission the following individuals as police officers, effective on the date indicated below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents:

Samantha Rodriguez, effective December 16, 2016
Juan Soto, effective December 16, 2016

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Regents routinely takes action to commission certain employees as peace officers in accordance with *Texas Education Code*, Section 51.203.

d. TTU: Approve commissioning of police officers.

Board approval required by: Section 51.203, *Texas Education Code*

The request is to commission the following individuals as a police officer, effective on the date indicated below. This request has been approved administratively by the chancellor and the president and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Ryan Elkins, effective 1/1/2017
Joe Patridge, effective 1/1/2017

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Regents routinely takes action to commission certain employees as peace officers in accordance with *Texas Education Code*, Section 51.203.

e. TTUHSC El Paso: Authorize president to execute consulting contract with Athena Ed, LLC.

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.4.e.1, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to authorize the president to execute a consulting contract with Athena Ed, LLC to provide expert assistance in preparing for and obtaining Liaison Committee for Medical Education accreditation for the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine. This request has been approved administratively by the chancellor and the president and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso ("TTUHSC El Paso") recognizes the need to obtain expert consulting services to assist with the institution's accreditation by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education ("LCME") in November 2017. In preparation for the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine five-year reaccreditation with LCME, Consultant will provide advisory services in preparing for the fall Accreditation Site Survey, conducting a Mock Site Survey, and navigating the challenges related to documentation preparation, facilities readiness, faculty interview readiness as well as all of the standards and expectations of the LCME.

This expense contract will be for a total value not to exceed \$39,999 and will be effective as of July 1, 2017 and will end on September 30, 2017. Compensation will be according to the following schedule, plus reasonable travel and other expense.

- \$13,333 – 45 days in advance of Mock Site Survey (July 31, 2017)
- \$13,333 – 15 days in advance of Mock Site Survey (August 25, 2017)
- \$13,333 – 15 days post Mock Site Survey (September 28, 2017)

Section 07.12.4.e.1 *Regents' Rules*, requires Board approval on consulting contracts with an initial consideration in excess of \$25,000 or a consulting contract where the initial consideration was \$25,000 or less and the modification will cause the total consideration to exceed \$25,000.

f. **TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC EI Paso: Approve purchasing contracts in excess of \$1,000,000 per annum.**

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.a, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to approve purchasing contracts in excess of \$1,000,000 per annum. This request has been approved administratively by the chancellor and the president and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with the *Regents' Rules*, the Board is routinely requested to approve the purchasing contracts that exceed \$1,000,000 per annum. Purchasing contracts are all compliant with Texas Education Code § 51.9335 and component Operating Policies and Procedures. Approval is requested for each vendor.

Section 07.12.3.a. *Regents' Rules*, requires Board approval on contracts that involve a stated or implied consideration that totals in excess of \$1,000,000 over the term of the contract.

TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Approve purchasing contracts in excess of \$1,000,000

Component	Vendor	Services or Goods to be Provided	Per Annum Expenditures	Start	End	Procurement Method
TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC, TTUHSC at El Paso	Ellucian/Texas A&M Corpus Christi	Technology software and services	\$1,400,000	5/2/2016	5/31/2021	DIR
TTU/TTUS	Dell	Technology hardware, software and peripherals	\$6,125,000	1/10/2017	4/9/2020	DIR
TTU/TTUS	Apple	Technology hardware, software and peripherals	\$1,500,000	3/1/2017	5/8/2020	DIR

g. TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC, TTUHSC El Paso and ASU: Approve delegation of signature authority.

Board approval required by: Title III Section 6.3b of the Texas General Appropriations Act; and Section 09.02.3, Regents' Rules which requires the annual delegation of signature authority to appropriate officers and employees each fiscal year.

