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Texas Southmost College District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 23, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on June 23, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. Board members present were David Oliveira, Chair; Trey Mendez; Dr. Roberto Robles, Secretary; Adela G. Garza; Dr. Robert Lozano; and René Torres. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. Board member Rosemary Breedlove was absent.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Oliveira at 5:31 p.m.

1. Announcement

Chairman Oliveira called on Dr. Hilda Silva, Vice President for Student Affairs, to make a presentation. Dr. Silva presented a video on the accomplishments of the Athletic program. Dr. Silva introduced Todd Lowery, Director of Athletics. Mr. Lowery presented a Champion of Character award to Chris Milligan, Student.

Dr. Antonio Zavaleta, Associate Provost, made an introduction. Dr. Zavaleta introduced Dr. Jose Angel Mendez as the new Director of Dual Enrollment. Dr. Mendez thanked the board for giving him the opportunity.

Ms. Rosemary Martinez, Vice President for Business Affairs, made an introduction. Ms. Martinez introduced Jesse Gomez as the new Director of Human Resources. Ms. Martinez gave a brief biography. Mr. Gomez thanked everyone for the opportunity he has been given.

2. Acceptance of Gift and Resolution

Consideration and Possible Action on Adoption of Resolution Naming The Arts Center Box Q “The Brownsville Gourmet Physicians, in Memory of Dr. Victor Gonzalez”

Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, announced the acceptance of a gift from The Brownsville Gourmet Physicians. She read a short description of The Brownsville Gourmet Physicians. Dr. Ragland thanked The Brownsville Gourmet Physicians for their generous donation in memory of Dr. Victor Gonzalez.

A motion was made by Dr. Lozano to adopt the resolution naming The Arts Center Box Q “The Brownsville Gourmet Physicians, in Memory of Dr. Victor Gonzalez,” as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. *Exhibit “A”*

3. Board Briefing

Chairman Oliveira called on Dr. Zavaleta. Dr. Zavaleta made a presentation on Tobacco-Free Campus. Dr. Zavaleta stated that the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College (UTB/TSC) has the responsibility for and is committed to maintaining a healthy environment for everyone who studies at, works or visits the institution. For the health of all staff, students, and visitors, UTB/TSC is a Tobacco- Free Campus. Dr. Zavaleta proposes the policy to be approved by September 2010. Dr. Zavaleta called on Ms. Melony Linder, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communication. Ms. Linder stated that UTB/TSC will be marketing the new policy to notify all students, faculty and staff.

4. Executive Session

as provided by Government
Code, Chapter 551.071 and 551.072

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:19 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:57 p.m.

5. Consideration and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

**Discussion of 4.7595 Acre Tract of Land
out of Certain 24.646 Acre Tract of Land referenced
to as "Raymondville Plaza"**

There was no report given.

**Discussion with Attorney
Regarding EBS License WLX945**

There was no report given.

**Discussion of the University of Texas System and
Texas Southmost College Educational Partnership Agreement**

There was no report given.

6. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

7. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

**Consideration and Possible Action on Approval
of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 17, 2010**

A motion was made by Mr. Torres to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 17, 2010 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lozano and carried unanimously.

**Consideration and Possible Action on Approval
of Minutes of the Emergency Meeting on June 1, 2010**

A motion was made by Mr. Torres to approve the Minutes of the Emergency Meeting June 1, 2010 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously.

8. Roof Repairs

Consideration and possible action on Approval of a contract with Design Solutions, Inc. TXMAS-4-56060-1 for the Fort Brown Memorial Center Auditorium gutter replacement

Chairman Oliveira called on Ms. Veronica Mendez, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning. Ms. Mendez stated that the Board approved in August 2007 purchasing cooperatives Texas Buy Board, Texas Interlocal Purchasing System, Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network, and Texas Multiple Award Schedule. In January 2009, the TSC Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Design-Build Solutions, Inc. a Garland Company for the first phase of the project that included the removal of damage deck and replacement of existing roof in the amount of \$402,842.60. At the request of the Office of Facilities and Planning Design Build Solutions provided a proposal to remove and replace 1,200 lineal feet of gutters and to install four large and twenty three small downspouts on the roof deck of the Auditorium. The attached proposal in the amount of \$ 36,887.00 includes all materials and labor for the construction of the above referenced items.

