



Consent Agenda Items
Meeting
of the
Board of Regents

May 14, 2020



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

May 14, 2020

College Station, Texas

(Via Telephone Conference Call)

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Note: Sections 1, 2 & 4 - not used for this meeting

Section 3 (Construction Items)

- 3.1 Approval to Amend the FY 2020-FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to Add the RELLIS Campus Infrastructure – Phase III-A Project (Project No. 01-3323) for The Texas A&M University System RELLIS Campus with a FY 2020 Start Date, A&M System
- 3.2 Approval to Amend the FY 2020-FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to Add the Ballistic Aero-Optics and Materials Facility Project (Project No. 28-3321) for Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station with a FY 2020 Start Date, A&M System
- 3.3 Approval to Amend the FY 2020-FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to Add the BCDC: Innovation Proving Grounds Project (Project No. 28-3322) for Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station with a FY 2020 Start Date, A&M System
- 3.4 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the West Campus Dining Facility Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 02-3277), A&M System
- 3.5 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Railroad Quiet Zone Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 2019-07296), Texas A&M

Informational Report

Report of System Construction Projects Authorized by the Board

Section 5 (Executive Items)

- 5.1 Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing Mr. Levi McClenny for His Service as the 2019-2020 Student Member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and Bestowing the Title of Student Regent Emeritus, BOR
- 5.2 Approval of New Expressive Activity on Campus Rules from Member Academic Institutions, A&M System

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5.3 Approval of Changes to the Admissions Standards for System Member Universities for the 2021-22 Academic Year, A&M System

5.4 *(number not used)*

Executive Session Items

5.5 *Delegation of Authority to the Chancellor to Approve Certain Mineral Leases, A&M System

5.6 *Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the Ground Lease of a 15-Acre Tract on the RELLIS Campus to Blinn College, A&M System

5.7 *Authorization to Purchase Privatized Student Housing Projects and Terminate Ground Leases, Tarleton

5.8 *Authorization to Grant a Conditional Roadway Easement in College Station, Brazos County, Texas, to the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas A&M

5.9 *Authorization to Proceed with Settlement of Property Damage Claim to Mosher Hall, Texas A&M

5.10 *Authorization for the President to Extend the Term of the Existing Cooperative Agreement and Negotiate and Execute a New Cooperative Agreement in Connection with the Texas A&M College of Medicine's Family Medicine Residency Program, Texas A&M

5.11 *Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute New Employment Contracts for the Assistant Football Coach – Offensive Coordinator, Assistant Football Coach – Wide Receivers, Assistant Football Coach – Defensive Ends, Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coach, Associate Athletics Director – Football Director of Operations, Assistant Football Coach – Defensive Tackles, Assistant Football Coach – Secondary, Assistant Football Coach – Running Backs, Assistant Football Coach – Tight Ends, and Assistant Football Coach – Linebackers, Texas A&M

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Section 6 – Consent

The Texas A&M University System/Board of Regents

6.1 Approval of Minutes

6.53 Approval of Revisions to System Policy 02.01 (Board of Regents)

6.2 Granting of the Title of Emeritus, May 2020

6.3 Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers

6.4 Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Holiday Schedules

6.5 Ratification of Temporary Waiver of ACT/SAT Requirement for Fall 2020

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- 6.6 Approval of Revisions to System Policy 18.01 (Athletic Council) and Deletion of System Policies 18.02 (Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics Participation) and 18.03 (Post-Season Athletics Competition)

Prairie View A&M University

- 6.7 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020
- 6.8 Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021

Tarleton State University

- 6.9 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020
- 6.10 Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021
- 6.11 Authorization to Establish Two Quasi-Endowments in the System Endowment Fund

Texas A&M International University

- 6.12 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020
- 6.13 Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Criminal Justice, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 6.14 *Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund and Naming of New Academic Innovation Center Auditorium

Texas A&M University

- 6.15 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 2019-04001)
- 6.16 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020
- 6.17 Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Mr. T. Randall "Randy" Cain '82 for His Outstanding Dedication and Service as Trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation
- 6.18 Approval of Two New Graduate Degree Programs with a Major in Marine Biology, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 6.19 *Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute Contracts Over \$500,000
- 6.20 Authorization for the Texas A&M University Health Science Center to Make Intergovernmental Transfers on Behalf of Qualifying Entities
- 6.21 *Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund Entitled the "Mary S. Young Quasi-Endowment for the Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center"

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- 6.22 Establishment of the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas
- 6.23 *Naming of First Generation Center within the Office for Student Success
- 6.24 *Naming of the Veteran Resource and Support Center
- 6.25 *Naming of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering within the College of Engineering

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

- 6.26 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020
- 6.27 Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021

