

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES

Regular Quarterly Meeting
1200 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas
April 20, 2017

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 20, 2017, with the following members present: Bobby Jenkins, presiding; Arcilia Acosta; Javaid Anwar; Fred Farias; Ricky Raven; Janelle Shepard; Stuart Stedman; John Steen; David Teuscher; and Haley Delagarza.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks, Announcements and Appointments	Mr. Jenkins called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and announced that all Board Members were in attendance.
A. Consideration of Resolution of Appreciation for Haley DeLaGarza, Student Representative of the Board	Mr. Jenkins read the resolution of appreciation for Haley DeLaGarza, Student Representative of the Board. On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Dr. Teuscher, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment A to these minutes.
B. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required.
II. Approval of Minutes	
A. January 26, 2017, Board Meeting	On a motion by Dr. Teuscher, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the January 26, 2017, minutes.

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<p>III. Approval of the Consent Calendar</p>	<p>Mr. Jenkins removed IX-L(4) from the Consent Calendar. On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the Consent Calendar. Items on the Consent Calendar were: VII-F; VII-G; VII-H(1); VII-H(2); VII-H(3); VII-H(5); VII-H(6); VII-H(7); VII-H(8); IX-C(3); IX-C(4); IX-C(5); IX-C(6); IX-C(7); IX-C(8); IX-D; IX-E; IX-F; IX-G; IX-H; IX-I; IX-L(1); IX-L(2); IX-L(3); IX-M; and IX-N.</p>
<p>IV. Major Policy Discussion</p>	
<p>A. Predictive Analytics in Higher Education</p>	<p>No action required. Dr. Tracey Armstrong, Director of Innovation, with the assistance of Mr. Bill Abasolo, Director of Strategic Planning, facilitated a discussion regarding predictive analytics, including how it is used, how it can benefit students, and some challenges confronting higher education institutions with regard to transparency and ethical concerns of using student information. A presentation was also made by the following panel members: Dr. Ellen Wagner, Co-founder and Chief Research Officer, Predictive Analytics Reporting Framework, and Vice President of Research, Hobsons; Iris Palmer, Senior Policy Analyst, Education Policy Program, New America; George Gonzalez, Jr., Director, Institutional Research and Effectiveness, San Jacinto College; and Michelle Callaway, Lead Research Programmer Analyst, Institutional Research and Effectiveness, San Jacinto College.</p>
<p>V. Recognition of Excellence</p>	
<p>A. Amarillo College – No Excuses Poverty Initiative</p>	<p>No action required. Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, President, and Michele Fortunato, Chair of the Board of Regents provided a presentation on Amarillo College’s No Excuses Poverty Initiative.</p>

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VI. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Report on the 60x30TX.com website and the redesigned Higher Education Accountability System	No action required. Kelly Carper Polden, Assistant Director of Communications, provided an overview of the 60x30TX.com website and Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner of Strategic Planning and Funding, provided an overview and demonstration of the new Higher Education Accountability System as well as an update on the process to finalize the system's measures.
B. Consideration of adopting the Commissioner's recommendation to the Board relating to the certification of Texas research Incentive Program gift funds to the Emerging Research Universities	On a motion by Dr. Teuscher, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved certification of Texas Research Incentive Program gift funds to the Emerging Research Universities.
VII. Matters Relating to the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee's activities was presented to the Board by Dr. Teuscher, Chair of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning	No action required.
C. Update on the Coordinating Board's legislative activities and budget priorities for the 85th Texas Legislature	No action required. Ms. Linda Battles, Deputy Commissioner for Agency Operations and Communications/COO, provided an update on the Board's budget priorities, and Mr. John Wyatt, Director for External Relations, provided an update on the Board's legislative recommendations and other pertinent legislation.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the annual report about the financial condition of the state's community college districts (<i>H.B. 1, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 13, III-211</i>)	On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Shepard, the Board approved the annual report about the financial condition of the state's community college districts.
E. Report on facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board	No action required.

