

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE

Minutes of the **Regular** Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 15, 2005

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session September 15, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gorgas Hall, Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Chairman, Ms. Rosemary Breedlove, Vice Chair, Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary, Dr. Roberto Robles, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman and Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza. Absent was Mr. David Oliveira. 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 5:35 p.m.

1 **Executive Session** as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.072

Personnel

Evaluation of the UTB/TSC President

Real Estate

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of Fort
Brown Villa II, Unit 3A, Brownsville, Texas
Discussion on University Park Subdivision
Unit 1, Lots 4 & 5 Block 4

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:37 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:37 p.m.

2 Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session**Personnel****Evaluation of the UTB/TSC President**

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Board is very pleased with Dr. García's performance over the last year. He stated that Dr. García has performed above and beyond all of the Board's expectations. Mr. Gonzalez thanked Dr. García and all of the staff for a great year.

Dr. García thanked the Board for their comments. She also thanked the staff, faculty and administration for their hard work and commitment.

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Fort Brown Villa II, Unit 3A, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Dr. Robles to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Fort Brown Villa II, Unit 3A, Brownsville, Texas in the amount of \$36,000; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "A"

3 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**Consideration and possible action on
Minutes of Regular Meeting August 25, 2005**

A motion was made by Mr. Esparza to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2005, as presented; seconded by Mr. Campirano; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

4 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

5 Board Briefing**Nursing Program Overview**

Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Eldon Nelson, Dean of School of Health Sciences. Dr. Nelson explained the nursing programs offered at UTB/TSC. He also reported that some programs expanded to add additional degrees. Dr. Nelson reviewed the enrollment figures for the nursing program for a period of five years. He introduced Dr. Katherine Dougherty, Chair and

Associate Professor for the Nursing Department Dr. Eloisa Tamez, MSN Director and Assistant Professor and Mr. Jose Lacher, Program Director and Associate Professor.

6 TSC District Board Policies

First Reading: College Logo

Dr. John Ronnau, Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs, presented the proposed change to the College Logo policy. He stated that the University is consulting with Ampersand, a marketing firm, hired to research how the campus is perceived. As part of this research, Ampersand will recommend which logo the University should use for all official communications.

Mr. Campirano stated that it is important to know what the campus community, including students, faculty and Alumni Association think about the change.

There was no action taken.

7 Bond Projects

Consideration and possible action on Wellness, Recreation and Kinesiology Complex Board Bond Advisory Committee: Approval of Schematic Design

Dr. Ronnau introduced Ms. Veronica Mendez, Assistant Vice President for Construction, to report on the progress for the bond projects. Ms. Mendez reported that the programming process has begun with meetings of the Campus Advisory Committees (CAC). Representatives from Facilities Programming and Consulting and Broaduss & Associates met with the six different CAC's. Each CAC is composed of the proposed user groups for each facility. Ms. Mendez stated that the meetings will continue through the fall in order to complete the programming phase on schedule.

Mr. Campirano reported that the Board Bond Advisory Committee for the Wellness, Recreational and Kinesiology Complex (WR&KC) meet to review the design for the project. He stated that the committee discussed the site, programming elements, floor plans and elevations for the building.

Dr. Ronnau introduced Mr. Andres Andujar, from 3D International Architects, to explain the design and program elements of the WR&KC. Mr. Andujar introduced Mr. Amado Fernandez, from Hughes Group, to further explain the design elements of the facility.

Dr. Ronnau introduced Mr. Michael Camarillo, President of the Student Government Association, and Dr. Carl Stockton, Dean of the School of Education. Mr. Camarillo stated that he is impressed with the design of the building. He added that the building will be accessible to students at all times. Dr. Stockton stated that there has been a lot of cooperation between the student and academic user groups.

A motion was made by Mr. Campirano to accept the schematic design for the Wellness, Recreation and Kinesiology Complex as proposed; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "C"

8 Construction Report

Dr. Ronnau reported the following:

- Approximately 820 spaces have been completed to date at University Boulevard Parking Lot.
- The compress structure has been stabilized to protect it from the elements. This work was performed by Mr. Larry Lof, Director for Rancho del Cielo, and his staff.
- The Physical Plant Department continues to make progress on the renovations to the former Autobody area of the Rusteberg building. This space will be used for the Visual Art programs.
- Construction continues on the M1 project. This project is headed by Mr. Larry Lof and his staff. The renovation will create lab space for the Biology Department.