Texas A&M University-Commerce

- 6.28 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020
- 6.29 Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021
- 6.30 Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 6.31 Approval of a New Bachelor of Science with a Major in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 6.32 Approval of a New Master of Public Health Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

- 6.33 Approval to Amend the FY 2020 – FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to Add the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project with a Fiscal Year 2021 Start Date and Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for the Pre-Construction and Construction Services, and Approval for Construction of the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (Project No. 15-840120)
- 6.34 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020
- 6.35 Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021
- 6.36 Approval of Two New Graduate Degree Programs with a Major in Marine Biology, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

- 6.37 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020

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- 6.38 Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021
- 6.39 Approval to Amend Online Distance Education Fee
- 6.40 *Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund Entitled the "Arrington Match – Gabriela Hernandez '99 and Edgar Garcia Quasi-Endowed Scholarship"
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Texas A&M University-Texarkana

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West Texas A&M University

- 6.46 Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020
- 6.47 Authorization to Award an Honorary Degree to Stanley Schaeffer
- 6.48 Approval to Amend Online Distance Education Fees

Texas A&M AgriLife Research

- 6.49 Establishment of the Center for Integrated Analysis of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

- 6.50 Authorization for Time Sensitive Awards Signature Authority for FY21 and FY22

Texas A&M Forest Service

- 6.51 Authorization to Execute FY 2020 Federal Non-research Grant Agreements, and any Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

Texas Division of Emergency Management

- 6.52 Approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management External Operations Rule for Disaster Recovery Loan Program

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A&M System	The Texas A&M University System
A&M-Central Texas	Texas A&M University-Central Texas
A&M-Commerce	Texas A&M University-Commerce
A&M-Corpus Christi	Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
A&M-San Antonio	Texas A&M University-San Antonio
A/E	Architect/Engineer
AgriLife Extension	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
AgriLife Research	Texas A&M AgriLife Research
BOR	Board of Regents
FP&C	Facilities Planning and Construction
NCTM	National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing
POR	Program of Requirements
PUF	Permanent University Fund
PVAMU	Prairie View A&M University
RELLIS	Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity and Selfless Service
RFS	Revenue Financing System
TAMHSC	Texas A&M Health Science Center
TAMIU	Texas A&M International University
TAMUG	Texas A&M University at Galveston
TAMUT	Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Tarleton	Tarleton State University
TEES	Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
TEEX	Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
Texas A&M at Qatar	Texas A&M University at Qatar
Texas A&M	Texas A&M University
Texas A&M-Kingsville	Texas A&M University-Kingsville
TDEM	Texas Division of Emergency Management
TFS	Texas A&M Forest Service
THECB	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
TTI	Texas A&M Transportation Institute
TVMDL	Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory
UTIMCO	The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company
WTAMU	West Texas A&M University

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Agenda Item No. 6.1

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Board of Regents
May 6, 2020**

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Minutes

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The following minutes are approved:

**February 5, 2020, Special Workshop Meeting,
February 6, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, and
February 7, 2020, Special Workshop Meeting.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director

Attachments (3)

MINUTES

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

February 5, 2020

(Approved May 14, 2020)

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

February 5, 2020

Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2020, in the Room 224, of the Academic Innovation Center (AIC), on the campus of Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Chairman
Mr. Tim Leach, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Jay Graham (*joined meeting at 12:46 p.m.*)
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Mr. Bill Mahomes
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.
Mr. Levi McClenny (Student Regent)

Chairman Mendoza announced that a quorum was present and that they would have discussion of, and receive briefings on the A&M System Strategic Plan.

Chairman Mendoza called on Mr. Billy Hamilton, A&M System Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, who presented an overview of the current strategic plan. After discussion, Mr. Hamilton introduced Mr. Seth Reynolds, Mr. Jourdan Sutton and Ms. Michelle Haubold, members of the EY Parthenon leadership team, who led a discussion of the imperatives of the strategic plan and possible updates/changes. The discussion included the role of the governing body, growth management, admissions, accessibility, affordability, research and innovation.

(Note: Chairman Mendoza recessed the meeting at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.)

After further discussion, it was suggested that the revised strategic plan be presented to the Board in May or August, for action in May or August.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF REGENTS

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

LAREDO, TEXAS

February 6, 2020

(Approved May 14, 2020)

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

February 6, 2020

CONVENE

Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 2020, in the Student Center Room 231 on the campus of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), Laredo, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Chairman
Mr. Tim Leach, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez III
Mr. Bill Mahomes
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.
Mr. Levi McClenny, Student Regent

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mendoza announced that the Board would recess to executive session as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72, 73, 74 and 76 of the Texas Government Code. She said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in executive session would be made or taken.

