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RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President Willerson that authorization be granted to U. T. Health Science Center - Houston to establish a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene and to amend the U. T. Board of Regents' Table of Programs; to submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action; and to authorize the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs to certify on behalf of the U. T. Board of Regents that relevant Coordinating Board criteria for approval by the Commissioner of Higher Education have been met except for previous approval of planning authority. In addition, the Coordinating Board will be asked to change the Table of Programs for U. T. Health Science Center - Houston to reflect authorization for the proposed degree program. A description of the degree program is included in the Background Information of this agenda item.

Upon approval by the Coordinating Board, the next appropriate catalog published at U. T. Health Science Center - Houston will be amended to reflect this action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Program Description

U. T. Health Science Center - Houston is proposing a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Dental Hygiene. Students will graduate with a total of 128 semester credit hours: 62 from another accredited institution and 66 from the School of Dental Hygiene program. The School of Dental Hygiene within the Department of Dental Public Health and Dental Hygiene will be responsible for the program. The

proposed program will provide an opportunity for students who desire to enter the dental profession to graduate with a B.S. degree and to enter a health-care system with expanded abilities and attitudes to meet the current evolving health-care needs of today's society.

U. T. Health Science Center - Houston currently offers a two-year Certificate Program in Dental Hygiene. The proposed program will consist of one curricular design to earn a certificate and one to earn a baccalaureate degree. To earn a certificate, the students will enter the two-year program with the prerequisite 28 semester credit hours from another accredited institution. To graduate with a baccalaureate degree, the students will enter the two-year program with the proposed prerequisite 62 semester credit hours from another accredited institution. These 62 semester credit hours are comprised of general education and elective courses that meet the Texas Common Course numbering requirements and the criteria established for baccalaureate programs by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The anticipated date for enrolling the first students is Fall 2002.

Need and Student Demand

Currently, there are only three dental hygiene baccalaureate programs in the State of Texas and only two of the three are designed as pre-entry programs. These programs are located in Dallas and Denton - approximately 300 miles from Houston. The proposed program will be located in Houston, the fourth largest city in the country and one of the fastest growing and most ethnically diverse cities in an area that offers many career opportunities. The availability of a B.S. degree in Dental Hygiene will provide graduates of this program with the qualifications needed to take advantage of these opportunities.

Graduates will serve the public in a variety of ways. The primary function will be the treatment of patients in private-based and community health care. In addition, graduates will have the opportunity to conduct research and to enter the field of teaching dental hygiene to others.

Fifteen baccalaureate students are expected to enroll in the Fall of 2002, gradually increasing to approximately 30 per class in 2005.

Program Quality

Nine registered dental hygienists, who hold master's or bachelor's degrees and who are currently teaching in the Dental Hygiene Certificate Program, will be responsible for educating the students. In addition, faculty who teach in the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree program will also teach the dental hygiene students.

Program Cost

No additional State funds will be necessary to implement this program since the students will take the additional courses required for the baccalaureate program at another institution and then enroll in the existing Dental Hygiene Certificate program.

Coordinating Board Criteria

The program meets seven of the eight applicable Coordinating Board criteria for degree programs that may be approved by the Commissioner of Higher Education on behalf of the Coordinating Board. The proposed Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program is not included in the Table of Programs previously approved by the Coordinating Board for the U. T. Health Science Center - Houston; therefore, the proposed degree program does not meet the Certification for Approval of a New Bachelor's and Master's Level Degree Program by the Commissioner and must be approved by the Coordinating Board.

Summary

U. T. Health Science Center - Houston is requesting authorization to establish a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program and to submit the proposed degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval. There is a strong need for this degree in the region. The proposed degree will help to fill this need and to fulfill the desire of U. T. Health Science Center - Houston to meet the educational needs of students and community constituents in this region.

A copy of the proposal to establish the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program at U. T. Health Science Center - Houston is on file in the U. T. System Office of Health Affairs.

2. U. T. Health Science Center - Houston: Request for Authorization to Establish a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Research and to Amend the U. T. Board of Regents' Table of Programs; Approval to Submit the Proposed Degree Program and Change in the Institution's Table of Programs to the Coordinating Board for Approval (Catalog Change); and Authorization of Certification that Coordinating Board Criteria for Approval Are Met Except for Previous Approval of Planning Authority

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President Willerson that authorization be granted to U. T. Health Science Center - Houston to establish a Master of Science in Clinical Research degree program and to amend the U. T. Board of Regents' Table of Programs; to submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action; and to authorize the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs to certify on behalf of the U. T. Board of Regents that relevant Coordinating Board criteria for approval by the Commissioner of Higher Education have been met except for previous approval of planning authority. In addition, the Coordinating Board will be asked to change the Table of Programs for U. T. Health Science Center - Houston to reflect authorization for the proposed degree program. A description of the degree program is included in the Background Information of this agenda item.

