

**MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – The members of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System convened at 12:50 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel, Waldorf Astoria Ballroom E, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present

Carroll Robertson Ray, Chairman
Nelda Luce Blair, Vice Chair
Mica Mosbacher, Secretary
Nandita V. Berry, Regent
Tilman J. Fertitta, Regent
Jacob M. Monty, Regent
Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., Regent
Jim P. Wise, Regent
Andrew Cobos, Student Regent, nonvoting

Member(s) Absent

Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, Regent

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum in attendance, Chair Ray called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ray introduced the first action item on the agenda, the approval of minutes.

1. Approval of Minutes – Item C:

On motion of Regent Wilson, seconded by Regent Wise and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the following minutes from the meeting listed below were approved:

- February 16, 2011, Board of Regents Meeting

Committee Reports:

The Academic and Student Success, the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning, and the Endowment Management Committees all met on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The Audit and Compliance and the Finance and Administration Committees had both met prior to the Board meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Chair Ray stated pursuant to Board Bylaw 6.9, all of the action items approved by these committees and recommended for submission on the Consent Docket would be addressed by the Board for final approval after all of the committee reports were presented. It should be noted that after

the Board had heard all of the committee reports, any regent may have requested an item be removed from the Consent docket and individually considered.

Chair Ray announced that the first committee report would be given by the Chair of the Academic and Student Success Committee, Regent Nelda Luce Blair.

Academic and Student Success Committee Report – May 17, 2011

Regent Blair stated the Academic and Student Success Committee met on Tuesday, May 18, 2011 and had unanimously approved the following items for submission on the Consent Docket for final Board approval:

1. Approval of Promotion in Academic Rank – University of Houston System;
2. Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments – University of Houston System;
3. Approval of Appointment of VC/VP for Research and Technology Transfer – University of Houston System;
4. Expansion of System Access at the following University of Houston System Sites:
 - (a) University of Houston System at Sugar Land;
 - (b) University of Houston at the Northwest Site;
 - (c) University of Houston-Downtown at the Northwest Site;
 - (d) University of Houston's Participation in Harlingen Multi-Institutional Teaching Center; and
 - (e) University of Houston-Clear Lake at the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch;
5. Authorization for renewal application for University of Houston Charter School – University of Houston

The next committee report was addressed by the Chair of the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee, Regent Tilman J. Fertitta.

Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee Report– May 17, 2011

Regent Feritta stated the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee met on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 and had unanimously approved the following items for submission on the Consent Docket for final Board approval:

1. Approval of scope and site for Cougar Village Phase II Residence Hall at the University of Houston;
2. Approval of scope and site for a new Sophomore Residence Hall complex to replace the existing Cougar Place Facility at the University of Houston;
3. Approval of scope and site of a Sophomore Housing Project at the University of Houston-Victoria;

4. Approval is requested to amend the University of Houston-Victoria Residence Hall Plan to include additional properties – University of Houston-Victoria;
5. Approval of amended scope and location for the UH University Center Expansion/ Renovation – University of Houston;
6. Approval of scope for Energy Research Park Building One Renovation at the University of Houston;
7. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to convey a 375 square foot easement to the City of Houston – University of Houston; and
8. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to convey a water meter access easement to the City of Houston – University of Houston.

The following committee report was presented by the Vice Chair of the Endowment Management Committee, Jim P. Wise. The Chair of the Endowment Management Committee, Regent Jarvis V. Hollingsworth was unable to attend the meeting.

Endowment Management Committee Report – May 17, 2011

Regent Jim P. Wise stated the Endowment Management Committee met on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 and reported there no action items were forwarded from the committee for submission on the Consent Docket requiring final Board approval at the Board meeting. Regent Wise noted that one item addressed at the meeting was a presentation of the Cougar Investment Fund, which is a student-managed fund and only one of four in the country. Outstanding graduate-level students manage this fund and three of the students who are currently involved with the fund gave a summary of their experiences and how their experiences have influenced career changes for many of them.

The next committee report was also presented by Regent Jim P. Wise who is Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee.