(Note: The Board met in executive session from 8:01 a.m. until 12:16 p.m. After executive session was adjourned, the Board hosted a luncheon for the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board Council members in the Student Center, Room 230. No action was taken.)

RECONVENE

Chairman Mendoza reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:00 p.m., in the Student Center Ballroom, with a quorum present.

INVOCATION

Chairman Mendoza called on Mr. Alan Gonzalez, a senior at TAMIU, pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Management degree, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Mendoza said the Board was excited to be on the campus of TAMU to help celebrate TAMU's 50th anniversary, and thanked Dr. Pablo Arenaz, President of TAMU, and his staff for hosting the Board meeting. She advised that the Board would present a resolution highlighting the many accomplishments of the institution. Chairman Mendoza said there was a lot of excitement -- on not only this campus -- but also all around the A&M System.

Chairman Mendoza reported that the Board began the meeting focused on what they believed was their primary role and where they could affect the A&M System for several years in the future; continuing discussions to review, update and refresh the Strategic Plan. She said at the last few meetings they dove into the imperatives and measures to ensure that they were doing their best for students and encapsulated what they had become as a System -- more robust and vibrant than anticipated when the plan was written. She advised that they put in place the framework for the future. Chairman Mendoza said faculty, staff, administrators, and those attending the meeting, had worked hard and were doing well on many of the System goals. She pointed out that overall the System institutions were growing nearly three times faster than the national average for public universities. She said Systemwide applications were up three percent, demonstrating a demand. Chairman Mendoza added that they had made progress on being affordable for families, and students were taking on less debt and graduating in less time.

Chairman Mendoza said Systemwide annual research expenditures had topped \$1 billion. She noted that the Strategic Plan had demonstrated that they were more likely to reach their destination if they asked the right questions, clarified expectations and measured progress. She said they could not rest; there was more to improve and accomplish. Chairman Mendoza advised that the Strategic Plan must evolve and set higher aspirations for the future. She said they remained relentless on student success and challenging the System institutions to improve outcomes; it remained job number one, and it was a tough job. She pointed out that additionally, they were grappling with other tough issues; for example, in a few short years the System had created the RELLIS Campus, recruited the Army Futures Command and begun their work at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Chairman Mendoza said that just did not happen, but it did just happen, and she thanked Chancellor Sharp. She added that the Board was asking how they inculcated the System with this kind of entrepreneurial spirit and sense of innovation, and a thirst for seizing the right opportunities. She said they were asking how they strived to continue pursuing and conducting research that solved global problems.

Chairman Mendoza said that as the land-grant system they had an obligation to educate as many Texans as possible. She advised that if the System's universities did not, Texas' bright future could dim. Chairman Mendoza said on the other hand, how much more could they grow without compromising the quality of the educational experience and the great outcomes for graduates? She asked how they defined growth for each individual institution. She said growth had different meanings and measurement for each institution, based on their uniqueness and mission -- and what investment would it take to address growth. Chairman Mendoza emphasized that these were hard questions because the future of the state was at stake; this was not hyperbole, it was real.

Chairman Mendoza announced that they were in the middle of this process and only had questions, no answers yet. She encouraged everyone to offer their thoughts and prayers since they were all in this journey to ask the right questions, establish high expectations and measure progress. She said this process would take them further than they could imagine. Chairman Mendoza emphasized that they were bullish about the A&M System and if any had doubts, they should look to the students, a group of which they would hear from shortly, and listen to Chancellor Sharp's report on the A&M System's great accomplishments.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor Sharp highlighted accomplishments of the A&M System (a copy of his remarks are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).

WELCOME AND CAMPUS UPDATE – TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Dr. Arenaz presented this update. He welcomed Chairman Mendoza, members of the Board and Chancellor Sharp. He said TAMIU was happy to host the Board meeting as they celebrated 50 years as an institution, and 25 years at this campus. Dr. Arenaz noted that since the doors opened in 1970, their mission had been to provide higher education opportunities to an area of Texas that had traditionally been educationally underserved. He said one attribute that drew him to TAMIU was the commitment of faculty and staff to that mission. He added that the theme this past year had been the transformational impact TAMIU had on Laredo and the surrounding regions since the campus opened. Dr. Arenaz said locals were constantly telling him that TAMIU was one of the most important things to happen to Laredo -- the other was the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). He said that indicated how the community felt about this institution; if it were not for NAFTA, they would not have the trade they had and without TAMIU, they would not have the educational attainment they had for the community.

