

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS RETREAT
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM**

May 4, 2008

Member(s) present:

Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., Chair
Calvin W. Stephens, Vice Chair
Jim P. Wise, Secretary
Nelda Luce Blair
Dennis D. Golden
Mica Mosbacher
Carroll Robertson Ray
Lynden B. Rose
Christopher Sharpe

Member(s) absent:

Jacob M. Monty

The University of Houston System Board of Regents reconvened the Board Retreat in the Ivy Room at The Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center on Sunday, May 4, 2008. Noting the presence of a quorum, Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Board received information on high performing research universities, national rankings and classifications as they relate to the University of Houston.

Dr. Pappas and Dr. Portch reviewed the FY2008 Strategic Principles and Initiatives Plan and discussed each one in detail. Listed below were the eight initiatives addressed.

1. The UH System universities will continue to strive for academic excellence in all undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, as well as in research and public service.
2. The universities of the UH System will continue to provide broad access to higher education opportunities in the upper Gulf Coast Region and Texas.
3. The diversity of the UH System universities is a strength that distinguishes us among universities nationwide. Increasingly, the faculty, staff, administration and students of our universities will reflect the diversity of Houston.
4. The cornerstone of higher education is the creation and dissemination of new knowledge, through which the UH System universities will enrich the educational experience of students, enhance the cultural life of our constituents, and contribute to economic development.
5. Partnerships with business, industry, government, the community and alumni are

critical to achieving institutional goals of excellence and ensuring the financial health of the UH System universities.

6. Faculty and staff constitute the most valuable assets of the UH System universities. As such they must have access to career opportunities that are competitive with those at other universities.
7. Partnerships among the UH System universities, public schools and community colleges are critical to increasing the college-going rates of Texas students to the national average.
8. The universities of the UH System will be accountable for student learning and for the effective use of resources.

Chancellor Khator discussed TARU and how this was being used to monitor and measure our accomplishments. A copy of this presentation was filed in the Board office.

A partnership with community colleges was mentioned. This would be an excellent pathway for student access and success. If agreements were in place between the UH System campuses and community colleges, this could enable students to be jointly admitted and/or transferred from one campus to another.

Dr. Castillo gave a brief summary of the UH-Downtown branding/renaming issue. He stated that this had been a part of UH-Downtown's strategic plan for some time. The Board requested that Dr. Castillo look into this matter further and report back to the Board at the August 2008 Board meeting.

Dr. Khator stated that a UH Leadership Retreat would be held on June 6, 2008 and she will report her findings to the Board at their next scheduled Board meeting in August.

It was also announced that Progress Cards would be developed for each UH System campus. Dr. Khator stated these were currently in the development stage and would be presented to the regents for their review at the August 2008 Board meeting.

Pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which allows governing boards to meet in closed session, the Board of Regents went into Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. The Board reconvened the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Chairman Wilson reconvened the Board meeting at 1:40 p.m. and stated that property issues and prospective gifts were discussed. There was no action taken by the Board in Executive Session.

In absence of further business, the Board adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

All documentation submitted to the Board in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to "Passed" agenda items and supporting documentation presented to the Board, 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
Bill Staples
Carl Carlucci
Dona Cornell
Jim McShan
Karen Clarke

Tim Hudson
Grover Campbell
Donald J. Foss
Michael Rierson
Stephen Portch
Gerry Mathisen

Max Castillo
Elwyn C. Lee
Donald Birx
Dan Gardner
Alceste Pappas