

## **I. THE DISTRICT**

### **A. OFFICIAL NAME OF THE DISTRICT**

The official name of this Junior College District shall be “Southmost Union Junior College District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas” (herein sometimes referred to as “District”).

Authority: Texas Education Code 130.040, 130.044 & 130.081  
Originally approved: November 23, 1949  
Amended: August 7, 1997  
Amended: November 1, 2001

### **B. OFFICIAL NAME OF THE COLLEGE**

The official name of the College is “Texas Southmost College” (herein sometimes referred to as “College”).

Authority: Texas Education Code 130.040, 130.044 & 130.081  
Originally approved: November 23, 1949  
Amended: August 7, 1997  
Amended: November 1, 2001

### **C. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

The Southmost Union Junior College District is comprised of the territory in the Brownsville Independent School District, Point Isabel Independent School District and Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District, all in the County of Cameron, State of Texas.

The boundaries of the College District are described in detail in the order declaring result of Junior College District Election dated November 23, 1949, and may be found in the Texas Southmost College Minutes Book No. 1, beginning on page 15.

Authority: Texas Education Code 130.040, 130.044 & 130.081  
Originally approved: November 23, 1949  
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### **D. STATEMENT OF MISSION**

Texas Southmost College is a comprehensive open admissions public community college whose mission comports with Texas Statute Subchapter A, Section 130.

Texas Southmost College offers programs leading to certificates of completion and associate degrees, developmental education to prepare students for college-level work, occupational and technical programs to prepare students for immediate employment, academic courses of study to develop the core skills, understandings, and knowledge appropriate for baccalaureate programs, and continuing education, counseling, guidance, adult literacy and personal enrichment.

Texas Southmost College advances economic and social development, enhances the quality of life, encourages respect for the environment, cultivates personal enrichment, and expands knowledge in service to its community. It convenes the cultures of its community and fosters an appreciation for the unique heritage of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It provides academic leadership in the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic life of the region it serves.

Texas Southmost College places excellence in teaching and learning at the core of its commitments. It seeks to help students at all levels develop the skills which will sustain life-long learning while respecting the dignity of each learner and the needs of the entire community.

Authority: Texas Education Code, Sec. 130.0011; Standard One, Standards of the College Delegate Assembly, SACS  
Originally approved: May 19, 1970  
Amended: March 10, 1981  
Amended: July 15, 1992  
Amended: July 28, 1994  
Amended: January 18, 2000  
Amended: November 1, 2001

#### **E. STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

Texas Southmost College is a community college committed to excellence. It is dedicated to stewardship, integrity, service, openness, accessibility, efficiency, and citizenship. The College is committed to students, participatory governance, liberal education, the expansion and application of knowledge, human dignity, the convening of cultures, and respect for our environment.

Authority: SUJCD Board of Trustees  
Originally approved: June 3, 1992  
Amended: July 15, 1992  
Amended: July 28, 1994  
Amended: November 1, 2001

#### **F. DISTRICT SEAL**

The District shall have an official seal, the form and design of which shall be adopted by the Board and the custody of which shall be with the Secretary to the Board.



Texas Southmost College  
Board Policies

Authority: Texas Education Code 130.040, 130.044 & 130.081  
Originally approved: November 23, 1949  
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Amended: November 1, 2001

**G. COLLEGE LOGO**

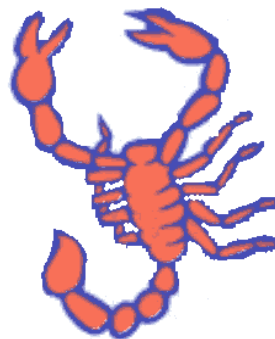
The design for an official logo for the College is shown below.



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**H. COLLEGE MASCOT**

The official College mascot shall be the scorpion.



Authority: SUJCD Board of Trustees  
Originally approved: June 13, 1992  
Amended: July 15, 1992  
Amended: November 1, 2001

**I. ATHLETIC LOGOMARK**

For purposes of athletics, a graphic UTB/TSC may be used in conjunction with the Scorpion mascot. The graphics must be used without any alterations, exactly as follows:



Authority: SUJCD Board of Trustees  
Originally approved: May 1, 1995  
Amended: November 1, 2001