Dr. Arenaz said when the university opened they enrolled 275 upper division students. He noted that when they moved to the current campus in 1995, the number had grown to 2,500, and this past fall they enrolled nearly 8,500 students. He said their goal was to reach 10,000 students in the next three to four years. Dr. Arenaz explained that this would be accomplished through continued aggressive recruitment, increasing their footprint beyond the 100-mile circle, developing TAMIU into a destination institution in international business and trade logistics and criminal justice and expanding their highly successful "Closer than Ever" initiative. He said this initiative targeted stop outs with a minimum of 60 semester credit hours in good standing. He advised that degree programs had grown from three in 1970, to over 90 currently. Dr. Arenaz said they were adding a bachelor's of public health, which would focus on health education and health communications, which they would tag as a destination program as it was developed. He added that approval would be requested of two engineering programs at the April Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's (THECB) meeting. He said if approved, students would begin those programs in the fall.

Dr. Arenaz reported that in 2000, 11% of the adults over 25 years of age in Laredo had a bachelor's degree or higher -- very low. He said in 2018, the last year they had data, it jumped to 18%, a 61% increase. He pointed out that it is still well below the state average, but was the highest percentage of individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher in South Texas. Dr. Arenaz said also in 2000, 83% of the graduates were first in their family to graduate college, and today it was around 55%. He advised that the transformation was that more second- and third-generation students came to TAMIU -- they had become the institution of choice for most Laredoans. He said he was proud of two other key metrics; this year they ranked 13th in upward mobility. Dr. Arenaz stated that in three other studies, TAMIU ranked from third to 13th in the nation for most students that began in the bottom 40% in income, and ten to 15 years later those students were in the upper two quartiles. He said the TAMIU's students and families at or near poverty had gone to near middle class, upper middle class and upper class; a huge impact in this region. He added that he was also proud of a Georgetown study that indicated that TAMIU was 16th in the nation in Return on Investment. Dr. Arenaz said the study stated that TAMIU students received over \$1 million more than expected over a 40-year period with a degree from TAMIU. He noted that they had many partnerships, but wanted to mention the partnership with the Customs and Border Protection Center of Excellence in Machinery. He said a portion of the center was located on TAMIU's campus. Dr. Arenaz remarked that this center determined the machinery that entered all ports in the country -- including the largest inland port in the Western Hemisphere at Laredo -- what the tariff rates were and whether they fit the NAFTA if coming from Canada or Mexico. He said TAMIU worked on its data and data analysis, and the center provided opportunities for TAMIU students to intern and for faculty to work with them. He added that it had been a great partnership.

Chairman Mendoza congratulated President Arenaz on the great accomplishments of the institution. She said the Board was very proud that TAMIU was in the A&M System doing the great work of serving South Texas.

Chairman Mendoza introduced Dr. Raymund Paredes, former Texas Commissioner of Higher Education.

THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN TEXAS

Dr. Paredes provided his insight into the future of higher education in Texas (a copy of his remarks are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).

Chairman Mendoza presented Item 5.1. She added that Dr. Paredes took them from Closing the Gaps in 2015 to the current 60x30TX plan. She said he had been a champion, never taking his eye off the ball for higher education in the Legislature. Chairman Mendoza noted that HB 3 was incredible and a good place to start for higher education. She advised that Dr. Paredes had been a transformational leader and they appreciated all he had done for the state and higher education and most importantly for the citizens and students.

On motion of Regent Plank, seconded by Regent Adams, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (001):

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**MINUTE ORDER 001-2020 (ITEM 5.1)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. RAYMUND A. PAREDES FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN TEXAS DURING HIS 15-YEAR  
TENURE AS COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Chairman Mendoza introduced Mr. Ruben Martinez, President of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council (CSAC), to present highlights. She said he was a junior political science major serving his second term as Student Body President at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

UPDATE FROM CHANCELLOR'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Martinez provided an update on behalf of CSAC (a copy of his remarks are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).

Chairman Mendoza recognized the members of CSAC in attendance at the meeting. She said if they wondered what the future would be, when they met these thoughtful and caring students with their vision for the future, they became re-inspired. She thanked Chancellor Sharp and Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, for having this group come together, supporting that effort and ensuring that students were heard at the highest level.

RECESS BOARD MEETING

Chairman Mendoza recessed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

(Note: Chairman Mendoza recessed the Board meeting to take a resolution photo with Dr. Paredes.

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

Chairman Mendoza reconvened the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

(Note: On Wednesday, February 5, the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 3:04 p.m. and adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 4:50 p.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m. On Thursday, February 6, the Committee on Audit convened at 3:14 p.m. and adjourned at 3:23 p.m. The Committee on Finance convened at 3:23 p.m. and adjourned at 3:50 p.m.).

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Regent Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (CASA), reported that the committee had met the previous day. He said Regents Albritton, Graham, Hernandez and Chairman Mendoza attended and several other Regents.

