

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE

Minutes of the **Regular** Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 17, 2005

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session November 17, 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, Ms. Dolly Zimmerman, Dr. Roberto Robles and Mr. Roman "Dino" Esparza. Absent were Mr. David Oliveira and Mr. Eduardo A. Campirano, Secretary. 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 5:40 p.m.

Announcements

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

Real Estate

Discussion and Possible Action on Premises
Located at Neutra Subdivision, Lots 2 and 4,
Block 1, Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 26, Block 10, Colonia Alta Vista,
Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 32, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista,
Brownsville, Texas

Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 33, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista,
Brownsville, Texas

**Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 27, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista,
Brownsville, Texas**

**Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 8, Block 14, Paredes Addition,
Brownsville, Texas**

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

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 5:50 p.m.

2 Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

**Discussion and Possible Action on Premises
Located at Neutra Subdivision, Lots 2 and 4,
Block 1, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Esparza to authorize Dr. Garcia or her designee to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and Lease with the City of Brownsville for the premises located in Neutra Subdivision Lots 2 and 4, Block 1, Brownsville, Texas; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "A"

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 26, Block 10, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 26, Block 10, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "B"

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 32, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 32, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "C"

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 33, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 33, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "D"

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 27, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Ms. Breedlove to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 27, Block 11, Colonia Alta Vista, Brownsville, Texas; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "E"

**Consideration and possible action on
Contract and Resolution for Purchase of
Lot 8, Block 14, Paredes Addition, Brownsville, Texas**

A motion was made by Mr. Esparza to approve the contract and resolution for the purchase of Lot 8, Block 14, Paredes Addition, Brownsville, Texas; seconded by Ms. Zimmerman; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "F"

3 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

**Consideration and possible action on
Minutes of Regular Meeting October 20, 2005**

A motion was made by Mr. Esparza to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2005, as presented; seconded by Dr. Robles; motion carried unanimously.

4 Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

5 Board Briefing

Communication Program Highlights

Dr. John Cook and Dr. Louis Falk, Associate Professors in the Department of English and Communications, gave a presentation on the Communications Program at UTB/TSC. Dr. Falk reported on the success of "Shadow Day", a project in which communication majors followed a media professional for a day. Dr. Cook stated that there are currently 97 declared majors in the Communications Program in two programs of study which are Communication Studies and Mass Communication studies. Dr. Cook stated that there are already plans for a Master's program in Communication due to the high demand from the community and our students.

6 Bond Projects

Bond Projects Update

Dr. Ronnau reported on the activities related to the bond projects construction that have occurred since the last Board meeting, including the following:

- The Campus Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Early Childhood, Classrooms and Library projects met to discuss the progress of the projects as well as the funding available for construction.
- The architect presentations for the vision of ITECC took place November 4.
- The Board Bond Advisory Committee (BBAC) for ITECC met to discuss the architect selection.

Dr. Ronnau stated that all committees continue to be well attended.

Board Bond Advisory Committee Report Music Education and Fine Arts Complex

Dr. Robles reported that the Music Education and Fine Arts Complex Board Bond Advisory Committee met on October 28 to review progress. The meeting was well attended with representatives from the faculty, staff and community. The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Chester Gonzalez, also attended.

Dr. Robles reported that Mr. Jack Joyce, the programming consultant for the project, and representatives from Broaddus and Associates described the space needs as presented by the Campus Advisory Committee. Dr. Robles noted that the goals of this building project are to provide a performance venue for various student musical groups, as well as rehearsal spaces for band, jazz, mariachi and orchestra. The programming consultant reported that the program needs are larger than the budget will allow. Dr. Robles stated that several options are being considered in order to maximize the available funds.

Board Bond Advisory Committee Report ITECC Renovations

Mr. Esparza reported that the ITECC Renovations Board Bond Advisory Committee met on November 14 to review the architect selection process. He reported that the meeting was attended by representatives from the faculty, staff and community. Chairman Gonzalez and Trustee David Oliveira were also in attendance.