Finance and Administration Committee Report – May 18, 2011

Regent Jim P. Wise stated that the Finance and Administration Committee met on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 and approved the following items for submission on the Consent Docket for final Board approval at the meeting:

1. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts up to \$50 million for design and construction of the University of Houston Cougar Village Phase II Residence Hall – University of Houston;
2. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts up to \$9.3 million for design and construction of the University of Houston West Dining Hall – University of Houston;

3. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts up to \$7.5 million for design and renovation of the Energy Research Park Building One at the University of Houston;
4. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute extension to the contract in excess of \$1.0 million with Today's Business Solutions for providing office supplies to the University of Houston; and
5. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for purchase of property adjacent to the University of Houston-Victoria campus, needed for future campus expansion – University of Houston-Victoria.

The final committee report was given by the Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Regent Nandita V. Berry.

Audit and Compliance Committee Report – May 18, 2011

Regent Berry noted that the Audit and Compliance Committee met on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, and there were no action items forwarded for submission on the Consent Docket which required final Board approval at the meeting.

At the conclusion of the Committee Reports given, Chair Ray asked if there were any items from these reports requiring further discussion. The regents had no items requesting further review.

Chair Ray then called for a motion to approve the Consent Docket agenda items as presented.

On motion of Regent Nelda Luce Blair, seconded by Regent Jim P. Wise, and by a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, all items in the Consent Docket were approved by the Board.

Board of Regents Items:

Before the first Board item was presented, Chair Ray made the following remarks to be noted in the minutes concerning the subject of the item, Student Regent, Andrew J. Cobos:

- As Chair of the Board, Regent Ray expressed her gratitude and admiration for Regent Cobos and his service to the Board of Regents and the University of Houston System;
- Regent Cobos has been a fantastic regent; always here and always prepared;
- Regent Cobos asked good, insightful questions and meaningful discussions were created from his questions; and
- Regent Cobos has been a huge supporter of the University of Houston System in his appearances and his willingness to attend events.

Chair Ray asked Regent Welcome W. Wilson, Sr. to present the first item to the board:

1. Resolution in Appreciation of Student Regent Andrew J. Cobos on the completion of his term, University of Houston System – BOR-1

Regent Wilson presented Mr. Cobos with the Resolution in Appreciation for his service to the

University of Houston System and the Board of Regents. Below is a summary of his remarks:

- Appointed as the fifth student regent to the University of Houston System Board of Regents in June 2010 by Governor Rick Perry, serving with distinction until the end of his term, May 31, 2011;
- Fulfilled his duties with tremendous enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication, attending dozens of events with donors, alumni, legislators, and the university community, speaking on behalf of the University of Houston and its Tier One efforts before numerous community groups, and participating in many UH Political Action Committee events;
- Named the C.T. Bauer College of Business “Most Outstanding MBA Student” in 2011 and was the recipient of the UH Law Center “Barksdale Stevens Award” for graduating students in 2011;
- Authored a new “Student Regents Handbook;”
- Traveled as a member of the UH Moot Court and Advocates Negotiations Competition, graduated from the Discover Leadership Training program, tutored first-year students, and served as alumni relations editor for the Houston Journal of International Law;
- Graduating from the University of Houston in May 2011 with a Master of Business Administration degree and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree – one of a few students able to complete this program in three years;
- Graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served his nation with bravery and distinction in Iraq;
- As a member of the Board of Regents, he has raised the bar for all future student appointees to the Board of Regents; and
- His exemplary tenure has brought honor and distinction to the University of Houston System.

Regent Wilson also noted that Regent Cobos was recently honored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of the City of Houston as one of the “Five Outstanding Young Men in Houston.”

Student Regent Andrew Cobos thanked the Board for their kind remarks and stated he was honored to be a regent and having had the opportunity to work closely with the members of the Board, Chancellor Khator, the administration at all four of the University of Houston System institutions, and so many other individuals.

On motion from Regent Nandita V. Berry, seconded by Regent Nelda Luce Blair, and a unanimous vote of the regents in attendance, the Resolution in Appreciation for Student Regent Andrew J. Cobos was approved.