Regent Thomas reported that Dr. Blake Decker, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented data on Historically Underserved Students (HUS). He said they had long focused on underserved minorities and would continue, but data on HUS provided a better picture of these students -- such as first-generation, socio-economic poor students from underperforming high schools and others. He advised that they hoped this data was useful to the Regents and universities in understanding the important variables in assuring that students received the assistance they needed to be successful, specific to that student's challenges.

Regent Thomas said Dr. Hallmark and Dr. Carol Fierke, Provost and Executive Vice President at Texas A&M, provided a presentation on understanding space utilization related to course scheduling and student academic activities in non-peak times. He advised that they wanted to ensure maximization of facilities usage. He said the Board appreciated the campuses' efforts to utilize space wisely and fully, and to be vigilant in space usage on campus. Regent Thomas said Dr. Hallmark would provide a follow-up presentation broken out between individual universities.

Regent Thomas reported that Dr. Hallmark also updated the committee on post-tenure revenue. He said during a lengthy discussion at the October CASA meeting, Dr. Hallmark informed the committee of a proposed policy change. He said this change required developmental plans for tenured faculty who had performed below expectations to assure that intervention and development occurred immediately upon documenting a deficiency.

Regent Thomas said Dr. Shonda Gibson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, updated the committee on the great work among teacher preparation leadership in the We Teach Texas initiative, as well as a new initiative among enrollment management leaders designed to work together to impact enrollments.

Regent Thomas noted that a special CASA meeting on March 4, 2020 would focus on data.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Regent Albritton, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the committee met earlier the same day, and received two routine reports regarding the overall finances and investments. He added that the committee had no agenda items for consideration by the full Board.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Regent Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said the committee had met earlier the same day and received reports from Mr. Charlie Hrcir, Chief Auditor, including the Monthly Audit Report and Audit Tracking Report. He advised that since the last meeting, eight audits were completed, including two Code 3 audits, five Code 2 audits and one Code 1 audit.

Mr. Hrcir said President Michael Young discussed implementing outstanding recommendations relating to the Information Technology audit at KAMU.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Regent Mahomes, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, reported that the committee had met the previous day. He said approval was requested on four construction items. He added that the committee had received an informational presentation on the deferred maintenance initiative. Regent Mahomes noted that he had recused himself from committee discussion and vote on Item 3.4. He advised that the committee recommended approval of Items 3.1 through 3.4.

(Note: Regent Mahomes recused himself from the full Board vote on Item 3.4.)

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Plank, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (002 through 005):

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**MINUTE ORDER 002-2020 (ITEM 3.1)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2020-FY 2024  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO ADD THE  
RAILROAD QUIET ZONE PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 2019-07296)  
FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY WITH AN FY 2020 START DATE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The request to amend the FY 2020-FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the Railroad Quiet Zone Project for Texas A&M University with an FY 2020 start date and a total planning amount of \$5,000,000 is approved.

The amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-021843, Income Equalization, for pre-construction services and related project costs.

**MINUTE ORDER 003-2020 (ITEM 3.2)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND RE-APPROVAL  
FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE AEROTHERMOCHEMISTRY  
LAB EXPANSION PROJECT (SSC PROJECT NO. 2018-02079),  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The additional project scope and budget of \$830,000 for the Aerothermochemistry Lab Expansion Project is approved.

The amount of \$415,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-405261-00006 GURI Construction - Miles, and \$415,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-292115-00006 CRI/GURI Construction - Miles, for construction services and related project costs.

The additional scope and budget for the Aerothermochemistry Lab Expansion Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

**MINUTE ORDER 004-2020 (ITEM 3.3)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND  
APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE HELDENFELS  
2ND FLOOR RENOVATION PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 2018-3163),  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$7,486,750 for the Heldenfels 2nd Floor Renovation Project is approved.

The amount of \$6,738,075 is appropriated from Account No. 02-243507, DT Contingent Income.

The Heldenfels 2nd Floor Renovation Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

**MINUTE ORDER 005-2020 (ITEM 3.4)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2020-FY 2024  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO  
ADD THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TMC3 BIOMEDICAL  
RESEARCH BUILDING PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 23-3320)  
FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
WITH A FISCAL YEAR 2020 START DATE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The request to amend the FY 2020-FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the Texas A&M University TMC3 Biomedical Research Building Project for Texas A&M University Health Science Center with an FY 2020 start date and a total planning amount of \$109,000,000 is approved.

The amount of \$10,900,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-084243, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds (AUF), for pre-construction services and related project costs. With the exception of the cost for developing the Program of Requirements (POR), this appropriation is contingent upon the completion of the POR scoped to the approved budget.