The request, in accordance with Title III Section 6.3b of the Texas General Appropriations Act, is to approve signature authority as listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the chancellor and respective component presidents, and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

- (1) To authorize the chancellor to designate officers and employees of the System and its components, to approve all employee travel, except to countries outside the United States other than United States possessions, Canada, and Mexico, provided that such travel contributes to the mission of the System and its components, and is in accordance with current travel regulations. The authorization is effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, or until such time as the designated officers or employees are separated from the System or its components, or are assigned other responsibilities, whichever comes first.
- (2) To authorize the chancellor to designate officers and employees of the System and its components, to approve official travel reimbursement from State appropriations and all other funds for all officers and employees, provided that the purpose of the travel and reimbursement for such are in accordance with state travel regulations, other statutory requirements, or other action promulgated by this board. This authorization is effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, or until such time as the designated officers or employees are separated from the System or its components, or are assigned other responsibilities, whichever comes first.
- (3) To authorize the chancellor to designate officers and employees of the System and its components, to approve and pay all accounts covering expenditures for state-appropriated funds and all other System or components-controlled funds. This authorization is effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, or until such time as the designated officers or employees are separated from the System or its components, or are assigned other responsibilities, whichever comes first.
- (4) To authorize and approve the sale, purchase, and transfer of stocks, bonds, and any other investment vehicles which are owned or controlled by the System and to approve contracts with investment managers funded with assets owned or controlled by the System, provided such action is

approved by any two of the individuals listed below. This authorization is effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, or until such time as the designated officers or employees are separated from the System or its components, or are assigned other responsibilities,, whichever comes first, in which case the authorization applies to their successor:

- (5) To authorize the signature and/or countersignature of checks drawn on all depository accounts of the System or its components in any depository bank. This authorization is effective from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, or until such time as the designated officers or employees are separated from the System or its components, or are assigned other responsibilities, whichever comes first, in which case the authorization applies to their successor. Any manually signed check shall be reviewed and signed by two authorized signers, and any mechanically signed check of \$25,000 or more shall be reviewed by any authorized signer.

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Officers and employees authorized to sign, or countersign:

Penny Harkey, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, TTUHSC

- (6) To authorize the transfer of funds, by wire or other electronic means, from System or component depositories. This authorization is effective from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, or until such time as the designated officers or employees are separated from the System or its components, or are assigned other responsibilities, whichever comes first, in which case the authorization applies to their successor.

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Wire transfers shall be approved by any two authorized individuals listed:

Penny Harkey, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, TTUHSC

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Title III Section 6.3b of the Texas General Appropriations Act, and Section 09.02.3, *Regents' Rules* requires the annual delegation of signature authority to appropriate officers and employees each fiscal year.

CONTENTS OF THE INFORMATION AGENDA

Section 01.02.7.d(4)(c), *Regents' Rules*, provides: “material required by a provision of the *Regents' Rules* to be furnished to the Board as information will be listed in the information agenda.”

NOTE: The following are reports or other documents which, according to the *Regents' Rules* or state law, must be made available to the Board of Regents. As such, the reports below are on file in the Board Office, and their listing on the Information Agenda constitutes notice that they are available to Board members upon request.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information is provided as required by
Section 01.02.7.d(4)(c), *Regents' Rules*