Information Items:

1. Presentation by New Student Government Association President regarding the Priorities of the New Administration, University of Houston – BOR-2

Chair Ray called Mr. Michael Harding, President of the Student Government Association at the University of Houston to present this item to the board.

Mr. Michael Harding, as the new Student Government Association (SGA) President and student body representative, stated that he and Craig Premjee, Vice President of SGA, were elected because they wanted to provide a Tier One experience for a diverse student body. They plan to

do this by focusing on improving graduation and retention rates, as well as by improving the overall student experience here at the University of Houston. An executive agenda was distributed to the board which outlined the SGA’s guiding principles and initiatives. Listed below are two initiatives Mr. Harding addressed:

- To bring free tutoring programs offered on campus to the various residence halls; hopefully to act as a selling point for living on campus, but more importantly, to help assist students achieving college success; and
- To upgrade some of the services offered on campus by utilizing instant messaging and skype chatting so they can effectively and efficiently communicate with students in a way that is familiar to them and is concurrent with the progression of today’s technology.

A complete copy of Mr. Harding’s presentation has been filed in the board office. This item was for information only and required no board action.

2. Presentation of Budget Reductions: General Principles and Impact – University of Houston, BOR-3

Dr. Carl Carlucci, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance and Dr. John Antel, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, gave presentations of the University of Houston System universities’ budget reductions to meet the anticipated reduction of the state’s general revenue appropriations. Each of the UH System university’s plan to adjust their FY2012 budget through increased efficiencies and productivity, reduction of positions, delays in faculty hiring, and increased revenue to cover the loss of appropriated funds was reviewed. Also in the presentation was a review of the general principles that guided the development of these plans, as well as the impact these reductions would have on each of the universities.

Dr. Carlucci emphasized that the information presented to the board were targets only that were developed for reduction plans based on the anticipated reductions in state revenues. State funding is based on a formula which calculates our funding from enrollment noted Dr. Carlucci. Below is a brief summary of Dr. Carlucci’s remarks:

- The budget timeline for the FY2012 budget development beginning September 1, 2011 was outlined;
- The current status of the Appropriations Bill was addressed. The Senate proposed biennial vs. the House proposed biennial was discussed. The total UH System comparison is listed below for reference.

<u>General Revenue</u>	<u>Senate Proposed Biennial (\$ Millions)</u>				<u>House Proposed Biennial (\$ Millions)</u>			
	Current	Senate	---Change---		Current	House	---Change---	
	FT10-FY11	FY12-FY13			FY10-FY11	FY12-FY13		
	<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Biennium</u>	\$	%	<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Biennium</u>	\$	%
Total UH System	\$499.1	\$418.3	\$(80.9)	-16%	\$499.1	\$402.1	\$(97.0)	-19%

- There are also items the Texas Legislature may reduce, such as additional reductions in Texas Grants and our Group Insurance which may add to the above numbers.
- UH System-wide FY2012 Annual Budget Development Targets were addressed. Below is a breakdown for the UH System. A discussion followed.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	-----Savings-----						
Revenue Change <u>Gain/Loss</u>	-----Productivity----- <u>Efficiencies/ Reductions</u>	<u>Workloads</u>	-----Workforce----- <u>Slow Hiring</u>	<u>RIFs</u>	<u>Savings Subtotal</u>		FY2012 Base <u>Total</u>
State General Revenue	\$ (46,474,961)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (46,474,961)
Colleges	-	4,032,050	8,906,583	3,715,661	3,946,061	20,600,355	20,600,355
Administrative Divs.	4,700,000	4,881,341	1,800,000	1,358,000	2,604,270	10,643,611	15,343,611
Special Items	-	2,757,286	179,000	-	1,681,000	4,671,286	4,617,286
Endowment Subsidy/ Debt Service Savings	-	5,913,709	-	-	-	5,913,709	5,913,709
TOTAL	\$ (41,774,961)	\$ 17,584,386	\$ 10,885,583	\$ 5,073,661	\$ 8,231,331	\$ 41,774,961	\$ -

- UHS budget reduction strategies for FY2012 were discussed. Below is a listing of the items in their preferred order:
 - (1) Operational efficiencies;
 - (2) Enhance auxiliary revenue, reduce subsidies;
 - (3) Consolidate units;
 - (4) Increase productivity/workload;
 - (5) Reshape workforce, delay hiring, and eliminate positions.