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to award the contract to Design Build Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$36,887.00 and to authorize the Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning to execute the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and carried. Ms. Garza abstained from this item. Exhibit "B"

9. South Padre Island Fire Suppression System

Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of a contract with Clean Air Solution Companies TIPS 08032609 for the South Padre Island Campus Fire Suppression System

Ms. Mendez stated that as part of a request issued by the UTB/TSC Biology Department to renovate the student dormitories at the South Padre Island Campus facility to upgrade classrooms, labs and all areas for dormitories it became imperative that the facility be brought up to date with all City, Safety and Health department requirements. One of the requirements by the State of Texas is the installation and operation of a fire suppression system. The Office of Facilities and Planning requested a proposal that included the work described. A proposal was received on June 8, 2010 from Clean Air Solution Companies to install the Fire Sprinkler System in the entire building. At the request of the Office for Facilities and Planning Clean Air Solution Companies provided a proposal to install the fire sprinkler system for the facility. The attached proposal in the amount of \$ 77,750.00 includes all materials and labor for the construction of the above referenced items. Ms. Garza asked to table the item till the next meeting.

Ms. Mendez called on Dr. Luis Colom, Vice President for Research. Dr. Colom explained the reason for the grant and the use of the facility.

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to award the contract to Clean Air Solution Companies in the amount of \$77,750.00 and to authorize the Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning to execute the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and carried. Ms. Garza abstained from this item. Exhibit "C"

10. Early College High School

Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Brownsville Independent School District for construction of Early College High School Facility.

Chairman Oliveira called on Dan Rentfro, Texas Southmost College Attorney. Mr. Rentfro stated that this is a proposed agreement between Texas Southmost College District (TSC) and Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) to find a permanent home for the Early College High School. BISD has received federal stimulus money which will require quick action. The proposed agreement will work as follows:

- BISD and TSC will agree on site on Campus for the location of the facility. TSC will contribute that land to the project.
- BISD will then obtain approximately \$6 million dollars in lease revenue bonds that will be supported by the federal stimulus money to build the facility.
- BISD will construct a facility according to the TSC design guidelines which have been provided to BISD. TSC will not contribute any funds, maintenance or operation of the facility.
- The Early College High School program will be housed in the facility and an agreement will say as long as the program continues it will exist at the location. If that particular program were to ever cease to exist. There will be an agreement between TSC and BISD on an educational use of the facility. If that agreement could not be reached or BISD had no longer interest in conducting an educational program at the facility, the title to the land and the facility will revert to TSC and it will become a TSC facility.

He mentioned that BISD is on a short timeline. The federal package requires that a construction contract be awarded by the end of December 31, 2010. At this time BISD is requesting approval of Interlocal Agreement which will set out in principle the guidelines mentioned. It will provide transfer of title to the land and will allow them to go forward with the funding. Chairman Oliveira called on Brett Springston, BISD Superintendent. Mr. Springston mentioned that it is great opportunity for the students to be on campus and will be in the best interest for

the students. Ms. Mendez mentioned that it will be 1 ½ acres of land behind the observatory.

A motion was made by Mr. Torres to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Brownsville Independent School District for construction of Early College High School Facility as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garza and carried unanimously.