The amount of \$9,180,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-084243, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds (AUF), for project costs associated with site infrastructure support of the Texas A&M University TMC3 Biomedical Research Building site by the TMC3 collaborative project. This appropriation is not contingent upon the development of the POR.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

Chancellor Sharp presented Item 5.2.

(Note: See Page 5 for approval of Item 5.1.)

On motion of Regent Albritton, seconded by Regent Mahomes, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (006):

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**MINUTE ORDER 006-2020 (ITEM 5.2)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Chairman Mendoza called on Mr. Ray Bonilla, General Counsel, who presented Item 5.3 *(a copy of Mr. Bonilla's powerpoint presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).*

Chairman Mendoza said Board action was required only if the Board desires to modify the revised rules presented. She added that if they were satisfied with the amended rules as submitted no Board action was necessary. She asked if any Regent had questions, comments regarding the new campus carry rule for TDEM, or the revisions to campus carry rules for A&M-Corpus Christi, A&M-Central Texas, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, TAMUT, TAMIU, Texas A&M, PVAMU or the A&M System offices. Chairman Mendoza said that if not, they would take no action and allow the new and revised rules to go into effect.

(Note: Item 5.3 was not amended during the meeting, and therefore, no Board action was required.)

Chairman Mendoza reported that Items 5.4 through 5.9 were considered in executive session, and the Board would vote on Item 5.5 separately.

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Graham, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (007 through 011):

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**MINUTE ORDER 007-2020 (ITEM 5.4)**

**APPROVAL TO FINALIZE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND ZOETIS LLC,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System grants approval of the Master Service Agreement exhibit attached between The Texas A&M University System and Zoetis LLC.

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(Note: See Page 12 for approval of Item 5.5.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 008-2020 (ITEM 5.6)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM  
REGARDING APPROXIMATELY 4,506 ACRES OF LAND  
AND IMPROVEMENTS IN EDWARDS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to settle claims and sell approximately 4,506 acres of land and improvements located in Edwards County, Texas for less than fair market value, upon such terms and conditions as the Chancellor, or designee, deems appropriate, and is further authorized, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute and deliver such documents as deemed appropriate to effectuate the settlement/sale.

**MINUTE ORDER 009-2020 (ITEM 5.7)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE  
A GROUND LEASE FOR THE ONGOING OPERATION AND  
MAINTENANCE OF A CELL TOWER ON THE CAMPUS  
OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE  
IN COMMERCE, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a ground lease agreement with American Tower Corporation, or its affiliates, for the ongoing operation and maintenance of a cell tower on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce in Commerce, Hunt County, Texas, and to take any and all additional action and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 010-2020 (ITEM 5.8)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A  
GROUND LEASE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND  
MAINTENANCE OF A HOTEL ON APPROXIMATELY THREE  
ACRES ON THE CAMPUS OF WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
IN CANYON, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a ground lease agreement with InVision Hotel Group, LLC, or its affiliates, for the construction, operation and maintenance of a hotel on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Randall County, Texas, and to take any and all additional action and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 011-2020 (ITEM 5.9)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT  
TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH PHILIP TODD WHITTEN,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Tarleton State University to execute an employment contract, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following person:

Head Football Coach – Philip Todd Whitten.

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(Note: See bottom of Page 12 for approval of Item 5.10.)

Chairman Mendoza presented Item 5.5.

(Note: Regent Mahomes recused himself from the vote on Item 5.5.)

On motion of Regent Albritton, seconded by Regent Adams, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (012):

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**MINUTE ORDER 012-2020 (ITEM 5.5)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO  
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ADDENDUMS TO THE  
AGREEMENTS FOR SPECIALIZED MEDICAL EDUCATION  
SERVICES BETWEEN TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AND HOUSTON METHODIST,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute addendums to the agreements for specialized medical education services between Texas A&M University Health Science Center and Houston Methodist, and further authorizes the president to take all actions necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of these addendums, subject to review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

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Chairman Mendoza presented Item 5.10.

On motion of Regent Hernandez, seconded by Regent Plank, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (013):

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**MINUTE ORDER 013-2020 (ITEM 5.10)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF  
MS. JANET HANDLEY AND MR. RAY ROTHROCK  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS/  
TEXAS A&M INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Ms. Janet Handley is hereby recommended by the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for reappointment to the Board of Directors of The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company, to be effective April 1, 2020, for a three-year term to expire on April 1, 2023, or until a replacement is named and qualified.

Mr. Ray Rothrock is hereby reappointed by the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System to the Board of Directors of The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company, to be effective April 1, 2020, for a three-year term to expire on April 1, 2023, or until a replacement is named and qualified.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Mendoza presented Items 6.1 through 6.36.