Each President from the UH System institutions addressed their respective FY2012 Annual Budget Development Targets and a dialogue with the board and each campus president followed their presentations.

Interim President of the University of Houston-Victoria, Dr. Don Smith discussed their budget development targets. Below is a copy of the breakdown for UH-Victoria:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	-----Savings-----						
Revenue Change <u>Gain/Loss</u>	-----Productivity----- <u>Efficiencies/ Reductions</u>	<u>Workloads</u>	-----Workforce----- <u>Slow Hiring</u>	<u>RIFs</u>	<u>Savings Subtotal</u>		FY2012 Base <u>Total</u>
State General Revenue	\$ (3,007,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,007,000)
Academic Divisions	-	398,000	312,000	280,000	198,000	1,188,000	1,188,000
Administrative Divs.	250,000	722,000	-	148,000	198,000	1,068,000	1,318,000
Special Items	-	-	179,000	-	81,000	260,000	260,000
Endowment Subsidy/ Debt Service Savings	-	241,000	-	-	-	241,000	241,000
TOTAL	\$ (2,757,000)	\$ 1,361,000	\$ 491,000	\$ 428,000	\$ 477,000	\$ 2,757,000	\$ -

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A summary of President Smith's budget reductions for FY2012 for UHV are listed below:

- Eliminate/reduce travel, memberships, sponsorships, hospitality = \$160,000;
- Reduce departmental operating budgets = \$960,000;
- Reduction in debt service = \$241,000;
- Increase class sizes, reduce summer teaching loads and compensation, increase use of adjuncts = \$491,000;
- Delay hiring six (6) new faculty and five (5) staff replacements = \$428,000; and
- Positions not filled, terminated, or only partially replaced = \$477,000.

A discussion followed.

Dr. William Flores, President of the University of Houston-Downtown addressed their FY2012 annual budget development targets. Below is a chart detailing the targets for UH-Downtown.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	-----Savings-----						
	Revenue Change <u>Gain/Loss</u>	-----Productivity----- Efficiencies/ <u>Reductions</u>	<u>Workloads</u>	-----Workforce----- <u>Slow Hiring</u>	<u>RIFs</u>	Savings <u>Subtotal</u>	FY2012 Base <u>Total</u>
State General Revenue	\$ (5,877,371)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,877,371)
Academic Divisions	-	398,500	1,050,000	611,546	898,301	2,958,347	2,958,347
Administrative Divs.	-	488,929	700,000	250,000	1,326,270	2,765,199	2,765,199
Special Items	-	109,969	-	-	-	109,969	109,969
Endowment Subsidy/ Debt Service Savings	-	43,856	-	-	-	43,856	43,856
TOTAL	\$ (5,877,371)	\$1,041,254	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 861,546	\$2,224,571	\$5,877,371	\$ -

Below is a listing of UH-Downtown's budget reductions for FY2012 as outlined by Dr. Flores. A discussion followed.

- Elimination of positions – 32 filled/vacant - \$2.25 million;
- Reductions to non-salary budgets of \$1.05 million;
- Slow hiring - \$850,000
 - Faculty – hold F/T lines vacant, replace with adjuncts
 - Staff – Delay replacement hires, overall decrease in service level; and
- Workload - \$1.75 million
 - Faculty – reduced summer compensation, revised 'reassigned time' model, larger class sizes
 - Staff – furlough program with number of days TBD.

The University of Houston-Clear Lake FY2012 annual budget development targets were presented by President William Staples. Below is a breakdown of UH-Clear Lake's budget development targets. A discussion followed.