Upon approval by the Coordinating Board, the next appropriate catalog published at U. T. Health Science Center - Houston will be amended to reflect this action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Program Description

The U. T. Health Science Center - Houston is requesting planning authority to offer a Master of Science in Clinical Research degree program in the Medical School and approval to implement this program. The proposed Master of Science in Clinical Research is designed for physicians and other clinical investigators with a variety

of academic degree qualifications. The program will consist of a didactic course work component and an intensive individual mentorship component leading to at least 36 completed semester credit hours. Each component of the program will allow flexibility to meet the training needs of individual students based on each student's prior course work, level of experience, and career goals. The Center for Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Medicine in the U. T. Health Science Center - Houston Medical School will administer the program. The goal of this Center is to increase the public's healthy years of life by promoting clinical research of the highest quality and by advancing the application of this research to prevent acute and chronic illness, disability, and premature death. The master's degree program supports this goal by training clinical investigators to design, conduct, and interpret patient-oriented research of exemplary quality. The anticipated date for implementation is January 2002.

Need and Student Demand

In 1998, U. T. Health Science Center - Houston and U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center succeeded in securing funding for a Clinical Research Curriculum training program. The level of participation in this program evidences local interest in this training. In the 2000-2001 academic year, average attendance at these lectures has been 58. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Request for Application for the Clinical Research Curriculum Award stated "The NIH recognizes that highly trained clinical researchers are needed in order to capitalize on the many profound developments and discoveries in fundamental science and to translate them to clinical settings." This Request for Application was intended to stimulate the inclusion of high-quality multidisciplinary didactic training as part of the career development of clinical investigators. The proposed master's program would expand on the training provided in the Clinical Research Curriculum so that selected participants can obtain more in-depth training and obtain a degree as evidence of their accomplishments. Based on interest expressed by these students, it is anticipated that six students per year will enroll in the proposed master's program.

Program Quality

The curriculum for the master's program will consist of two tracks -- one in patient-based clinical research and one in translational research. The Clinical Research Curriculum is a two-year curriculum composed of a weekly lecture series and an intensive mentorship component. Students in the master's program will be given 10 semester credit hours for successful completion of the Clinical Research Curriculum courses. Additional course work will be selected by the student and his/her advisory committee to meet the educational goals of the individual student.

New courses for the master's program will be offered at the Medical School, and each student may select from courses offered at the School of Public Health, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, or the School of Health Information Sciences, according to his/her needs. Each student will be required to complete an additional 26 semester credit hours, including a practicum and a thesis. This program is designed for clinicians who are actively involved in clinical research and whose career goals include conducting high-quality clinical research. It is expected that this program will appeal primarily to physicians at the fellow and junior faculty levels as well as other clinicians and mid-level faculty who have not had previous formal training in clinical research. The rapid pace of the curriculum assumes a working knowledge of clinical medicine and an excellent scholastic aptitude. The 18 faculty members in the Center for Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Medicine will supervise this program and teach the new classes in the curriculum. They are all full-time faculty at either the Medical School or the School of Public Health. These faculty are all actively involved in clinical research and bring to the program a broad range of expertise, including biostatistics, epidemiology, ethics, and health-care economics.

Program Cost

The new degree program will require 1.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) faculty members and 0.75 FTE support staff in addition to the personnel currently supporting the Clinical Research Curriculum. No new resources are being requested for the initiation of this program. As long as the Clinical Research Curriculum Award remains funded, the program can be funded with reallocation of the existing resources in the Center for Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Medicine and the Clinical Epidemiology Program. If external funding is not sustained, funding for one to two additional faculty members and one support person would be needed. These positions could be supported by reallocation of resources from other programs.

Coordinating Board Criteria

The program meets seven of the eight applicable Coordinating Board criteria for degree programs that may be approved by the Commissioner of Higher Education on behalf of the Coordinating Board. The proposed Master of Science in Clinical Research degree program is not included in the Table of Programs previously approved by the Coordinating Board for the U. T. Health Science Center - Houston; therefore, the proposed degree program does not meet the Certification for Approval of a New Bachelor's and Master's Level Degree Program by the Commissioner and must be approved by the Coordinating Board.

