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**Pending approval by Board*

1. **U. T. Arlington: Authorization to enter into an agreement with and grant easements to the City of Arlington pertaining to approximately 5.392 acres on the U. T. Arlington campus along and near S. Center Street, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, to permit the design and construction of a pedestrian plaza and hiking trail as amenities for the east side of the U. T. Arlington campus, including the future Special Events Center**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and President Spaniolo that authorization be granted by the U. T. System Board of Regents, on behalf of U. T. Arlington, to

- a. enter into an agreement with and grant easements for a 20-year term to the City of Arlington pertaining to approximately 5.392 acres on the U. T. Arlington campus along and near S. Center Street, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, to permit the design and construction of a pedestrian plaza and hiking trail as amenities for the east side of the U. T. Arlington campus, including the future Special Events Center; and
- b. authorize the Executive Director of Real Estate to execute the agreement and the easements together with all documents, instruments, and other agreements, subject to approval of all such documents as to legal form by the Office of General Counsel, and to take all further actions deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing recommendation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Arlington and the City of Arlington (City) propose to jointly undertake the design and construction of a pedestrian plaza and hiking trail as part of a sustainable development project. Funding for this project is expected to come from grants from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (COG) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. U. T. Arlington will grant easements to the City of Arlington for the location of the plaza and hiking trail and will contribute a maximum of \$575,275 to the construction costs. COG and HUD will contribute the remaining construction costs, with the COG amount not to exceed \$2,301,100. The amount to be contributed by HUD is yet to be determined.

The amenities to be constructed for the project include a landscaped pedestrian plaza and an approximately six-foot wide paved and lighted pedestrian way parallel to S. Center Street, UTA Boulevard, and Pecan Street. The project is near the U. T. Arlington Special Events Center that is to be constructed.

The City of Arlington will bid and enter into a contract or contracts for the construction of the project. Schrickel Rollins and Associates has been retained by the institution and the City to serve as the landscape architect and to prepare the plans for the project. The City will be responsible for interfacing with COG and HUD, paying the contractors for the costs of construction, and securing reimbursement for construction costs from COG and HUD.

The easements for the pedestrian plaza and hiking trail will each have a 20-year term. The easement for the pedestrian plaza will contain an early termination right in favor of U. T. Arlington upon the institution's payment of unamortized construction costs as determined on a straightline basis. U. T. Arlington will be responsible for maintenance of the pedestrian plaza and will apply its rules and regulations to the plaza.

Details of this transaction are summarized in the transaction summary below.

Transaction Summary

Institution:	U. T. Arlington
Type of Transaction:	Easements for a 20-year term for pedestrian plaza and hiking trail
Total Area:	Approximately 5.392 acres
Improvements:	Pedestrian plaza and hiking trail to be constructed by the Grantee
Location:	U. T. Arlington campus along and near S. Center Street, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas (see map on following page)
Grantee:	City of Arlington
Intended Use:	Amenity for east side of campus adjacent to planned Special Events Center

