

**MINUTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

February 6, 2009

The Chair of the Committee, Jim P. Wise, convened the meeting of the Academic and Student Success Committee of the University of Houston System Board of Regents in the Flamingo Room 275, University of Houston Hilton Hotel, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, at 9:40 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009, with the following members present: Carroll Robertson Ray, Tamara K. Goodwin, and Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., Ex Officio. Regent Mosbacher was unable to attend.

Regent Wise opened the meeting and congratulated Dr. John Antel, who was named the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. Dr. Antel thanked the Board and expressed his excitement in being named to the position. Regent Wise also thanked Dr. Jerry Strickland, who had served as Interim Provost, for his valuable service over the years to the UH System and the University of Houston.

Regent Wise stated there would be four items for discussion on the agenda. All items were for information only and required no action by the board. Regent Wise then turned the meeting over to Dr. Antel who introduced the following items.

1. Report on Spring '09 System Enrollment – UH System

Dr. Antel gave a report on the Spring '09 preliminary enrollment for each UH System university. There was a 4.2% increase in student credit hours which was extremely important because it immediately maps into formula and impacts revenue. The increase will hopefully allow the university to investment in new programs and move the President's agenda forward. The tables below represent the Spring 2008 to Spring 2009 12th Class Day Headcount for the UH System.

Spring 2009 Preliminary Counts
12th Class Day
February 2, 2009

Headcount

	<u>UH</u>			<u>UHCL</u>		
	<u>Preliminary 2009</u>	<u>Certified 2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Preliminary 2009</u>	<u>Certified 2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Undergrad	26,755	25,843	3.5	4,175	4,180	-0.1
Graduate	7,133	6,813	4.7	3,140	3,185	-1.4
All	33,888	32,656	3.8	7,315	7,365	-0.7

Spring 2009 Preliminary Counts (cont'd)
 12th Class Day
 February 2, 2009

Headcount

	<u>UHD</u>			<u>UHV</u>		
	Preliminary 2009	Certified 2008	% Change	Preliminary 2009	Certified 2008	% Change
Undergrad	11,631	11,153	4.3	1,673	1,466	14.1
Graduate	148	144	2.8	1,559	1,430	9.0
All	11,779	11,297	4.3	3,232	2,896	11.6

	<u>ALL</u>		
	Preliminary 2009	Certified 2008	% Change
Undergrad	43,743	42,642	2.6
Graduate	11,980	11,572	3.5
All	55,723	54,723	2.8

Preliminary SCH

	<u>UH</u>			<u>UHCL</u>		
	Preliminary 2009	Certified 2008	% Change	Preliminary 2009	Certified 2008	% Change
All	384,756	368,281	4.5	61,739	60,739	1.6

	<u>UHD</u>			<u>UHV</u>		
	Preliminary 2009	Certified 2008	% Change	Preliminary 2009	Certified 2008	% Change
All	116,114	113,489	2.3	24,882	21,498	15.7

	<u>ALL</u>		
	Preliminary 2009	Certified 2008	% Change
All	587,491	564,007	4.2

2. Update on Phi Beta Kappa – University of Houston

Dr. Antel provided an overview of the status of the university's progress in developing its application for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. This chapter is the nation's oldest and most prestigious college honor society. Only 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher learning have Phi Beta Kappa chapters. This is extremely important for the University of Houston in order to achieve student success. A committee has been formed for the purpose of preparing an updated application and

Dr. William Monroe, Dean of the Honors College and Dr. Jerry Strickland will be working on completing this application. The Phi Beta Kappa committee only meets every three years and with our application in 2009 we will be in the position to receive a chapter in 2010 or 2011. Dr. Antel also stressed the importance for the regents and the leadership of the university to be up to speed on liberal arts education and take part in their campus visits. This would be vital for the success of this endeavor.

3. Update and Status of Northwest Initiative – UH System

The board was briefed on the progress in developing the Northwest initiative.

Dr. Antel introduced Mr. Ed Hugetz, who gave an executive summary of the proposed program offerings by the University of Houston and UH-Downtown, as well as the next steps that would be taken by all of the participating systems – UH System, Texas A&M System and Texas State System, on this issue.

The northwest region of the Houston metropolitan area was among the largest underserved regions in the state relative to access to baccalaureate and master's degrees offered by senior-level institutions; and in an effort to extend access to higher education, Mr. Hugetz stated that the UH System, the Texas A&M System, the Texas State System, and Texas Southern University had agreed on "Principles and Procedures for Developing Public Higher Education in Northwest Houston."

Chancellors of these systems had met and developed a set of principles and guidelines in order to move forward on this proposal. A "pathway to success" and a "level playing field" were discussed by the chancellors and each system recognized their stake in this region. The following institutions have developed a proposal to offer programs in the northwest region: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, Prairie View A&M, Sam Houston State, and Texas Southern University. The Vice Chancellors from each of these institutions will work closely to put a unified program in place. They have addressed this issue with Dr. Raymond Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Dr. Paredes has stated that if a unified proposal was developed, it would be approved. It was also recognized that due to the extremely high demand in this area, there would most likely be some duplication of courses, but these could be differentiated.

If this was approved by the Coordinating Board, our plan would be to offer upper level courses at Lone Star Community College. Lone Star Community College would offer the first two years of classes. We would be located on their campus located in the 249 area. The courses we would offer would be in the humanities, social sciences, education, business, and technology areas.

The final proposal will be submitted to the board in April for their consideration prior to being submitted to the Coordinating Board.

4. Update on UH Energy and UH Health (Research Perspectives) – University of Houston

Dr. Antel introduced Dr. Don Birx, who gave a powerpoint presentation which gave the latest events in this area. A funding overview was discussed. He stated awards were up and expenditures were down.

Below are brief remarks from Dr. Birx's presentation:

UH Energy

- Three individuals have recently been hired in the energy area:
 - (1) Dr. Robert Stewart, Geosciences; dedicated to finding new methods of making seismic images of the Earth's surfaces;
 - (2) Dr. Chesnokov Evgeni, Geosciences; monitors petroleum reservoirs during fracturing using microseismic events;
 - (3) Dr. Venkat Selvamanickam, Mechanical Engineering/TcSUH.
- UH Energy Research Park
- Vision to Achieve Top Tier Research Funding and Student Success
- The Lone Star Wind Alliance
 - (1) Cluster-based, 30-member, public-private partnership focused on wind competitiveness in the energy portfolio;
 - (2) Unique 501c3 organization;
 - (3) Focusing on critical success factors.

UH Health

- Three individuals have recently been hired in the health area:
 - (1) Dr. Jan-Ake Gustafsson, Biology and Biochemistry/Chemistry
 - (2) Dr. Margaret Warner, Bioogy and Biochemistry/Chemistry
 - (3) (Dr. Scott Gilbertson, Chemistry

A complete copy of this presentation was filed in the Board office.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

All documentation submitted to the Committee in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to "Passed" agenda items and supporting documentation presented to the Committee, is incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes for all purposes; however, this does not constitute a waiver of any privileges contained herein.

Others Present:

Renu Khator
John Antel
Dona Cornell
Don Birx

Elaine Charlson
Ed Hugetz
John Powell
Ed Jones

David Bell
Craig Ness
Patricia Estrada
Dan Wells

University of Houston System

Grover Campbell
Elwyn Lee
Tim Hudson

Malcolm Davis
Dan Gardner

Liz Fitzgerald
Gerry Mathisen