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	A	B	C	D			E	F	G
		-----Savings-----							
	Revenue	-----Productivity-----		-----Workforce-----				FY2012	
	Change	Efficiencies/		Slow Hiring	RIFs	Savings		Base	
	<u>Gain/Loss</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Workloads</u>			<u>Subtotal</u>		<u>Total</u>	
State General Revenue	\$ (7,220,590)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (7,220,590)	
Academic Divisions	-	560,550	2,559,583	1,069,115	1,339,760	5,529,008		5,529,008	
Administrative Divs.	-	925,412	-	210,000	330,000	1,465,412		1,465,412	
Special Items	-	47,317	-	-	-	47,317		47,317	
Endowment Subsidy/ Debt Service Savings	-	178,853	-	-	-	178,853		17,853	
TOTAL	\$ (7,220,590)	\$ 1,712,132	\$ 2,559,583	\$ 1,279,115	\$ 1,669,760	\$ 7,220,590	\$ -	\$ -	

Below is a listing of UH-Clear Lake's budget reductions for FY2012 as outlined by Dr. Staples. A discussion followed.

- Efficiencies/Reductions - \$1.7 million
 - Reduced access to library, e-resources, scholarships;
- Workload - \$2.5 million
 - Reduction in the number of sections offered in Fall and Spring by 8% (200 sections, 33.0 faculty FTE reduction);
 - Off-campus programs will be reduced/eliminated;
- Slow Hiring - \$1.3 million
 - A 25% cut in hours of operation in Student Support;
 - Delays in hiring faculty and staff, reducing on-going programs;
- Reduction in Force (RIFs) - \$1.7 million
 - Expected reduction of 5% of work force; and
 - Elimination of vacant positions in administrative support departments.

Dr. Carlucci, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance addressed the University of Houston/University of Houston System's FY 2012 annual budget development targets. The proposed University of Houston and University of Houston System reductions for FY2012 were addressed and are outlined below. A discussion followed Dr. Carlucci's presentation.

University of Houston (proposed reductions):

- Eleven (11) low producing degree programs eliminated;
- Thirty-nine (39) low producing degree programs consolidated;
- Three (3) privatized business services (30 FTE)
 - Reduced business operation and department expenditures, including IT consolidations, eliminate telephone switch - \$5.4 million;
 - Reduce Endowment Subsidy and Debt Service - \$5.5 million;
 - Absorption of enrollment increase - \$5.5 million;
 - Reductions to special item support - \$2.6 million;
 - Slow hiring of staff, 18 FTE - \$800,000;

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- Slow hiring of faculty, 20 FTE - \$1.7 million;
- Reductions in Force (RIFs), 102 - \$4.4 million.

University of Houston System (UHS):

- Share courses for UHS students;
- Share contracts for purchasing and transportation services;
- Consolidate software licenses;
- Convert all vendor payments from paper to electronic payments; and
- Share master planning services.

A complete copy of Dr. Carlucci's presentation was filed in the Board office. This item was presented for information only and required no board action.

Chair Ray announced the next agenda would be taken out of order.

3. Presentation providing an overview of the history, curriculum, and goals of the Honors College at the University of Houston, Item E – BOR-5

Dean of the Honors College, Dr. William Monroe introduced this item. A powerpoint presentation was given which provided an overview on the history, curriculum, and goals of the Honors College, as well as the ways the Honors College collaborates with other academic units to enhance student success and further the University's Tier One initiative. Below is a brief summary of Dr. Monroe's remarks:

- Three C's used to describe the Honors College were Connection, Community and Collaboration.
- The first C is Connection. The Honors College exists to further the undergraduate priorities of the president, the provost, the Board of Regents, and the University as a whole.
- The Honors College is not a separate entity but is connected to virtually every academic and student services department on campus, from the disciplinary colleges and academic departments to the Office of Admissions, the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, to the Residential Life and Housing.
- The Honors College mission is entirely dependent on the good will and support of all of these units.
- The Honors College is also connected to the City of Houston as reflected in their development efforts, their internships, and even their honors courses, which can include volunteer work and visits to the Alley Theatre, Houston Grand Opera, the MFA, the Menil, etc., not to mention baseball games and soccer matches that serve as community building activities.
- The second C is community. The Honors College in many ways is a family. Many of their activities, academic and extracurricular, reflect a sense of participation and belonging.
- The third C is collaboration. The Honors College faculty and staff collaborate with faculty and staff across the University to recruit, retain, educate, and graduate a growing cohort of academically talented, high-achieving students.

Many members of the Honors College's faculty and staff were present at the meeting and introduced to the board.