Dr. Wayne Moore reported the following:

- The Education and Business Complex is almost complete. All furniture has arrived and sidewalks are almost complete. Dr. García thanked Dr. Moore for the extraordinary work he has done for this project and for the campus during his many years of service.

9 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Mr. Ron Wookfolk as the new director for the Academic Advising Department. Mr. Wookfolk came from the University of Wisconsin where he served four years as Assistant Dean of the Student Academic Affairs office.

- Five Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) students and their instructor spent the Labor Day weekend in Houston treating victims of Hurricane Katrina at the George R. Brown Auditorium. The students were invited to accompany the Brownsville Fire Department volunteers, who were joining up with other units to offer assistance. The students who assisted with the evacuees were Isabel Cruz, Francisco Vargas, Edger Bazan, Liza Murillo and Adrian Garcia assisted.
- The Business Affairs Division is collecting monetary donations and much needed items for the Hurricane Katrina victims. The funds and items will go to the American Red Cross.
- UTB/TSC has admitted three students affected by Hurricane Katrina to enroll in classes. The three students are from Loyola University in New Orleans, Southeastern Louisiana University, and Delgado College in New Orleans.
- On September 10, 2005 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board notified UTB/TSC about approval of the newest bachelor's degree program, the Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Sciences.
- The Department of Modern Languages has been awarded a grant of \$10,735 to develop two Spanish courses that will be offered through the U.T. TeleCampus General Education Program.
- The Library has recently received two donations. A collection of 3,300 volumes from the estate of Malcom Brachman which include materials in mathematics, physics, statistics, art and history. With the assistance of Mr. Barry Horn and Mr. John Hawthorne the Library also received were several hundred law books from Carnihas Law Firm in Brownsville.
- Mr. Felipe Paredes, lecturer in the Construction Technology program, has conversations with Thomson Learning Publishers about their instructional certification program. The program is operated with Home Builders Institute (HBI) in affiliation with National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Through Mr. Paredes' initiative, the program is certified as of August 29, 2005 by the HBI and NAHB "as a credentialed institution to teach the Residential Construction Academy Series in the crafts of Carpentry and Electrical Principles."
- Texas Instrument in collaboration with the School of Education at UTB/TSC will host a professional development workshop for science and math teachers. The conference is scheduled for November 12, 2005.
- The Patron of the Arts program at UTB/TSC will host an art exhibition featuring Rigoberto Gonzalez on Monday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Richardson Art

Gallery. His paintings examine the dislocation of individuals thru migrations and the mixing of culture and languages.

- There will be a special presentation of The History of the Rebozo, a gala event to be held on Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m. at the Jacob Brown Auditorium on the UTB/TSC Fort Brown campus. The audience will be treated to a living history lesson through a fashion show featuring a large collection of Mexican dresses and rebozos modeled by Brownsville and Matamoros women.
- The dedication of the new Education and Business Complex is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at 10 a.m. Regents Cyndi Taylor Krier, Robert Estrada and Dr. Judith Craven, along with Chancellor Mark Yudof, will be in attendance. Remarks will be provided by Mr. Fred Rusteberg and Mr. Bob Shepard. There will also be a symposium to explore the impact of higher education in our community featuring Distinguished Alumni, Mr. Welcome Wilson and Ms. Cecilia Anzaldua.
- UTB/TSC will be hosting the next Partnership Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 27 at 1:30 p.m. TSC Trustees participating in the meeting are Mr. Chester Gonzalez, Ms. Rosemary Breedlove and Dr. Roberto Robles. Also participating are UT System Board of Regents Ms. Cyndi Taylor Krier, Mr. Roberto Estrada and Dr. Judith Craven.

14 Proposed Meeting Dates

Board of Trustees Meetings:

Retreat – October 14 - 15, 2005
Thursday, October 20, 2005
Thursday, November 17, 2005
Thursday, December 15, 2005

15 Announcements

Ms. Breedlove announced that Dr. Jane Goodall is this year's Distinguished Lecturer. The lecture and reception will take place on Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Science Engineering Technology Building.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Chester Gonzalez
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano
Secretary Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on August 2, 2005 is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at the UTB/TSC Media center. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Viviana Zacarias, Administrative Secretary. 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.