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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 19, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on July 19, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board Members present were Ms. Adela Garza, Chair; Mr. Trey Mendez, Vice Chair; Mr. Ruben Herrera, Secretary; Ms. Eva Alejandro, Mr. Art Rendon, Dr. Tony Zavaleta and Mr. J.J. De Leon, Jr. Absent was Dr. Reynaldo Garcia. Also present was Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodríguez, President of Texas Southmost College.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Adela Garza at 5:33 p.m.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

Dr. Tony Zavaleta led the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Administering the Oath of Office to Elected Member

Mrs. Garza announced the swearing in of the newest member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District, Mr. J.J. De Leon, Place 6.

Mr. De Leon was sworn into office by The Honorable Judge Janet Leal.

Chair Garza called for a recess at 5:48 p.m. for a reception at the Oliveira Student Service Center.

Chair Garza reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Note: Dr. Reynaldo Garcia arrived after Mr. De Leon was sworn in; therefore, Dr. Garcia is listed as absent for the portion of the Board Meeting when he was still a Trustee.*

4. Recognition of Dr. Reynaldo Garcia for his years of service to the Board.

The Board of Trustees and President Rodriguez presented Dr. Garcia with a resolution honoring his years of service to the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Herrera to approve the resolution honoring Dr. Reynaldo Garcia for his years of service to the Board, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment. No presentation will exceed three minutes.

There were no speakers.

6. Consideration and possible action on the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2018 and the Special Meeting of July 2, 2018.

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A motion was made by Mr. Herrera to approve to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2018 and the Special Meeting of July 2, 2018, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Zavaleta and carried unanimously.

7. Presentation of the Scholarship by Rotary Club of Brownsville Sunrise

Ms. Garza called on Mrs. Melinda Rodriguez, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Community Relations, to present the item. Mrs. Rodriguez introduced Mr. Andres Zamaripa, President of the Brownsville Sunrise Rotary Club. Mr. Zamaripa spoke about the history of the club and its partnership with TSC and presented a \$7,000 check on behalf of the Rotary Club for TSC Student Scholarships.

8. President's Report

Mrs. Garza called on President Rodriguez to give his report. Dr. Rodriguez reported on the following items:

- **Introduction of New Dean of STEM/CTE Division.** Dr. Murad Abusalim was introduced as the new Dean of the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics –Career and Technical Education (STEM-CTE). Dr. Abusalim joined TSC in fall of 2008 and previously held the position of architectural instructor, chair of the engineering, Design and Technology Department, and most recently he was acting dean of the Division of STEM-CTE.

- **21st Texas Century Grant Update.** Dr. Rodriguez informed the Board that Texas Southmost College was preliminarily selected for a 21st Texas Century Community Learning Center grant, also known as Texas Afterschool Centers on Education or Texas ACE. TSC will be the fiscal agent for this grant. The grant award is for \$1.5 million for the 2018-19 school year and TSC is eligible for up to 2 additional years of continued funding.
- **JET Grant Update.** In addition to the 21st Texas Century grant, Dr. Rodriguez announced that TSC was awarded \$282,509 by the Texas Workforce Commission from the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant program. The JET grant will expand TSC's capacity to provide high quality training in the Automotive Technology program through the purchase of additional equipment and trainers. This expansion will afford TSC the opportunity to provide additional training for on-campus students and dual credit students in the Brownsville, Los Fresnos, and Point Isabel school districts.

Dr. Rodriguez noted that TSC has been awarded over \$2 million (\$2,007,509) in grants this summer that will funnel into the community to support student enrichment, career and technical education, and innovative program development. He thanked Ms. Melinda Rodriguez, Dr. Angelica Fuentes, and Dr. Prisci Tipton for their efforts in obtaining these grants.

- **Fall 2018 Enrollment Update.** Dr. Rodriguez reported that as of today, TSC has 2,824 on-campus students registered for the upcoming fall semester; a 21% increase from last month. This data shows that TSC continues to move on an upward trend. Dr. Rodriguez mentioned the ongoing efforts to better serve our students, such as holding special registration events, extended hours, and flexible schedules for student services.
- **SACSCOC Substantive Change Approval.** TSC has received two substantive change approvals from SACSCOC to offer more than 50 percent of a program at the following two high schools: Jubilee Brownsville and First Baptist. Students at these high schools can now complete a full associate degree while still in high school.
- **VP OF IACR Recertified As Certified Fund Raising Exec.** Dr. Rodriguez announced that Mrs. Melinda Rodriguez, VP of Institutional Advancement and Community Relations, was recertified as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) by Certified Fund Raising Executive International. This is the third time that Mrs. Rodriguez has earned recertification since receiving the distinguished credential in 2009. She is among only 6,000 professionals around the world that hold this designation. She is the only CFRE in the Rio Grande Valley.

Dr. Rodriguez congratulated Mrs. Rodriguez and thanked her for her continued service and commitment to Texas Southmost College.

- **Upcoming Events.** Dr. Rodriguez provided a list of upcoming meetings and events for the trustees.
- **Video Presentation.** Dr. Rodriguez announced that TSC has continued to be very active with our community outreach efforts and college events. He presented a video highlighting the following activities:
 - President's trip to Universidad de Seguridad y Justicia de Tamaulipas in Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico
 - New Student Orientation – SETB Lecture Hall
 - National Selfie Day – North/South Courtyard
 - Learning to Lead Kickoff Event – SETB Lecture Hall
 - 3M Hire Our Heroes Grant Award – Auto Body Shop
 - Rubric and Signature Training – Benito Longoria
 - Historical Artifacts Presentations – North 216 & South 106
 - Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Orientation – ITECC
 - Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) Policy Summit at South Texas College
 - National Hot Dog Day – Gazebos
 - Haircut & Spa Day – North 119 & 121
 - Scorpion Registration Rally – Oliveira Student Services Center

9. Academic Subcommittee Report

Ms. Garza called on Mr. Herrera to present the items.

a. Respiratory Care Sciences Program Update

Dr. Joanna Kile, Vice President of Instruction, provided a brief overview of the information to be presented. She then introduced Mr. Scott Nelson, Acting Dean of the Division of Health Professions, to provide further details. Mr. Nelson provided a review of the accreditation requirements from the Texas Medical Board and the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, the rationale for the citation of deficiency, and the measures taken by TSC faculty and administration to remedy the deficiencies cited.

This item was for information purposes only. No action is required.

b. Consideration and possible action on Data Use Agreement with Abt Associates, Inc.

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Compliance, explained that Abt Associates, Inc. is working under contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration for Children and Families. The data use agreement would allow Abt Associates to collect data from TSC about students who participate in the VIDA program. VIDA is a workforce development program designed to

**Notice of Gr
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Ms. Melinda Rodrig
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overview of the purpose of the JET grant. The grant funds will b
and tools to provide hand-on training to prepare students fo
Service Technician. Ms. Rodriguez stated that the Board previo
cash match in the amount of \$14,869.00. Dr. Abusalim stat
dealers play an important part in the accreditation of the program
board for the program and offering internships to our students
faculty and students are very appreciative of the investment th
made in the automotive programs.

A motion was made by Dr. Zavaleta to accept the award and authorize President Rodriguez to sign the Notice of Grant Award and related documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. Mr. De Leon abstained. The motion carried with six votes in favor and one abstention.