A complete copy of Dr. Monroe's powerpoint presentation has been filed in the Board office. This item was for information only and required no board action.

Chair Ray recessed the meeting at 2:50 p.m. for a 10-minute break. The meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m. and Chair Ray moved to the previous item that had been taken out of order on the agenda, Item D.

4. Presentation regarding Faculty Senate Alignment with the University of Houston's Strategic Mission – University of Houston, Item D - BOR-4.

Dr. Monica McHenry, Faculty Senate President for the University of Houston, provided a presentation concerning Faculty Senate alignment with the University of Houston's Strategic Mission. Below is a summary of Dr. McHenry's remarks:

- On April 23, 2011, the Faculty Senate had completed a reorganization that was initially recommended approximately 15 years ago. The reason for moving forward with this initiative was to align the Faculty Senate with the strategic initiatives of the University, specifically those of excellence in teaching and research.
- One major change in the reorganization was the inclusion of instructional, clinical, and research faculty into the senate. In the past, only traditional, tenure-track faculty and librarians were represented. The Faculty Senate believes that the inclusion of all full-time faculty on campus is critical to achieving their goals of research and teaching excellence. A unified effort both in the classroom and the laboratory would be required to achieve these goals.
- The Faculty Senate's committee structure and responsibilities have been changed since the Research Council and Undergraduate Council have been incorporated into the Faculty Senate.
- Representatives to the new Research and Scholarship Committee will be elected by members of their college. Previously, Research Council members were appointed by the Vice President for Research. The Faculty Senate believes that by electing these members ensures they will represent the views of their college and forward a research agenda that is faculty-driven and more importantly, one in which the faculty are personally invested.
- Representatives to the new Undergraduate Council will be elected as well. One of the key charges for this committee will be the formation of a Student Success Subcommittee which will encompass not only members of the Undergraduate Committee, but representatives from the Center for Teaching Excellence, students and key administrators.
- The Faculty Affairs Committee will stay. This committee currently focuses on the critical issues of faculty workload as well as post-tenure review procedures.
- The Budget and Facilities Committee also remains and will continue to play an active role in the university's budgeting process, providing input with regard to priorities and efficiencies wherever possible.
- A new committee has been developed, Community and Government Relations. This committee will serve as the Faculty Senate liaison to the university community, external communities, and government entities; and is also charged with developing the Scholarship and Community Conference, scheduled for April 2012.
- The Faculty Governance Committee is charged with making sure that all changes in the constitution are implemented as smoothly as possible and they are playing a major role in making this happen.

- The Faculty Senate believes the new committee structure and the inclusion of a broader spectrum of faculty will enable the senate to contribute more effectively to achieving the university's goals.
- The issue of guns on campus was addressed. The Faculty Senate is working with the emergency management team, the department of psychology, and campus counseling services to find the best strategies to help everyone feel, and stay safe on campus. The Faculty Senate believes an educational approach designed to train people to de-fuse potentially volatile situations may be useful. The training would be available to faculty, students, and staff with the goals of preventing the escalation of any conflict and eliminating the temptation to resort to weapons.
- During the general uncertainty of the Texas budget, combined with the certainty that the cuts will have a potentially devastating effect on the educational mission, the Faculty Senate remain committed to doing everything possible to continue to pursue their Tier One research and teaching missions.

This item was for information only and required no board action.

Chair Ray moved to the next item on the agenda, the Chancellor's Report.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Renu Khator presented a UH System-wide report and below is a brief summary of Dr. Khator's remarks:

University of Houston System Achievements

- 6,634 students will graduate from the four UH System universities this Spring:
The breakdown is as follows:
 - UH – 2,371 bachelor's, 954 master's, 108 doctoral, 452 professional, **3,885 total**
 - UHCL – 556 bachelor's, 540 master's, 5 doctoral, **1,101 total**
 - UHD – 1,140 bachelor's, 15 master's, **1,155 total**
 - UHV – 288 bachelor's, 205 master's, **493 total**
 - Dr. Khator thanked the regents for participating in all the commencement ceremonies and bringing greetings on behalf of the Board.
- Dr. Khator thanked the regents for the many trips to Austin they had made during the Legislative session to make our case for funding, even as the state faces dramatic revenue shortfalls. Three items were addressed:
 - The House and Senate had passed their version of the Appropriations Bill. The House version cuts funding to the UH System by \$97 million (19%) for the FY2012-2013 biennium, while the Senate version cuts \$80.9 million (16%).
 - Several options are being considered for the disbursement of the National Research University Fund (NRUF) monies, with variables such as amount of money to be disbursed among one, two, or three qualifying universities.
 - The Texas Grants program is going to be drastically cut. The House has included funding for Texas Grants at \$365.7 million in its version of the Appropriations Bill which covers renewals, but not new enrollees. The Senate version of the Appropriations Bill includes

funding of \$559.5 million - \$193.8 million over the renewal amount - to bring funding to 90% of the FY2010-2011 biennium amounts.

- Two UH System universities - UH-Clear Lake and UH-Downtown have been named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs.

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- Four general commencement ceremonies and four professional college ceremonies marked the University of Houston's 77th commencement.
- Honorary degrees were awarded to the following three (3) individuals:
 - Mr. Walter Kase, a Holocaust survivor, for his work on behalf of world peace and tolerance and for the many lectures he has delivered to Graduate College of Social Work students;
 - Dr. Herman Suit, UH Alumnus and former chief of radiation oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital, for his pioneer work in medicine and his support for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and
 - Mr. Kenneth Parr, former engineering student, for his work with NASA, including the fabrication of the lunar rover, spacesuits, and the design and fabrication of the flagpole for the U.S. flag left on the Moon's surface by the Apollo 11 crew.
- President's Medallions were awarded to the following three (3) individuals:
 - Dr. Richard Wainerdi, for his leadership of the Texas Medical Center and his advocacy to include UH as a member institution of the Texas Medical Center;
 - Dr. Bernard Harris, double UH alumnus and former astronaut, for his work with NASA, his philanthropy, and his support for UH and the College of Technology; and
 - Mr. Ronald Harrell, petroleum engineering professional, generous donor, and founding member of the Cullen College of Engineering Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board.
- UH's youngest and oldest students, both graduating from the Cullen College of Engineering were recognized:
 - David Levy, only 16 years old, received a dual degree in mathematics and mechanical engineering; and
 - George Hall, 86 years old, a UH alumnus who drives a bright red SUV with plates that read "Sr Coog," received a master's of industrial engineering degree.
- Nicolas Eastham, junior chemistry major, and Thomas Markovich, junior physics and mathematics double major, were named Barry M. Goldwater Scholars for the 2011-2012 academic year; and Mason Biamonte, a sophomore physics and mathematics double major, and Abdulrahman Ibrahim, a junior chemistry major, received honorable mentions.
- UH student teams swept top honors in computer game designing at the U.S. finals of the 2011 Microsoft Imagine Cup competition, with three of its four finalists winning in game design.
- The Moores School of Music Concert Chorale, under the direction of Betsy Cook Weber, is returning to Europe to participate in France's prestigious vocal competition Florilège Vocal de Tours.
- The Center for Measuring University Performance listed University of Houston among the "Top 50 Research Universities" in America in its latest report, released by TARU (Top American Research Universities). This is the third recognition for UH as a nationally competitive research university in the past five months.

UH-Clear Lake Achievements

- “StateUniversity.com” recognized UHCL for the second year in a row as one of the top 25 safest public universities in the nation: fourth safest bachelor degree-granting university in the nation and the safest degree-granting university in Texas.
- “Hospital Turnaround Practice in the United States: Value and Role of Consultants,” an article authored by UHCL graduate student Amrita Shenoy, distinguished alumnus and adjunct lecturer, Raymond Khoury, and professor and director of Healthcare Administration, Ashish Chandra, was selected for the McGraw Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award.
- Alumnus Stephanie Weaver ('69) was one of three finalists nominated from Texas for the Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; the highest honor that a kindergarten through 12th grade mathematics or science teacher can receive.

