

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE
Southmost Union Junior College District

Minutes of the **Regular** Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 14, 2004

The Board of Trustees of the Southmost Union Junior College District convened in open session October 14, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Chairman Chester Gonzalez, Vice Chair Rosemary Breedlove, Secretary Eduardo A. Campirano, Ms. Mary Rose Cardenas, Mr. David Oliveira, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman and Dr. Roberto Robles. Also present was Dr. Juliet V. García, President of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gonzalez at 5:30 p.m.

1 Real Estate

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract for Purchase and Resolution for
Lot 3, Block 16 Colonia Alta Vista Addition**

A motion was made by Ms. Cardenas to approve the Contract for Purchase and Resolution for lot 3, Block 16, Colonia Alta Vista addition in the amount of \$25,000; seconded by Mr. Campirano; motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT "A"

2 Approval of minutes of previous meetings

**Consideration and possible action on
Regular Meeting September 16, 2004**

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2004 as presented; seconded by Mr. Oliveira; motion carried unanimously.

3 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

4 Board Briefing

Critical Needs – The Deans' Perspective

Dr. José Martín, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced the Deans to give their perspective on the critical needs of our community university.

Dr. Charles Dameron, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, stated that the proposal for the bond issue would provide much needed classroom space for the Department of Fine Arts, especially the Music Department. He reported that the number of students who select music as their major has increased by eight-hundred percent since 1998.

Dr. Carl Stockton, Dean, School of Education, stated that the Center for Master Teaching, would help current and future teachers improve their teaching skills. He reported that this Center would be used to provide professional development to teachers, student teachers and public school administrators. The proposed Center for Early Childhood Studies would provide quality field-based training for our students who are pursuing degrees in elementary and early childhood education.

Mr. Jim Holt, Dean, Workforce Training and Continuing Education, stated that the proposed bond item would be used to renovate space for workforce training classrooms and labs; renovate the exterior and replace and modernize existing ITECC infrastructure.

Mr. Doug Ferrier, Dean, Instructional Support, stated that the resources proposed in the bond issue for the Library would double the size of the current facility, provide additional labs, classrooms and quiet study areas.

Dr. Emir Jose Macari, Dean of Science, Mathematics and Technology, stated that the proposed Center for Alzheimer's, Diabetes, Cancer and Heart Disease would be used as an outreach center to educate the community on preventive measures to combat these devastating diseases.

Ms. Breedlove stated that the proposed bond issue is critical to meet the needs of our students and asked the public to support it.

Dr. Robles stated that the library is the core of a university. He asked that the public support the bond issue so that the students will have an adequate place to learn.

Mr. Gonzalez acknowledged the importance of the library and all the other items on the bond issue. He stated that the Board has been working tirelessly to get the word out regarding the bond proposal to the community and encouraged everyone to support it.

5 Business Affairs

Mr. Campirano reported that the Business Affairs Partnership Committee met on October 12, 2004 and reviewed the following items:

Consideration and possible action on Contractors for Roofing Repair Projects

Mr. Campirano reported that four bids were received for Roofing Repair Projects. Rain Seal Master Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$453,600.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the bid for Contractors for Roofing Repair Projects from Rain Seal Master Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. in the amount of \$453,600 as presented; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

Consideration and possible action on Change Order for Machine Shop

Mr. Campirano reported that the committee reviewed a Change Order for the Machine Shop in the amount of \$129,296. He reminded the Board that a Change Order for \$250,000 had already been approved. The total contractor construction cost for the Machine Shop addition is \$379,296.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to approve the Change Order for Machine Shop construction cost in the amount of \$129,296 as presented; seconded by Ms. Cardenas; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "C"

6 Construction Report

▪ Cueto House

Mr. Larry Lof, Director of Rancho del Cielo, and leader of historic restoration projects on our campus, gave an update on the Cueto Building renovation. He stated that while structurally sound the building was much in need of repairs when purchased by Texas Southmost College. Mr. Lof presented before and after pictures of the property. He also presented photos of the renovation of the Lucenda Home that was relocated to the Cueto property.

Mr. Gonzalez suggested that the former owners of the property be invited to see the remarkable and impressive transformation that has taken place at the Cueto House, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Lof and his team.

Mr. Campirano thanked Mr. Lof and his crew for their work and the wonderful transformation of the Cueto building.