On motion of Regent Graham, seconded by Regent Adams, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (014 through 049):

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**MINUTE ORDER 014-2020 (ITEM 6.1)**

**AMENDMENT OF MINUTE ORDER NO. 232-2019,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System amends Minute Order 232-2019 as follows:

The Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System hereby names Rooms 307 and 311 (adjacent rooms) located in the Computing Services Annex Building on the campus of Texas A&M University the “Trimble Technology Lab” with such naming ending upon termination of the Current Use Gift Agreement.

**MINUTE ORDER 015-2020 (ITEM 6.2)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE  
OCTOBER 31, 2019, SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING;  
OCTOBER 31, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING;  
NOVEMBER 1, 2019, SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING;  
AND DECEMBER 11, 2019, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Minutes of the October 31, 2019, Special Workshop Meeting; the October 31, 2019, Regular Board Meeting; the November 1, 2019, Special Workshop Meeting; and the December 11, 2019, Special Telephonic Meeting are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 016-2020 (ITEM 6.3)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS, FEBRUARY 2020,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus” upon the individuals as shown in the attached exhibit, Emeritus Title List No. 20-02, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 017-2020 (ITEM 6.4)**

**CONFIRMATION OF  
APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

In accordance with System Policy 34.06 (Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers), the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System confirms the appointment and commissioning of campus peace officers by the presidents of their respective system member universities, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and as shown in the exhibit, attached to the official minutes, subject to their taking the oath required of peace officers.

**MINUTE ORDER 018-2020 (ITEM 6.5)**

**APPROVAL OF FY 2021 OPERATING BUDGET GUIDELINES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Texas A&M University System guidelines for the FY 2021 operating budget, as shown in the attached exhibit, are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 019-2020 (ITEM 6.6)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 02.01 (BOARD OF REGENTS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 02.01 (Board of Regents), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 020-2020 (ITEM 6.7)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 12.06 (POST-TENURE REVIEW OF  
FACULTY AND TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 12.06 (Post-Tenure Review of Faculty and Teaching Effectiveness), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 021-2020 (ITEM 6.8)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 15.02 (EXPORT CONTROLS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 15.02 (Export Controls), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 022-2020 (ITEM 6.9)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW SYSTEM POLICY 15.05  
(SYSTEM RESEARCH SECURITY OFFICE),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

New System Policy 15.05 (System Research Security Office), as shown in the attached exhibit, is approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 023-2020 (ITEM 6.10)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 25.07 (CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 25.07 (Contract Administration), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 024-2020 (ITEM 6.11)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 32.02  
(DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 32.02 (Discipline and Dismissal of Employees), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 025-2020 (ITEM 6.12)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 41.01 (REAL PROPERTY),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 41.01 (Real Property), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 026-2020 (ITEM 6.13)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, FEBRUARY 2020,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 (Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure), hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Prairie View A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-02.

**MINUTE ORDER 027-2020 (ITEM 6.14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN  
HONORARY DEGREE TO MR. JACK PATRICK DORSEY,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

The President of Prairie View A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mr. Jack Patrick Dorsey.

**MINUTE ORDER 028-2020 (ITEM 6.15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY DEGREE  
TO THE HONORABLE KEVIN PETER TURNQUEST,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

The President of Prairie View A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to the Honorable Kevin Peter Turnquest.

**MINUTE ORDER 029-2020 (ITEM 6.16)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, FEBRUARY 2020,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 (Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure), hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Tarleton State University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-02.

**MINUTE ORDER 030-2020 (ITEM 6.17)**

**NAMING OF THE CAD CLASSROOM  
IN THE ENGINEERING BUILDING, THE BARTLETT COCKE  
GENERAL CONTRACTORS CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES LAB,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the CAD classroom in the Engineering Building, the “Bartlett Cocke General Contractors Construction Technologies Lab.”

**MINUTE ORDER 031-2020 (ITEM 6.18)**

**NAMING OF THE  
FARLEY EDUCATION BUILDING AT  
TIMBERLAKE BIOLOGICAL FIELD STATION,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the education building at the Timberlake Biological Field Station the “Farley Education Building.”

**MINUTE ORDER 032-2020 (ITEM 6.19)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2021,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2021, Texas A&M International University.

**MINUTE ORDER 033-2020 (ITEM 6.20)**

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**MINUTE ORDER 034-2020 (ITEM 6.21)**

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**MINUTE ORDER 035-2020 (ITEM 6.22)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2021,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Mark Holtzapple, an employee of Texas A&M University, to serve, in his individual capacity, as an officer, member of the board of directors, and employee of Cascade Water Solutions, LLC, an entity that has licensed technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, authored, discovered, invented, or developed by Dr. Holtzapple.