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- (1) **ASU, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Summary of Revenues and Expenditures by Budget Category, FY 2017, per Section 01.02.8.d(3)(g), *Regents' Rules*** – All actual expenditures will be reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee annually and provided as information.
- (a) ASU: Report dated November 30, 2016 for fiscal year 2017 (available for review upon request);
 - (b) TTU: Report dated November 30, 2016 for fiscal year 2017 (available for review upon request); and
 - (c) TTUHSC: Report dated November 30, 2016 for fiscal year 2017 (available for review upon request).
 - (d) TTUHSC El Paso: Report dated November 30, 2016 for fiscal year 2017 (available for review upon request).
- (2) **TTU: Consulting contracts with an initial consideration of \$25,000 or less per Section 07.12.4.e.(2), *Regents' Rules*** – “(a) Board approval is not required, but notice of the proposed contract must be provided to the chair and the chair of the Finance and Administration Committee prior to execution of the contract. (b) A report of the contract shall be provided as an Information Agenda item at the next board meeting.”
- (a) 02977; Jorge Misael Ibarra; “Consultant Services Agreement” for TTUHSC-El Paso campus, RE: Consulting services for research related to the Community Health Worker program, \$19,800.
- (3) **TTU: Report on establishment of new centers and institutes per Section 04.11.2., *Regents' Rules*** – “The establishment or substantive restructuring of a center, institute, or other academic unit or program not addressed in Section 04.11.1 herein shall be approval by the president, with notice provided to the board via an item in the information Agenda for the next meeting of the board.”
- (a) The President has approved establishment of the Communication Training Center in the College of Media and Communication as part of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan. The center's mission is to support student learning of communication skills, particularly oral and visual communication skills. It will be engaged with the required core curriculum courses, look to collaborate with the Center for Biotechnology and Genomics to develop improved approaches for science communication, partner with the Graduate Student Writing Center to help graduate students improve oral and visual

communication skills and be available to all instructors across the institution who are interested in developing more effective forms of communication.

The center will be funded as part of the Quality Enhancement Plan.

Dr. Luke LeFebvre serves as Director.

- (b) The President has approved establishment of The Thomas Jay Harris Institute for Hispanic and International Communication, a multidisciplinary institute in the College of the College of Media & Communication. Its mission is to promote teaching and research that improves society's understanding of Hispanic-oriented and international communication, including the significant connections between them. The institute develops curricula, provides scholarship funds, and supports faculty and student research related to its focus. The institute also contributes to Hispanic and multicultural initiatives on the TTU campus and engages in teaching and research activities with other universities (domestic and international), industry representatives and Hispanic communities.

The institute is supported by an endowment created by a gift from the estate of Thomas Jay Harris, a former editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and other donor funds.

Dr. Kent Wilkinson, Professor of Journalism and Electronic Media, currently serves as Director.

ATTACHMENT



Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 42.01: Admission to the ~~College of Graduate Studies~~College of Graduate Studies and Research

DATE: ~~February 5, 2016~~Upon approval

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to specify the process by which students are admitted to graduate study at Angelo State University.

REVIEW: This OP will be reviewed by the graduate dean in January every three years, or as needed, with recommended revisions forwarded through the Graduate Council to the provost and vice president for academic affairs by March 1. This policy may be amended only by action of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. General Requirements

Angelo State University strives to admit students to graduate studies who show promise of succeeding in a rigorous academic environment. This promise is generally demonstrated through superior academic performance, as measured by undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and/or standardized test scores (i.e., GRE, or GMAT) as determined by individual program requirements. Applicants who have distinguished themselves in curricular and extracurricular undertakings, have exhibited exceptional leadership abilities, or have demonstrated special skills or talents related to the area in which they intend to pursue their studies may also be worthy of consideration for admission.

Admission as either a degree-seeking or a non-degree seeking student is granted by the dean of the ~~College of Graduate Studies~~College of Graduate Studies and Research upon the recommendation of the department of proposed study. Only students who have submitted completed applications will generally be considered for admission. A completed application consists of the following:

- a. Graduate Application for Admission form, with residency information;
- b. Current application fee (non-refundable); current application fee (US Currency non-refundable) for international applicants;
- c. Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Official Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) score for individual programs that require the GRE/GMAT as determined by the ~~College of Graduate Studies~~College of Graduate Studies and Research. To be considered official, GRE/GMAT scores must be mailed directly to the ASU ~~College of~~

~~Graduate Studies~~ College of Graduate Studies and Research from the Educational Testing Service.

d. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (except Angelo State University). * All college/university transcripts that are received by mail from the sending college/university are considered "official." All college/university transcripts that are sealed in the sending college/university envelope and hand-carried or mailed by the student are considered "official." Transcripts sent by certified electronic exchange from sending institution or approved third party will be considered official. Transcripts must include certification of a completed baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university with substantially similar degree requirements as those of Angelo State University.

d. *Students who are applying through the Centralized Application System will be required to submit an Angelo State University transcript.

e. Degree-seeking students only who are applying to a program requiring an essay must submit an essay of length as determined by the program. Specific essay requirements can be found on the College of Graduate Studies College of Graduate Studies and Research homepage, under the Essay link.

f. ~~Transcripts must include certification of a completed baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university with substantially similar degree requirements as those of Angelo State University.~~ International students, and applicants for whom English is not their first language, must also include the international student application forms and official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) taken within the last two years, ~~and the international student application forms.~~

- The minimum TOEFL score is 550 (paper-based exam), 213 (computer-based exam), or 79 internet-Based Test (iBT).
- Physical Therapy, however, requires a 600 (paper and pencil test) or 250 (computer-based test) 80 internet-Based Test (iBT). A score of 7 is required on the Academic Module of the IELTS.
- English requires a minimum TOEFL composite score of 79 with a minimum sub-score in all areas of 18, or a composite IELTS of 6.5 with a minimum sub-score of 6.0 for each band.

2. —Admission to the College of Graduate Studies College of Graduate Studies and Research as Degree-Seeking Student

The process for determining admission as a degree-seeking student is as follows:

- a. The completed application is sent to the department of proposed study for an admission recommendation. The department looks at the following factors:
 - Completion of the undergraduate prerequisites for the intended program, as indicated below.
 - The applicant's previous academic record, which may include overall GPA, last 60 hour GPA, GPA in the major or in the prerequisite courses, and/or GPA in

- any relevant graduate work. GPAs are computed on all course work taken, including all grades on repeated courses.
- The applicant's GRE/GMAT test score, if required for the program.
 - The essay, if required for the program.
 - Other criteria, as defined by the program.
- b. Applicants who submit a satisfactory essay, if required for the program, have at least a 2.50 overall undergraduate GPA or 3.00 in the last 60 semester hours, and who meet the program's formula if applicable, (and in some programs, additional criteria) will generally be awarded regular admission, resources permitting. Applicants who fall slightly below the formula or GPA standards may be considered for provisional admission. If the department of proposed study deems the applicant shows promise of succeeding in the program, provisional admission, with conditions, may be granted.
- c. Applicants who have not completed all prerequisites may be required to complete them before being considered for admission. In some programs, applicants may be admitted if they lack some prerequisites, but will be required to make up these undergraduate courses (leveling work) within the first year of their graduate enrollment.
- d. Students who have not submitted GRE/GMAT scores to programs that require standardized tests but who have an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or better (4-point scale) in the total undergraduate record, including all grades on repeated courses, may be granted provisional admission to programs that require standardized tests, with the approval of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major department and the graduate dean. These applicants must provide satisfactory GRE/GMAT scores before the end of their first semester of enrollment. Provisional admission does not guarantee regular admission. When the test score is received, the student's application file will be reviewed by the applicant's major department for an admission decision recommendation. Students who do not satisfy the grade point criteria listed above and have not submitted GRE/GMAT scores to programs that require standardized tests will not be considered for admission until the appropriate test scores are received by the [College of Graduate Studies](#) ~~College of Graduate Studies and Research~~.
- e. Applicants who are given provisional admission will be on academic probation, with the requirement that they maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average in all graduate-level work until they have completed at least nine semester hours of graduate-level work in a degree program at Angelo State University. Failure to maintain the requisite 3.00 may result in dismissal from the graduate program in which the student has been studying.
- f. Offer of Admission: Only written notice from the dean of the [College of Graduate Studies](#) ~~College of Graduate Studies and Research~~ constitutes approval of admission.
- g. Graduate students who do not attend classes for one year must re-apply for admission.