11. Academic Affairs and Research Partnership Committee

Report

Chairman Oliveira called on Dr. Charles Dameron, Vice President for Academic Affairs to give the report. He reported that the Academic Affairs and Research Partnership Committee (AARPC) met on May 19, 2010. Members present were, Ms. Adela Garza, co-Chair, Dr. Luis Colom, co-Chair, Ms. Sylvia Perez, Community Member, Dr. Bobbette Morgan, Academic Senate President and myself and discussed the following items:

Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of New Academic Programs & Consolidated and Closed Programs

Dr. Dameron reported on new and proposed undergraduate and graduate programs undergoing review by the Coordinating Board and UT System as well as those seeking final approval. New programs include the bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies and the master of arts in Psychology. Also proposed are a certificate in Border and Transnational Studies and master of arts in Spanish Translation and Interpreting.

The AARPC discussed several curriculum changes that require the Board approval. A summary report on proposed revisions, new programs, and consolidated and closed programs can be found in there binders.

A motion was made by Dr. Lozano to approve the new, consolidated and closed programs and direct the Vice President for Academic Affairs to forward them to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously. Exhibit "D"

Dr. Dameron also reported on the other items discussed:

- Reports were presented on Rio Grande Valley initiatives in health professional education, energy and the environment, STEMS education and manufacturing.

- Report on the off campus UTB/TSC was presented.
- Report on recent grant activities showing that last year UTB/TSC was awarded 47 grants totaling \$22 million were awarded.
- Report on Math and Science graduates and MSA Scorpion scholarship awards were presented.

12. Board Policy

Chairman Oliveira called on Dr. Alan Artibise, Provost to present the item. Dr. Artibise mentioned that this was the first reading of Board Policy Facility Use VII.G Tobacco Free Campus. He stated the second reading will be at the next Board meeting in August. He also stated that the background information was presented by Dr. Zavaleta. *Exhibit "E"*

13. Construction Report

There was no report presented.

14. President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- She recognized the service of Dr. Dameron and stated that he will be returning to his faculty position in July. She mentioned that he has been serving UTB/TSC for over 20 years. She thanked Dr. Dameron for his service to UTB/TSC. Dr. Dameron thanked everyone for the opportunity he was given to help the UTB/TSC advance.
- UTB/TSC summer enrollment has increased 13 percent in the number of students that are attending and a 19 percent increase in credit hours. She mentioned that for the first time Pell Grants are being used during the summer sessions. Transfer students have also increased over the summer as well.
- UTB/TSC was mentioned on HBO "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel". She stated that Russell Harwood and J.J. Guajardo discussed the development of Brownsville chess programs.

15. District Elections

Consideration and Possible Action on Canvassing the Results of the Texas Southmost College District Election

Chairman Oliveira presented the Run-off election results for the TSC District Trustee election held on June 12, 2010. The results were read as follows: Place 5: Francisco "Kiko" Rendon, 2,122; and Rosemary Breedlove, 1,554.

Francisco "Kiko" Rendon was duly elected to Place 5, majority of the votes cast for all candidates for the position. Mr. Oliveira entertained a motion to accept the results of the Texas Southmost College District Election.

A motion was made by Mr. Torres to accept the results of the Texas Southmost College District Election as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garza and carried unanimously. Exhibit "F"

Consideration and Possible Action on Order Declaring Results of the Texas Southmost College District Election

On June 12, 2010, an election was held for Place 5 on the TSC Board of Trustees ballot. Mr. Oliveira read the Order Declaring Results of Texas Southmost College District Election.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendez to adopt the Order Declaring Results of the Election as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robles and carried unanimously. Exhibit "G"

16. Recognition of Board Members

Chairman Oliveira called on Dr. Juliet Garcia to introduce the video honoring the outgoing Trustee, Rosemary Breedlove. After the video, the Board gave thanks to Ms. Breedlove for her service to the Board.

17. Proposed Meeting Dates

**Monday, July 12, 2010 – Special Meeting
Thursday, August 26, 2010
Thursday, September 16, 2010
Thursday, October 21, 2010
Thursday, November 18, 2010
Thursday, December 16, 2010**