Dr. Robles suggested that the Cueto Building be listed on the Casa Hermosas yearly tours.

▪ Education and Business Complex

Dr. Wayne Moore, Special Assistant to the President for New Construction, reported progress on the Education and Business Complex. He reported that the brick installation is approximately 90% completed. Dr. Moore extended an invitation to the audience to visit the construction site.

▪ ITECC

Dr. Ronnau reported that the Grand Opening of the ITECC and dedication of the Praxedis Orive, Jr. Technical Training Center took place on Thursday, September 30th. Dr. Ronnau narrated a video of the event. The Grand Opening was attended by approximately 200 people.

Mr. Jim Holt, Dean of Workforce Training and Continuing Education provided an overview of the programs at ITECC and how the spaces have been transformed to accommodate the needs and growth of the community university.

7 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- Mr. Doug Ferrier, Dean of Instructional Support, has been appointed Chair of the TexShare Advisory Council of the Texas State Library. In this capacity, he will advise the State Librarian on the operation of the TexShare system for all public and academic libraries within the state.
- Former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto, will visit our campus for the sixth annual Distinguished Lecture Series. She will deliver her lecture, "A View Into the Muslim World" on October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Science and Engineering Technology Building.
- UTB/TSC will be hosting the next Partnership Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m. in the Gorgas Board Room. Representing the UT System Board of Regents will be Vice Chair, Cindy Kreir, Mr. H. Scott Caven, Mr. Robert Estrada, and Mr. Robert Rowling. Representing the TSC Board of Trustees will be Chairman Chester Gonzalez, Vice Chair, Rosemary Breedlove and Trustee Mary Rose Cardenas.
- The alumni of UTB/TSC, UT-Austin, UT-Pan American and UT-San Antonio will host a reception honoring the Chancellor of the University of Texas System, Dr. Mark Yudof. The reception will be held in El Gran Salon in the Student Union Building at 5:30 p.m.

- UTB/TSC will be hosting a reception for Dr. Blandina Cardenas, President of UT-Pan American, on Thursday, October 21st from 4-6 p.m. in the Student Union Veranda. Dr. Garcia invited everyone to help welcome Dr. Cardenas to our campus.
- Early voting for the November 2, 2004 General Election and the Southmost Union Junior College District Bond Election will be held October 18-29 at the North Building on the UTB/TSC campus. Dr. García reported that students are actively engaged in urging their classmates to vote.
- Community Forums designed to provide information on the proposed bond issue will be held at Port Isabel High School on October 13th, Rancho Viejo City Hall on October 18th, Vela Middle School on October 20th, and Porter High School on October 28th.
- The Steinway Series, which benefits the Department of Fine Arts, will present Mr. Alexander Shtarkman, Pianist on October 23rd at 8:00 p.m. at the SETB Lecture Hall.

8 Proposed Meeting Dates

Board of Trustees Meetings:

November 11, 2004

December 16, 2004

Partnership Committee Meetings:

BAPC – November 9, 2004

IEPC – November 8, 2004

Partnership Advisory Committee

October 18, 2004

Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the dates with the Board.

9 Announcements

- Dr. García introduced Corrina Norriega, a former UTB/TSC student who completed her master's degree in International Relations from Bond University in Queensland, Australia.

Dr. García also recognized representatives of the Brownsville Sunrise Rotary Club who assisted Ms. Norriega in the local, regional and national selection process. The following Rotary members were introduced: Mr. Andy Hagen, Assistant Governor of Rotary District 5930, Dr. Peter Gawenda, Professor of

School Specialties, Mr. Tom Arce, President Sunrise Rotary Club, and Dr. Ethel Cantu, Professor of Behavioral Sciences.

Ms. Norriega thanked everyone for their support. She expressed special gratitude to Professor Cantu who inspired and supported her throughout the selection process and during her studies.

The Board congratulated Ms. Norriega on her academic accomplishments and her persistence in pursuing her goals. She also thanked Sunrise Rotary Club for its ongoing support of education in the valley..

- The Trustees encouraged everyone to support the bond issue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Chester Gonzalez
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Southmost Union Junior College District

Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano
Secretary Board of Trustees
Southmost Union Junior College District

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on October 14, 2004, is on file at the District Office of the Southmost Union Junior College District. The master tape is on file at the UTB/TSC Media center. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Alma B. Solis. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KISD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.