Mr. Esparza reported that Ms. Veronica Mendez, Assistant Vice President for Construction, and representatives from Broaddus and Associates made a presentation outlining the process for selection of the ITECC Architect. He introduced Ms. Mendez to review the process and the recommendation.

Consideration and possible action on ITECC Architect Selection

Ms. Mendez reported that the College solicited requests for qualifications (RFQ) for the ITECC project through a two part submission. Part One required information related to the qualifications of the firms. Part Two was based upon a presentation of visionary concepts. Ms. Mendez reported that six firms submitted qualifications in response to part one: Kell Muñoz Architects, PBK Architects, Hermes/Taft Architects, Gomez Mendez Saenz, Alamo Architects and SHW.

Ms. Mendez reported that Part Two of the submission, which was to present a visionary concept, took place on November 4. Presentations were made by PBK, Kell Muñoz and Hermes/Taft Architects. Over 150 people including Trustees, students, faculty, staff and community members attended and voted for their favored design. The design that was favored by the majority was Kell Muñoz' "Front Door to Opportunity". Ms. Mendez reported that the video of the three presentations was shown to the BBAC.

Ms. Mendez reported that Broaddus and Associates and staff reviewed and rated the first part of the submission. She stated that based on this review, Kell Munoz Architects of San Antonio was identified as the best qualified firm.

A motion was made by Mr. Esparza to select Kell Muñoz Architects as Architects for the ITECC project and authorized the President or her designee to negotiate a contract; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "G"

Consideration and possible action on Adoption of Architect and Engineer Fee Schedule

Mr. Gilbert Gallegos, from Broaddus and Associates, presented the proposed adoption of the UT System Architect and Engineer Fee Schedule. He stated that adopting a fee schedule will allow for uniform and quicker negotiations.

A motion was made by Ms. Zimmerman to Adopt the UT System Architect and Engineer Fee Schedule as presented; seconded by Ms. Breedlove; motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "H"

7 Construction Report

Dr. Ronnau reported the following:

- The Grand Opening of the Fort Brown Memorial Golf Course was held on November 4. Speakers at the event included the Trustees, President García, Mr. Bobby Lucio and Senator Eddie Lucio. The event celebrated the opening of the new clubhouse and refurbished greens. Dr. Ronnau invited the campus and the public to visit the golf course.

8 President's Report

Dr. García reported the following:

- UTB/TSC is a partner in the Institute of Biomedical Science and Technology (IBSTM), a consortium of ten research and medical institutions in Texas. Dr. Steve Goodman, the Director of the Institute, has notified UTB/TSC that we will receive federal grants for approximately \$400,000 for fiscal years 2006 and 2007. The funding will be for research programs and faculty members affiliated with the IBSTM, namely Natalia Guevara and Andreas Hanke from the Biophysics group and Luis Colom and Emilio Garrido-Zanabria from our Neuroscience group.

9 Proposed Meeting Dates

Board of Trustees Meetings:

Thursday, December 15, 2005

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Thursday, April 13, 2006

10 Announcements

- Dr. Garcia announced that Mr. Lloyd E. Horn has donated 1,200 Sabal palms valued at more than \$100,000. The palms will be planted over the next five years at several campus locations including, the College Park Trail, University Boulevard, and ITECC. The Board thanked Mr. Horn for his generosity.
- Ms. Sonia Cunningham, Associate Professor of Nursing, announced the Annual Sgt. Keith A. Ferguson Memorial 5K Run to be held on Saturday, November 26, 8 a.m. on the UTB/TSC campus. The funds raised will go to establish the Sgt. Keith A. Ferguson Endowed Chair in Criminal Justice.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gonzalez at 7:32 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 November 17, 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 Mary G. Hernandez, Senior Administrative Associate. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel K1SD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.