

Task Force on University Excellence and Productivity Summary of Participants and Topics Covered

Task Force On: The University of Texas System Task Force on University Excellence and Productivity

Appointed On: February 18, 2011

Work Completed On: August 25, 2011

Appointed By: Mr. Wm. Eugene “Gene” Powell, Chairman, The University of Texas System Board of Regents

Task Force Members: Ms. Brenda Pejovich, Task Force Chairman, Regent, The University of Texas System Board of Regents
Mr. Alex M. Cranberg, Regent, The University of Texas System Board of Regents
Mr. Robert L. Stillwell, Regent, The University of Texas System Board of Regents
Dr. David E. Daniel, President, The University of Texas at Dallas
Dr. Robert S. Nelsen, President, The University of Texas – Pan American
Dr. Steven W. Leslie, Executive Vice President and Provost, The University of Texas at Austin
Mr. Wm. Eugene “Gene” Powell, Chairman, The University of Texas System Board of Regents, ex-officio member
Dr. Francisco G. Cigarroa, Chancellor, The University of Texas System, ex-officio member
Dr. David B. Prior, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, ex-officio member
Dr. Scott C. Kelley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, ex-officio member
Mr. Kyle J. Kalkwarf, Student Regent, The University of Texas System Board of Regents, ex-officio member
Mr. John Davis Rutkauskas, Student Regent, The University of Texas System Board of Regents, ex-officio member

Task Force Meetings, Topics, and Presenters:

Below is a summary of the topics covered at each meeting of the Task Force on University Excellence and Productivity. The participants listed below are those individuals who were invited to participate in that task force meeting.

March 17

Participants:

- Mr. Fred Heldenfels, Chairman, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Dr. Raymund Paredes, Commissioner, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Meeting Topic: What recommendations from the THECB Cost Efficiency Study could have a significant impact on institutions of the UT System

Task Force on University Excellence and Productivity Summary of Participants and Topics Covered

March 23

Participants:

- Dr. Daniel Slesnick, Vice Provost for Resource Management, UT Austin
- Ms. Kristy Foster, Academic Budget Officer, UT Austin

Meeting Topics:

- Faculty Management System being developed by UT Austin
- UT Austin's process for aligning budgets with strategic priorities

March 31

Participants:

- Dr. J. Tinsley Oden, P.E., Associate Vice President for Research and Director, Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences, UT Austin
- Dr. Alfred G. Gilman, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
- Dr. Henry W. Brands, Dickson Allen Anderson Centennial Professor of History, Professor of Government, UT Austin
- Dr. Robert M. Metcalfe, Professor of Innovation and Murchison Fellow of Free Enterprise, Cockrell School of Engineering, UT Austin
- Dr. Paul Woodruff, Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies, UT Austin

Meeting Topics: Research opportunities and challenges and the following questions addressed by the participants:

- What is the role of research and the research university in innovation, discovery, knowledge creation, and economic growth?
- What is the role of research in teaching, undergraduate engagement, and preparing students to be vehicles of innovation?
- How do we attract more research funding?
- How do we define scholarly creativity and research productivity?
- How do we attract more world-class teachers?

April 6

Participants:

- Dr. Michael M. Crow, President, Arizona State University
- Dr. Philip Regier, Executive Vice Provost and Dean, ASU Online
- Dr. Elizabeth D. Capaldi, Executive Vice President and Provost, ASU

Meeting Topics:

- Development of ASU Online
- Successful program consolidation efforts
- Approach to interdisciplinary research
- Dramatically increasing student enrollment
- Driving blended learning into the undergraduate curriculum
- Vision for the New American University

Task Force on University Excellence and Productivity Summary of Participants and Topics Covered

April 14

Participants: Dr. Kim Clark, President, Brigham Young University-Idaho and former Dean, Harvard Business School

Meeting Topics:

- BYU-Idaho's effort at improving quality, serving more students, and lowering costs, simultaneously
- Impressions from visit of Arizona State University

May 3

Participants:

- Faculty Panel:
 - Dr. Blake Bextine, Biology, UT Tyler
 - Dr. Dumitru Caruntu, Mechanical Engineering, UTPA
 - Dr. Pei Lung, Finance and Real Estate, UTA
 - Mr. Robert Prentice, Business Law, UT Austin
 - Dr. Kimberley Selber, Communication, UTPA
 - Dr. Paul Stanford, Mathematics, UTD
 - Mr. Steven Varela, English, UTEP
 - Dr. Jeffrey Vaaler, Mathematics, UT Austin
- Student Panel:
 - Ms. Chelsea Adler, Student Leader, UT Austin
 - Ms. Diana Gloria, Student Leader, UTEP
 - Mr. Xavier Johnson, Student Leader, UTSA
 - Ms. Sara Khalifa, Student Leader UTT
 - Mr. Dorsey Long, Student Leader, UTA
 - Mr. Jorge Munoz, Student Leader, UTB
 - Ms. Dina Shahrokhi, Student Leader, UTD
 - Ms. Sarah Wilson, Student Leader, UTPB

Meeting Topics:

- Faculty members of the panel were recipients of teaching excellence awards, and they discussed how teaching excellence can be improved and shared throughout the UT System
- The decision making process involved in setting faculty compensation
- How student learning outcomes are measured
- Student leaders on the panel discussed issues related to student input into faculty evaluations and budgeting decisions

May 18

Participants: no outside participants

Meeting Topics:

- Discussion of time to Ph.D. degree completion
- Discussion of Regents' Rules on faculty workload and post tenure review
- Introduction to the Chancellor's Productivity Dashboard Initiative

Task Force on University Excellence and Productivity Summary of Participants and Topics Covered

June 15

Participants: no outside participants

Meeting Topics:

- Review and discussion related to the Chancellor's proposed Productivity Dashboard
- Sharing of best practices employed at UT Dallas for ensuring timely degree completion for Ph.D. candidates

June 29

Participants: Dr. Paul Woodruff, Dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies, UT Austin

Meeting Topics:

- Peer review of teaching
- Post-tenure review
- Annual faculty evaluations
- Exit interviews for faculty

July 13

Participants:

- Mr. Michael Crosno, CEO and Chairman, myEdu
- Mr. Chris Chilek, Senior Vice President, myEdu

Meeting Topics:

- Student advising and data collection by myEdu
- Policy for faculty service
- Policy for consulting and outside employment by faculty
- Role of department chairs

August 9

Participants:

- Mr. Dan Fontaine, Senior Vice President for Business Affairs, UTMD Anderson Cancer Center
- Mr. Gerald Colman, Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Operations, UTMD Anderson Cancer Center
- Dr. Patricia Hurn, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for Health Affairs
- Dr. Dale Klein, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for Academic Affairs
- Mr. Bryan Allinson, Executive Director of Technology Commercialization and Advisory Services
- Dr. Randa Safady, Vice Chancellor for External Relations

Meeting Topics:

- Presentation for Physician Productivity Data System developed by UTMDACC
- Demonstration of research search engines being developed by the UT System
- The use of presidential workload credits