Summary

U. T. Health Science Center - Houston is requesting authorization to establish a Master of Science in Clinical Research degree program and to submit the proposed degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

There is a strong need for this degree in the region. The proposed degree will help to fill this need and to fulfill the desire of U. T. Health Science Center - Houston to meet the educational needs of students and community constituents in this region.

A copy of the proposal to establish the Master of Science in Clinical Research degree program at U. T. Health Science Center - Houston is on file in the U. T. System Office of Health Affairs.

3. U. T. Health Science Center - Houston: Request for Authorization to Purchase Real Property Located at 3028 South MacGregor Way, Houston, Harris County, Texas; Authorization to Submit a Request to the Coordinating Board for Approval of the Transaction; and Authorization to Execute All Documents Related Thereto

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and President Willerson that authorization be granted by the U. T. Board of Regents, on behalf of U. T. Health Science Center - Houston, to:

- a. Purchase real property located at 3028 South MacGregor Way in Houston, Harris County, Texas, from Mr. Paul Pendleton of Houston, Texas, at a price of \$2,304,600, which is based upon a unit volume of \$12.27 per square foot and is the average value of two MAI appraisals
- b. Submit a request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval of this transaction.

It is further recommended that the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs or the Executive Director of Real Estate be authorized to execute all documents,

instruments, and other agreements and to take all further actions deemed necessary or desirable to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing recommendations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting on August 12, 1999, the U. T. Board of Regents transferred ownership of real property known as the Mental Sciences Institute from U. T. Health Science Center - Houston to U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in exchange for payments totaling \$15,000,000. U. T. Health Science Center - Houston will utilize these funds to construct a replacement facility for the Mental Sciences Institute on the subject property, which is located east of Hermann Park and the Texas Medical Center.

The property consists of approximately 4.3119 acres of land with a 6,773 square foot residential structure and a 2,019 square foot caretaker's house. The favorable location of the property, immediately adjacent to the Harris County Psychiatric Center, will facilitate programmatic interaction as well as patient access between these two mental health facilities.

4. U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Request for Approval for Expanded Degree Authority in the Radiation Biology Doctoral Program in Radiological Sciences and Approval to Submit the Proposed Program to the Coordinating Board for Approval (Catalog Change)

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President Cigarroa that approval be granted to U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio to expand the degree authority in the Radiation Biology doctoral program in Radiological Sciences to include Radiation Biology: Human Imaging and to submit the proposed program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval. All changes to doctoral programs require Coordinating Board approval.

Upon approval by the Coordinating Board, the next appropriate catalog published at the U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio will be amended to reflect this action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio is requesting a nonsubstantive change to the existing Radiation Biology doctoral degree program. This innovative change will allow research education of physicians by recruiting combination medical residency and Ph.D. students to the research specialty of Human Imaging. The change is nonsubstantive because the track continues the radiation biology focus on the study/research of biology in relation to radiation, and the courses and educational resources to support the new track are already in place for the previously approved degree programs.

The proposed program in Human Imaging will initially involve medical residents from Radiology, Radiation Oncology, and Psychiatry. These departments will provide the financial support for the program with existing funds. It is expected that other clinical departments might wish to join this process following proof of concept.

The proposal for the expansion of the Radiation Biology doctoral degree program at U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio is on file in the U. T. System Office of Health Affairs.

5. U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Request for Authorization to Establish a School of Health Sciences and to Submit the Proposal to the Coordinating Board for Approval (Catalog Change)

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President Mendelsohn that authorization be granted to U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center to establish a School of Health Sciences and to submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action.

In addition, it is recommended that upon approval by the Coordinating Board, the Counsel and Secretary to the Board will editorially amend the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VIII, Section 4, to reflect this change. The next appropriate catalog published at U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center will be amended to reflect this action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 76th Texas Legislature passed legislation granting U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center the authority to offer bachelor's-level degrees in five Allied Health fields. The U. T. Board of Regents and the Coordinating Board approved the offering of degree programs in Cytogenetic Technology, Cytotechnology, Medical Dosimetry, Medical Technology, and Radiation Therapy, on August 12, 1999, and November 29, 1999, respectively.

The first baccalaureate students entered U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center's programs as seniors in the Fall Semester 2000 and will graduate at the end of the Summer Semester 2001.

