

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Committee (IEPC) is composed of community members, members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students. Its purpose is to assess the effectiveness of the UTB/TSC Partnership towards achieving its mission. Given the complexity of an institution of higher education, a major challenge is to determine which of many possible measures best reflects how well the institution is accomplishing its goals. The IEPC has identified eight measures of effectiveness. Throughout the year, information is collected and analyzed pertaining to these measures, and the results of that process are reported here. The measures that have been selected by the IEPC and approved by the Board of Trustees and the President are the following:

- Graduate Success
- Student Needs and Satisfaction
- Successful Student Progress
- Resources to Support Teaching and Learning
- Program Expansion and Appropriateness
- UTB/TSC Impact on the Cultural and Economic Life of Community
- Community Awareness of UTB/TSC
- Community Need and Satisfaction
- Student Retention

In addition to the measures of effectiveness, other signs of progress are reported, such as growth in enrollment (which has for the first time exceeded 10,000) and growth in facilities (the campus has grown to 380 acres, student housing and a second campus have been added). Other accomplishments are described in the “Did you know?” sections. For example:

- A Forensics Laboratory has been developed at UTB/TSC.
- UTB/TSC raised more than \$5.5 million in sponsored programs in 2002-2003.
- More than \$2 million in grants has been awarded for Public Health Nursing at UTB/TSC with \$1.1 million coming from the National Institutes of Health.

While an attempt has been made to report on the major progress achieved by UTB/TSC, in reality only some of the major highlights are included here. The accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff are too numerous and varied to list. UTB/TSC takes very seriously its responsibility to achieve its mission in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. Ours is a community university, and we believe strongly that our future is inextricably linked to the region we serve. That belief is what has prompted this report to the community, a report that is authorized and sanctioned by the Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees and UTB/TSC administration.

UTB/TSC and the community it serves can be proud of what our community university has accomplished. Yet much remains to be done. We thank our community for its support in the past and trust that we can count on it in the future. Thanks to the members of the IEPC for their work to present this report and to the Board of Trustees for their support.

We welcome your questions and comments.