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

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Consent Agenda is located at the back of the book. Consent Agenda items assigned to this Committee are on [Pages 334 - 372](#).

2. **U. T. Rio Grande Valley: Presentation and video on White Coat Ceremony for the School of Medicine's inaugural class**

REPORT

On July 23, 2016, the U. T. Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine welcomed its first 55 students into the medical profession with the inaugural White Coat Ceremony. A short video of the ceremony will be shown.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation established the White Coat Ceremony in 1993 as a way to welcome new students into the medical profession. The most important element of the ceremony is the oath that students take in front of family members, school leadership, and peers. The oath acknowledges their primary role as caregivers. The Ceremony and the oath serve as a rite of passage and are further commemorated by lapel pins that the Foundation supplies to students at all ceremonies.

3. **U. T. Tyler: Approval of preliminary authority for a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Deputy Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and President Mabry that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve

- a. preliminary authority for U. T. Tyler to include a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Clinical Psychology; and
- b. notification of the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Tyler requests preliminary authority to amass the resources needed to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology. The program would focus on preparing doctoral-level clinical psychologists who have clinical and research skills enabling them to work effectively with and on behalf of populations in rural areas in which there is an important unmet need, such as older adults, underserved minority populations, military veterans, and active duty members. Employment for clinical psychologists at the regional, state, and national levels is expected to increase by 16% within the State of Texas (2012-2022) and 19% nationally (2014-2024).

In April 2016, U. T. Tyler invited a peer review team to the institution to assess the Department of Psychology's readiness to offer a Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology. The review team's report was positive overall and included a number of recommendations, including the need to hire additional faculty intended to ensure that the program would be offered at the highest quality.

Once preliminary authority has been approved, U. T. Tyler will submit the degree program for approval by the U. T. System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

4. U. T. Austin: Report on the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School

INTRODUCTION

Dean and Vice President for Medical Affairs Clay Johnston, M.D., Ph.D., will report on the U. T. Austin Dell Medical School.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On May 3, 2012, the U. T. System Board of Regents allocated \$25 million of annual funding for a U. T. Austin medical school and an additional \$40 million to be disbursed over eight years for faculty recruitment. In November 2012, Travis County voters approved a proposition to raise property tax revenue in support of health care initiatives for Central Texas, including \$35 million annually for the medical school.

The Dell Medical School was named for the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, which pledged \$50 million over the next 10 years. In January 2014, Dr. Johnston was named the medical school's inaugural dean. The school opened to the inaugural class of 50 students in Summer 2016.

The Seton Healthcare Family has provided significant and ongoing financial support for undergraduate and graduate medical education and training activities on behalf of the Dell Medical School. The Dell Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas is the new teaching hospital that will begin operations in 2017 and will partner with the other Dell Medical School facilities.

Creating the Dell Medical School and the Dell Seton Medical Center on the U. T. Austin campus is the equivalent of starting a new campus. A comprehensive plan has been developed for a health district to be created on existing University property at the southeastern corner of the campus as part of the U. T. Austin Campus Master Plan.

This is the first report on the startup of the Dell Medical School.