In preparing to seek accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center recognized that an appropriate appointment and promotion structure would be needed for faculty in the new baccalaureate Allied Health programs. This need would best be accommodated in a School of Health Sciences within U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center because properly credentialed Allied Health faculty could include those with a master's degree as the terminal degree for their discipline and appropriate U. T. System approved titles could be used which are not currently in use at U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. In addition, the performance expectations for the Allied Health faculty would be focused more appropriately on undergraduate teaching and less on research and clinical care than it is for the present U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center faculty. Without the recommended change, it would be difficult to structure current promotion and tenure policies and review committees to accommodate the different backgrounds and roles of this new faculty. The proposed new school follows the models used by other U. T. System health components. The faculty in the five Allied Health baccalaureate degree programs would be in the School of Health Sciences and report to the Dean of the School. There would be no departments or department chairs; the faculty would be aligned with one of the five teaching programs and the programs would each have a director as presently organized.

The Dean of the School of Health Sciences would have operational responsibility for the leadership and management of the School, its faculty, students, educational programs and budget.

There are no new costs associated with the establishment of the proposed School of Health Sciences.

6. U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center - M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Outreach Corporation: Request for Approval of Name Change and Approval of Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws; Acceptance of the Resignation of a Member of the Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President Mendelsohn that the U. T. Board of Regents approve the name change of the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Outreach Corporation to the M. D. Anderson Services Corporation and amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws to reflect the name change. It is further recommended that the U. T. Board of Regents accept the resignation of Charles B. Mullins, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, U. T. System, from the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The U. T. Board of Regents approved the formation of the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Outreach Corporation (Corporation) in April 1989 in order to enable the U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center to further its mission to eradicate cancer outside of the State of Texas. The Corporation was formed and capitalized to function as a vehicle through which U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center could engage in out-of-state activities without subjecting the U. T. System and the U. T. Board of Regents to liability for such activities or compromising the sovereign immunity of the U. T. System and the U. T. Board of Regents with respect to such activities.

The M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Outreach Corporation's original activity was to serve as a contractual intermediary for the delivery of services to off-campus locations. U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center continues to add additional responsibilities to the Corporation and the Corporation now provides many other services to U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Upon the request of President Mendelsohn, the Board of Directors of the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Outreach Corporation, at its most recent meeting, voted to change the name of the Corporation to M. D. Anderson Services Corporation subject to approval by the U. T. Board of Regents.

Upon approval of the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Outreach Corporation's proposed name change to M. D. Anderson Services Corporation and approval of the amendments to its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, President Mendelsohn will adopt resolutions to such effect, provide notice of such amendments to third parties as necessary, and file the amended Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State and any other agencies required under State and federal laws.

Presently, Charles B. Mullins, M.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs for the U. T. System, serves on the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Outreach Corporation Board of Directors. Dr. Mullins is resigning his position as Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs effective August 31, 2001, and therefore is resigning his position on the Board of Directors of the Corporation as well. A successor to Dr. Mullins to serve on the Board of Directors will be proposed at a later date.

With the resignation of Dr. Mullins, the membership of the Board of Directors for the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Outreach Corporation will include the following individuals:

Leon J. Leach, Chairman of the Board of Directors
Regent Patrick C. Oxford
David L. Callender, M.D.
Kerry L. Kennedy
Margaret Kripke, Ph.D.
Martin N. Raber, M.D.

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A recommendation for U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center to lease land to Proton Therapy Center - Houston, Ltd., L.L.L.P., and related actions will be available in advance of the August 2001 meeting of the U. T. Board of Regents.

8. U. T. Board of Regents: Resolution on Women's Health Care

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the U. T. Board of Regents pass the following resolution in support of efforts to improve the health status of women in Texas:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The 77th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, passed House Concurrent Resolution 235 and formally pledged its support of efforts to improve the health status of women in Texas; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas supports equal access to quality health care for women; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature encourages each State agency, public institution of higher education, and all recipients of State funding to take appropriate action to achieve improved and equal access for women to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, The institutions of the U. T. System are committed to equal access and quality health care for women; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the U. T. System Board of Regents commends Senator Jane Nelson and Representative Dianne Delisi for their sponsorship of House Concurrent Resolution 235, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the U. T. System and its component institutions will renew and sustain their commitment to this effort.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

U. T. Health Science Center - Houston and U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Report on the Storm in Houston in June 2001

REPORT

Dr. James T. Willerson, President, U. T. Health Science Center - Houston and Dr. John Mendelsohn, President, U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center will discuss damage and remediation related to the storm in Houston in June 2001.