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1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding Consent Agenda items, if any, referred for Committee consideration**

The proposed Consent Agenda is located at the back of the book.

2. **U. T. Pan American: Appointment of Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez as President Emeritus**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs concur in the recommendation of President Nelsen that authorization be granted to appoint Miguel A. Nevárez, Ph.D. as President Emeritus at U. T. Pan American. Approval of this recommendation is being requested in accordance with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 20301.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez served as President of U. T. Pan American from 1981-2004. He is the longest serving president in the 87-year history of the University. During his tenure as President, Dr. Nevárez awarded approximately 30,000 diplomas and was credited by the *Wall Street Journal* with developing a strong middle class of Hispanic citizens for Texas. He also guided U. T. Pan American through its merger into the U. T. System and saw the University's endowment grow from \$70,000 to \$50 million.

Upon Dr. Nevárez's retirement in 2004, former Chancellor William H. Cunningham credited him with the construction of 15 new buildings on the U. T. Pan American campus and with helping to create the South Texas Community College in McAllen. Dr. Cunningham also called Dr. Nevárez "the driving force in the South Texas Border Initiative," a most significant effort that resulted in major advances for higher education in the Rio Grande Valley.

Dr. Nevárez's immense value to U. T. Pan American, U. T. System, and the State of Texas was best described by past U. T. Pan American Foundation Chair, Mr. Joseph Ramirez, when he said at the retirement ceremony, "your best accomplishment is positioning U. T. Pan American for the future."

3. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval to create the College of Pharmacy at U. T. Tyler and amendment of the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Rule 40601, Section 1.11 to add Subsection (f) to include the College of Pharmacy**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Interim Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and President Mabry that approval be granted to create the College of Pharmacy at U. T. Tyler and to amend the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40601, Section 1.11, concerning institutions comprising The University of Texas System, to include the College of Pharmacy as set forth below in congressional style:

Sec. 1. Official Titles. The U. T. System is composed of the institutions and entities set forth below. To ensure uniformity and consistence of usage throughout the U. T. System, the institutions and their respective entities shall be listed in the following order and the following titles (short form of title follows) shall be used:

...

1.11 The University of Texas at Tyler (U. T. Tyler)

- (a) The University of Texas at Tyler College of Arts and Sciences
- (b) The University of Texas at Tyler College of Business and Technology
- (c) The University of Texas at Tyler College of Education and Psychology
- (d) The University of Texas at Tyler College of Engineering and Computer Science
- (e) The University of Texas at Tyler College of Nursing and Health Sciences
- (f) The University of Texas at Tyler College of Pharmacy**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This proposed amendment to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40601 is to reflect the creation of the U. T. Tyler College of Pharmacy, which has been approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs pending approval by the Board.

U. T. Tyler, in partnership with U. T. Health Science Center - Tyler, proposes to establish a self-supporting College of Pharmacy. The proposed College of Pharmacy would be self-sustaining through tuition and philanthropic donations and would require no State appropriations for operations. U. T. Tyler would lead the curriculum and teaching elements of the college, while U. T. Health Science Center - Tyler would lead the research efforts. A joint U. T. Tyler/U. T. Health Science Center - Tyler College of Pharmacy would build upon highly successful nursing, health, and medical programs offered by the two institutions and strengthen their capacity to offer additional health care degrees.

The addition of a College of Pharmacy at U. T. Tyler is in line with the University's vision of becoming nationally recognized as a destination university for high-ability students. The pharmacy program would enable the University to further build its already solid reputation in chemistry and biology and to recruit outstanding pharmacy graduate students.

A College of Pharmacy supports U. T. Tyler's goals listed in the Framework for Advancing Excellence. Specifically, the College will strongly support U. T. Tyler's increased enrollment and retention targets.

*Texas Education Code* Section 65.11 authorizes the Board of Regents to provide for the "names of the institutions and entities in The University of Texas System in such a way as will achieve the maximum operating efficiency of such institutions and entities[.]"

See Facilities Planning and Construction Item 8 regarding a Capital Improvement Program amendment to include the New Pharmacy School Building.