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<p>F. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board for approval of the nominated member of the Financial Literacy Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>G. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to moving Chapter 21, Subchapters C, D, E, F, K, M, N, V, CC, JJ, and RR of the Board rules to Chapter 22, Grant and Scholarship Programs, new Subchapters C, E, F, G, I, Q, W, X, Y, Z, and AA</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>H. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 17, Subchapter B, Section 17.12 of the Board rules, concerning the Delegation of Approval Authority</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 21, Subchapter C, Section 21.62 of the Board rules, concerning the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program</p> <p>(3) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 21, Subchapter M, Section 21.403 of the Board rules, concerning the Texas College Work-Study Program</p> <p>(4) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, adding new Subchapter A, Section 22.1 and 22.2 of the Board rules, concerning the General Provisions</p> <p>(5) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter B, Section 22.23 of the Board rules, concerning the Provisions for the Tuition Equalization Grant Program</p> <p>(6) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter B, Sections 22.22 and 22.24 of the Board rules, concerning the Provisions for the Tuition Equalization Grant Program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the amendments and the new sections of Board rules concerning General Provisions. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>

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<p>(7) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter L, Section 22.227 of the Board rules, concerning the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program</p> <p>(8) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter M, Section 22.255 of the Board rules, concerning the Texas educational Opportunity Grant Program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
VIII. Lunch	
IX. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
<p>A. Committee Chair’s Overview</p>	<p>No action required. An overview of the Committee’s activities was presented to the Board by Ms. Shepard, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success.</p>
<p>B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>C. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY (1) Doctor of Education (EdD) degree with a major in Higher Education Leadership</p> <p>(2) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Digital and Cyber Forensic Science</p> <p>STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY (3) Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with a major in Family Nurse Practitioner</p> <p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – COMMERCE (4) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Electrical Engineering</p> <p>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY (5) Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in Manufacturing Engineering</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Teuscher, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the new degree program.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the new degree program.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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<p>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER – EL PASO (6) Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with a major in Nursing</p> <p>TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY (7) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Engineering</p> <p>WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (8) Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in Engineering</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Dr. Teuscher, the Board approved the new degree program.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>D. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to issuance of a Request for Applications for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Leadership Grant Program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>E. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to issuance of a Request for Applications for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Leadership Grant Program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>F. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to approval to amend a contract with Texas A&M University to increase funding so that additional services may be provided through the Advise TX college advising program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>G. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the approval to increase funding for GradTX activities designed to help meet the completion goal of <i>60x30TX</i></p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>H. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the reallocation of Work-Study Mentorship Program funding</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>I. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board to amend the contract with Catch the Next, Inc., to provide additional funding for expansion of its professional development program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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<p>J. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to a request from MediSend Biomedical Equipment Technology School for an initial Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the request from MediSend Biomedical Equipment Technology School for an initial Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas.</p>
<p>K. Report to the Board on school closures and/or teach-outs pursuant to Chapter 7, Subchapter A, Section 7.7(5)</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>L. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the appointment of member(s) to:</p> <p>(1) Architecture Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(2) Learning Technology Advisory Committee</p> <p>(3) Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual Advisory Council</p> <p>(4) Workforce Education Course Manual Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Teuscher, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board adopted the appointment of members to the Workforce Education Course Manual Advisory Committee.</p>
<p>M. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the guidelines for the 2017 Texas Higher Education Star Awards</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>N. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter C, Sections 4.53, 4.54, 4.57, and 4.60 of Board rules concerning the Texas Success Initiative</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>O. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the previous Board meeting</p>	<p>No action required.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
X. Matters relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee's activities was presented to the Board by Mr. Steen, Chair of the Committee on Agency Operations.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	No action required.
XI. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Dr. Teuscher, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Steen
Secretary of the Board

ATTACHMENT A



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Haley R. DeLaGarza

WHEREAS, Haley DeLaGarza was appointed as the Student Representative to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by Governor Greg Abbott on July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Coordinating Board, Ms. DeLaGarza served as an ex-officio member on the Agency Operations Committee, the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success, and the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Board values the input, ideas, and feedback from students on higher education policy, particularly those policies that have a direct impact on students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeLaGarza has exceeded expectations through her dedication, leadership, knowledge and professionalism, and has provided extraordinary support and insight to the Board during Board meetings, her involvement in the 2016 THECB Leadership Conference, and by helping to educate the public on the 60x30TX strategic plan for higher education during media interviews and events; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeLaGarza effectively represented the students' perspective through her thoughtful questions, informed comments and deep passion for higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Board, its staff, and all current and future students in Texas will benefit from Ms. DeLaGarza's active participation and dedicated service on the Board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 20th day of April, 2017, express our deepest appreciation to Haley DeLaGarza for her distinguished service as the Student Representative of this Board and her unwavering dedication to higher education for all students of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Ms. DeLaGarza in recognition of the high esteem in which she is held.