UH-Downtown Achievements

- The College of Business has won a four-year grant totaling \$545,000 from the U.S. Department of Education for a new program to increase the number of minority and Hispanic students completing a Master of Business Administration degree.
- Dr. Brian R. Chapman has started his duties as senior vice president and provost.
- Carol Tucker, director of Institutional Research, has been named vice president of the Texas Association for Institutional Research; and will spend one-year as vice president before a one-year term as president of the organization.
- Damaris Cortez, a senior majoring in social work, has been named 2011 Social Work Student of the Year by the Houston Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

UH-Victoria Achievements

- An all-online Master of Education in Adult and Higher Education will be offered beginning in the Fall through the School of Education and Human Development.
- Two former UHV presidents visited the university as part of the “Celebrating the Legacy of UHV” events. Karen Haynes, who served as president from 1997 to 2004, visited in February, while Glenn Goerke, who served as president from 1986 to 1991, visited in March.
- The Jaguar Pledge is being extended for a second year to make higher education more affordable for new Texas freshmen coming to UHV from outside the Victoria region. This financial aid opportunity will cover at least 33% of the cost of tuition and fees for these students during both their freshman and sophomore years.
- Staff members in UHV’s Letting Education Achieve Dreams (LEAD) program have created a scholarship endowment (funded with the proceeds of two softball tournaments that raised more than \$10,000) to benefit first-generation college students.
- Two finalists have been identified for the UHV President’s position and a decision will be made in a week or two.

A complete copy of the Chancellor’s Report has been filed in the board office. This item was for information only and required no Board action.

Chair Ray noted that there would not be a Chair’s Report given at the meeting. A 10-minute recess was called by the Chair at 3:40 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:50 p.m. and the Chair noted the Board would recess for Executive Session.

Executive Session Report

Chair Ray announced that the Board would recess to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which allows governing boards to meet in closed session.

Chair Ray reconvened in Open Session at 5:10 p.m. and the following actions were taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

A Litigation Status Report and Legal Briefing was given by General Counsel, Dona Cornell. Property issues and a proposed gift were addressed.

There was no action taken by the board from Executive Session.

Information Only

Chair Ray stated one (1) individual had signed up for Open Forum.

1. Mr. Daniel Arp, a UH-Downtown student working on his Master's in Technical and Creative Writing.

After the approval of the minutes and before the Committee Reports were addressed, Regent Wilson introduced a special guest at the meeting, Mr. Randy Bates, a prominent attorney who has been elected to the board of Lone Star College for the past 20 years. Mr. Bates thanked the board for their long-standing partnership with Lone Star College.

There being no further action to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

All documentation submitted to the Board in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to "Passed" agenda items and supporting documentation presented to the Board, is incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes for all purposes; however, this does not constitute a waiver of any privileges contained herein.

Others Present:

Renu Khator
Carl Carlucci
John Antel
Dona Cornell
Michael Lawrence

Monica McHenry
Randy Bates
Wayne Beran
Liz Fletcher
Ed Hugetz

Katherine Peek
Malcolm Davis
Lisa Holdeman
Michelle Dotter
Mike Emery

University of Houston System

Others Present (cont'd)

Elwyn Lee
William Flores
Don Smith
William Staples
Don Guyton
Raymond Bartlett
Karen Clark
Oscar Gutierrez
William Monroe
Willie Munson
Lauren Francis
John Harvey
Christine Leveaux
Dimitri Litvinov
Jodie Koszegi
Derek Goodwin
Karen Weber
Ed Jones

Michelle Moosally
Barbara Stanley
T. J. Weinardi
Brian Chapman
David Bradley
Jim Anderson
Michael Harding
Tom Ehardt
Mike Dressman
Richard Bonnin
Russ Hoskins
Daniel Arp
Kimberly Meyer
Gabriela Maya
Laura Cedilnik
Ed Apodaca
Mallory Chesser
Marquette Hobbs

Keith Kowalka
Carl Stockton
Craig Ness
Dan Wells
Jon Aldrich
Sean York
Craig Premjee
David Shattuck
Libby Ingrassia
Micah Kemfield
Richard Armstrong
Sarah Bhojani
Karen Weber
Michael West
Beth Borck
Sara Thomas
Hugo Pachas-Luna
Gerry Mathisen