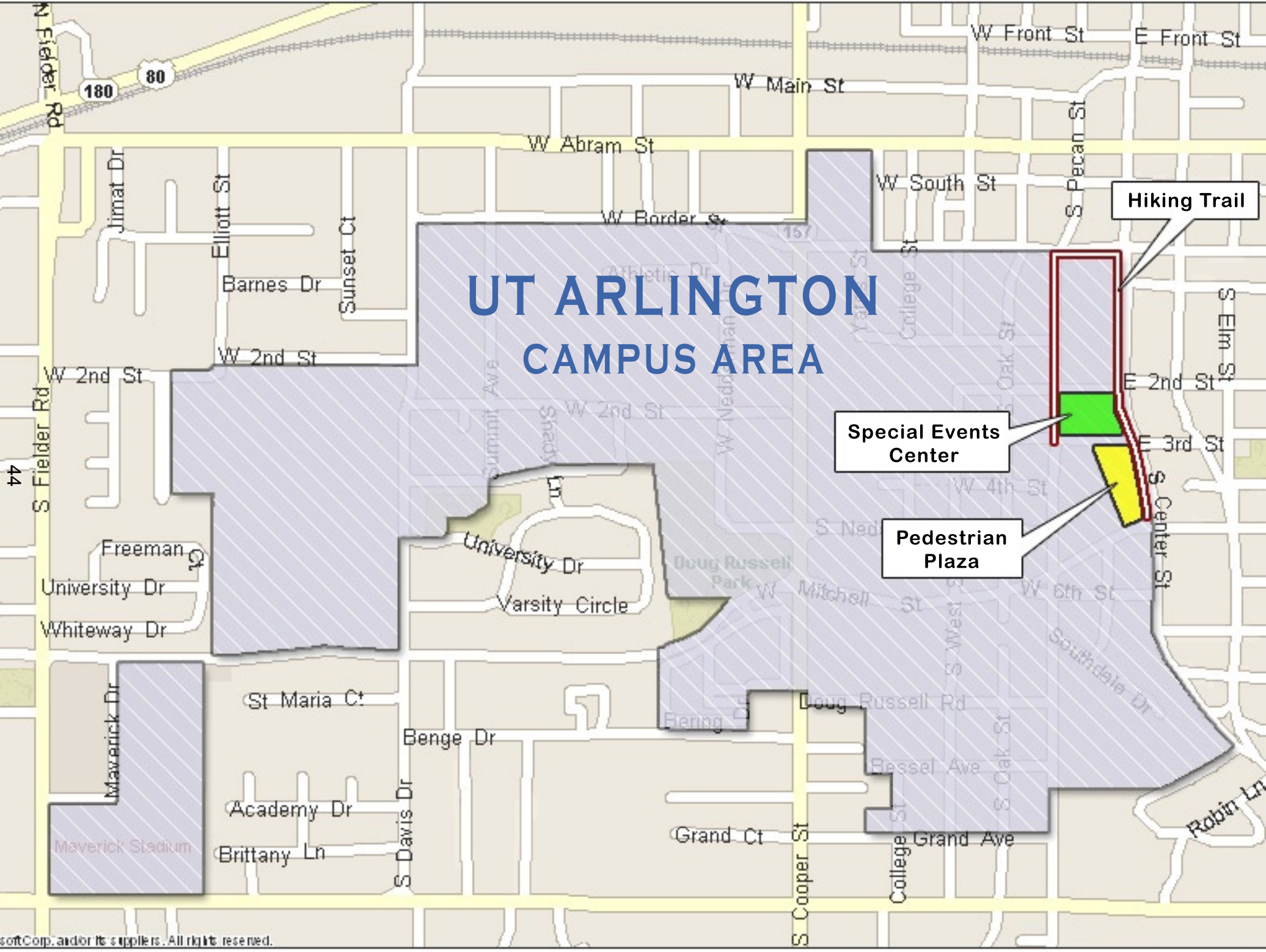
UT ARLINGTON CAMPUS AREA

Hiking Trail

Special Events Center

Pedestrian Plaza

Maverick Stadium



2. **U. T. Dallas and U. T. Permian Basin: Authorization to grant licenses to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to permit the licensee to place electrical distribution facilities on portions of the respective campuses to serve campus facilities**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and Presidents Daniel and Watts that authorization be granted by the U. T. System Board of Regents, on behalf of U. T. Dallas and U. T. Permian Basin, to

- a. grant licenses to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to permit the licensee to place electrical distribution facilities on portions of the respective campuses to serve campus facilities; and
- b. authorize the Executive Director of Real Estate to execute the licenses and such other related documents, subject to approval of all such documents as to legal form by the Office of General Counsel, and to take all further actions deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing recommendation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Authorization is being sought to grant licenses as described below to facilitate campus construction projects:

U. T. Dallas: To grant a license to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to permit the licensee to place electrical distribution facilities on the U. T. Dallas campus north of Synergy Park Boulevard and near the southwest corner of Synergy Park Boulevard and Rufford Avenue, Richardson, Collin County, Texas, to expand the capacity of the electrical service to the campus.

U. T. Permian Basin: To grant a license to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to permit the licensee to place electrical distribution facilities on a portion of the institution's 69.3-acre site located at the southeast corner of FM 1788 and State Highway 191, Midland, Midland County, Texas, to provide for permanent electrical service to The Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, now under construction on the site. The facility is scheduled to be completed and begin occupancy in October 2011.

