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## **TSC, UTB, and UTRGV SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO CREATE SEAMLESS TRANSFERS**

**BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS – DECEMBER 10, 2014** – Texas Southmost College, The University of Texas at Brownsville and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley announced a new collaboration with the signing of a memorandum of understanding on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the TSC Arts Center.

The MOU between the institutions is designed to ensure that TSC students can transfer seamlessly into UTB/UTRGV.

Dr. Lily F. Tercero, TSC President, Dr. William Fannin, UTB President and Dr. Guy Bailey, UTRGV President signed the agreement, witnessed by members of the TSC Board of Trustees, UTB and UTRGV administration and faculty. Several local school district superintendents and State Representative Eddie Lucio III were also present.

“This agreement will make it possible for students to save on tuition by completing their first two years at TSC, then transferring to UTB/UTRGV to complete an undergraduate degree,” Tercero stated. “We are committed to helping students get their start in college and to providing educational opportunities beyond an associate degree.”

Bailey added that student success was paramount to all three—TSC, UTB and UTRGV.

“We are all part of the tapestry of education being woven right here. From a student’s point of view, there is no difference, we are whole cloth. Our responsibility is to insure these students do not get lost in the system, and this agreement between TSC and UTB/UTRGV will accomplish that.”

Fannin announced a new scholarship created for transfer students from TSC or other state community colleges. The scholarship, applicable only for the upcoming spring 2015 semester, will pay one-half of a student's tuition up to \$1,000.

“We are ready for those students who will graduate from TSC on Saturday,” Fannin said. “We have a seat for them at UTB, and as UTB students, they will automatically become UTRGV students in the fall of 2015.”

For more information on the scholarship, contact Mike Shannon, TSC Vice President of Student Services, at 956-295-3649.

### **About Texas Southmost College**

Originally established in 1926, Texas Southmost College currently offers the first two years toward a bachelor's degree, along with career and technical education leading to certificates and associate degrees, college preparatory studies to prepare students for college-level work, workforce training, and continuing education. TSC offers 53 programs of study leading to an associate degree or certificate. TSC became independently operational in the fall of 2013, after engaging in a 20-year contractual arrangement with a public university.

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