**4. U. T. El Paso: Allocation of \$10 million of Permanent University Fund Bond Proceeds for the Campus Transformation Project**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and President Natalicio that authorization be granted to allocate \$10 million from Permanent University Fund (PUF) Bond Proceeds to replace the Revenue Financing System (RFS) debt previously approved by the Board, with the \$10 million to serve as a match for an \$8 million investment made by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Campus Transformation Project at U. T. El Paso.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The U. T. El Paso Campus Transformation Project will complete the campus outdoor space reconfiguration that began more than 10 years ago to improve access and space utilization and to enhance the safety and security for students. The primary organizational framework of current outdoor spaces, especially parking and streets, no longer meets even minimal campus needs. Restricting vehicles to roadways along the campus perimeter and providing safe and convenient walkways for pedestrians all across the campus have become increasingly urgent priorities.

This project is the culmination of a master planning and implementation process that has successfully leveraged the investments of a variety of strategic partners, including TxDOT and the City of El Paso. The project began with the creation of a loop route around the campus perimeter and construction of three parking garages at strategic locations along it, at a total cost of \$50 million. TxDOT made major investments (\$22 million) in improving the safety and efficiency of U. T. El Paso's access to IH-10 by constructing a new exit ramp, campus entrance roundabout, and pedestrian bridge. TxDOT has also begun construction of a new campus access road, Spur 1966, providing a direct connection from U. T. El Paso to Loop 375, at a projected cost of \$73 million. TxDOT also plans to widen Sun Bowl Drive later this year at an estimated cost of \$4.5 million. The City of El Paso added major improvements to two major sections of U. T. El Paso's perimeter loop route (North Oregon Street and West Schuster Avenue) and partnered with U. T. El Paso by constructing a \$13 million parking garage and transit terminal.

At the heart of this plan is the creation of a continuous pedestrian environment that uses walkways, bike paths, and green spaces to knit together campus buildings, improve circulation to and from classes, increase pedestrian safety, and create more inviting gathering spaces on an inner campus that has previously been dominated by vehicles. In addition to improving safety, this more appealing campus environment and the sense of community it builds will help to foster student success. The requested funds of \$10 million from PUF will match an \$8 million commitment to this project by TxDOT. In addition to matching the TxDOT funding, the proposed PUF allocation will allow U. T. El Paso to redirect its RFS debt capacity toward other institutional priorities.

In August 23, 2012, the project was included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with a total project cost of \$25 million with funding from Revenue Financing System Bond Proceeds. On February 14, 2013, the Board approved design development and appropriation of funds and authorization of expenditure.

5. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Announcement of recipients for the 2013 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards and remarks by representative faculty**

REPORT

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System places the highest priority on undergraduate teaching at U. T. System universities and encourages teaching excellence by recognizing those faculty who deliver the highest quality of undergraduate instruction, demonstrate their commitment to teaching, and have a history and promising future of sustained excellence with undergraduate teaching in the classroom, in the laboratory, in the field, or online.

On August 14, 2008, the Regents established the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards, which are a symbol of the importance the Board places on the provision of teaching and learning of the highest order, in recognition of those who serve students in an exemplary manner and as an incentive for others who aspire to such service. These teaching awards complement existing ways in which faculty excellence is recognized and incentivized. The Board allocated \$1 million per year for the awards for U. T. Austin and another \$1 million per year for the remaining academic institutions. The allocation has been approved through Fiscal Year 2017. Program details for the awards were approved by the Board of Regents on November 13, 2008, and involve one-time payments of \$25,000 each to individual faculty recipient.

Awards are made according to faculty level, with no more than 40 awards for tenured faculty, 18 for tenure-track faculty, and 18 for contingent faculty (including adjuncts, lecturers, and instructional assistants).

At the meeting, Chancellor Cigarroa will announce the 2013 recipients of the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards. The faculty members presenting at the meeting are:

- James A. Karboski, Ph.D., Clinical Professor, College of Pharmacy, U. T. Austin
- Matthew J. Goeckner, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, U. T. Dallas
- Cigdem V. Sirin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, U. T. El Paso