3. **U. T. Austin: Approval of creation and honorific naming of the Lady Bird Johnson Center and renaming of the Lyndon B. Johnson Auditorium as the Lady Bird Johnson Auditorium**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Powers that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the creation and honorific naming of the Lady Bird Johnson Center and the renaming of the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Auditorium at U. T. Austin as the Lady Bird Johnson Auditorium.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) Library and Museum, located at 2313 Red River Street, was originally dedicated May 22, 1971. The building and grounds are currently undergoing extensive renovation and improvement to address condition and compliance issues. The plaza around the library will have the fountains replaced with gardens and landscape features to create a more inviting environment around the complex. The LBJ Auditorium is not part of the LBJ Library and thus is a U. T. Austin, rather than a federal, facility located beneath the LBJ Library. The Auditorium is used for lectures, forums, and events, both for U. T. Austin students and the public. Upgrades have been made to the audiovisual system and acoustics, and the flooring, ceiling treatments, and seating have been replaced. Two new classroom spaces have been built next to the Auditorium for use by the Library.

As proposed, the plaza-level garden areas, the LBJ Auditorium, and the new classrooms will collectively be named the Lady Bird Johnson Center. This Center will act as a functional bridge between the LBJ Library and the LBJ School of Public Affairs. To better unite and define the area of the Lady Bird Johnson Center, it is proposed that the LBJ Auditorium be renamed as the Lady Bird Johnson Auditorium. The Johnson family and the LBJ Library leadership have given their approval of these namings.

Lady Bird Johnson (Mrs. Claudia Taylor Johnson) was the wife of Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States. A U. T. Austin alumna, she served on the U. T. System Board of Regents from 1971 to 1977. She played a key role in the plans to build the LBJ Library and Museum and the LBJ School of Public Affairs. In 1982, Mrs. Johnson co-founded the National Wildflower Research Center, which has since been renamed the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and adopted by U. T. Austin as an organized research unit.

The proposed naming is consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80307, relating to the honorific naming of facilities, as a tribute to the life and works of Lady Bird Johnson.

4. **U. T. Austin: Approval of honorific naming of the Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas as the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Powers that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the honorific naming of the Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas at U. T. Austin as the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas, formerly the Program in Western Civilizations and American Institutions, is located within the College of Liberal Arts.

The aim of the Center is to realize President Thomas Jefferson's vision of educating citizens and leaders to understand the meaning of liberty and to exercise it wisely. The Center embraces President Jefferson's conviction that one of the best ways to attain a liberal education, an education suited for a free individual in a free society, is through a serious study of the great books. In courses offered through the Center, students engage in a direct, respectful, but probing and critical study of major creative and theoretical works that have shaped human thought and history. The texts studied include major works of philosophy, religion, history, and literature, seminal writings in the sciences and social sciences, works of art, and major political documents and speeches. These works are distinguished both by their depth of insight of creative originality and by their influence on subsequent thought or history.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) served as third President of the United States (1801-1809) and was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. He wrote the Virginia Bill for the More General Diffusion of Knowledge (1778), which in a much revised version years later (1796) became a Virginia law as the Act to Establish Public Schools. He also wrote the Virginia Act for Establishing Religious Freedom (1786). He founded the University of Virginia, for which he chose all of the books in the library, defined the curriculum, and selected the faculty. Throughout his life, President Jefferson actively promoted education. It was he who commented that it "is impossible for a man who takes a survey of what is already known not to see what an immensity in every branch of science yet remains to be discovered . . ." His own library contained works from ancient writers (e.g., Aristotle, Homer, Thucydides) to works of what he called "the three greatest men the world has ever produced" (namely, Francis Bacon, Isaac Newton, and John Locke), to writers of his time. Included were books on history, philosophy, science, mathematics, ethics, religion, jurisprudence, literature, and fine arts. The 6,487 volumes that Congress acquired from him in 1815 became the kernel

of the Library of Congress. By adopting his name, the Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas wishes to communicate that the basic mission of the Center is a civic one and to acknowledge that it shares President Jefferson's vision of the contents of a good civic education.

In addition to course offerings, the Center offers a junior fellows program for undergraduates, teaching assistantships for graduate students, and postdoctoral teaching fellowships for young scholars committed to the interdisciplinary teaching of the great books. Beyond its academic programs, the Center also sponsors a lecture series for the university community and general public and outreach programs for local teachers and business and community leaders.

The proposed naming is consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80307, relating to the honorific naming of centers.

5. **U. T. System: Discussions on academic leadership matters related to interinstitutional collaboration**

PURPOSE

Executive Vice Chancellor Prior will lead a presidential discussion and engagement with the Board of Regents on topics relating to interinstitutional collaboration.