**MINUTE ORDER 036-2020 (ITEM 6.23)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. JEFF HUANG, A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE,  
TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, MEMBER OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEE OF CODERRECT INC., AN  
ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY  
FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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**MINUTE ORDER 037-2020 (ITEM 6.24)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. SAURABH BISWAS, A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE,  
TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AND EMPLOYEE OF VELOSTIM INC., AN ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO  
LICENSE TECHNOLOGY FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Saurabh Biswas, an employee of Texas A&M University, to serve, in his individual capacity, as an officer, member of the board of directors and employee of Velostim Inc., an entity that proposes to license technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, authored, discovered, invented, or developed by Dr. Biswas and Dr. Park.

**MINUTE ORDER 038-2020 (ITEM 6.25)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. MOHAMMAD NARAGHI AND  
DR. AHMAD AMIRI, SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO SERVE AS OFFICERS,  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF  
CARBON GATES TECHNOLOGIES LLC., AN ENTITY THAT HAS LICENSED  
TECHNOLOGY FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Mohammad Naraghi and Dr. Ahmad Amiri, employees of Texas A&M University, to serve, in their individual capacities, as officers, members of the board of directors and employees of Carbon Gates Technologies LLC., an entity that has an agreement with The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, authored, discovered, invented, or developed by Dr. Naraghi and Dr. Amiri.

**MINUTE ORDER 039-2020 (ITEM 6.26)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. MOHAMMAD NARAGHI, A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE,  
TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
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**MINUTE ORDER 040-2020 (ITEM 6.27)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
TEXAS A&M INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY  
OF RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Texas A&M Institute for the Study of Religion and International Affairs is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 041-2020 (ITEM 6.28)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO  
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT OVER \$500,000  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute the contract, and other related documents, listed in the exhibit, Contract List No. 20-02, subject to review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

**MINUTE ORDER 042-2020 (ITEM 6.29)**

**NAMING OF  
JONES CIRCLE, A MEMORIAL SITE ON CAMPUS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the recently developed memorial site on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce, “Jones Circle.”

**MINUTE ORDER 043-2020 (ITEM 6.30)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF ARTS  
DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leading to a Master of Arts Degree Program with a Major in Clinical Psychology.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 044-2020 (ITEM 6.31)**

**NAMING OF THE  
WADE & PATTY WALKER FAMILY SOCCER SUITE IN THE  
DR. JACK DUGAN FAMILY SOCCER & TRACK STADIUM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the soccer locker room in the Dr. Jack Dugan Family Soccer & Track Stadium the “Wade & Patty Walker Family Soccer Suite.”

**MINUTE ORDER 045-2020 (ITEM 6.32)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, FEBRUARY 2020,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 (Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure), hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Kingsville as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-02.

**MINUTE ORDER 046-2020 (ITEM 6.33)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE  
PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana leading to a Master of Social Work.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Texarkana’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 047-2020 (ITEM 6.34)**

**NAMING OF THE  
COACH BOB SLOAN BASEBALL ALUMNI PAVILION AT  
THE BUFFALO SPORTS PARK COMPETITION BASEBALL FIELD,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the following space at the Buffalo Sports Park Competition Baseball Field on the campus of West Texas A&M University:

- New Pavilion - “Coach Bob Sloan Baseball Alumni Pavilion.”

**MINUTE ORDER 048-2020 (ITEM 6.35)**

**CONFIRMATION OF  
APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICER,  
TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE**

In accordance with System Policy 34.06 (Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers), the Board of Regents confirms the Director of Texas A&M Forest Service's appointment and commissioning of Mr. Tyler B. Evans as a peace officer for the system, subject to taking the oath required of peace officers.

**MINUTE ORDER 049-2020 (ITEM 6.36)**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
DETAILED PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL, AND  
PUBLICATION OF TDEM'S EXTERNAL OPERATIONS RULES,  
TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The plan for the development, approval, and publication of TDEM's external operations rules, as detailed in the attached exhibit, is approved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Mendoza said the next regular Board meeting was scheduled for May 13-15, 2020, at the RELIS Campus in Bryan, Texas.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Mendoza asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Plank, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

(Minutes transcribed by Gwen Kirby, Office of the Board of Regents.)

MINUTES

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

February 7, 2020

(Approved May 14, 2020)

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

February 7, 2020

Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 7:35 a.m., Friday, February 7, 2020, in Room 231/230, of the Student Center (STC), on the campus of Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Chairman
Mr. Tim Leach, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Mr. Bill Mahomes
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.
Mr. Levi McClenny (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Phil Adams

Chairman Mendoza announced that a quorum was present and that they would receive briefings by System executives and invited guests.

Chairman Mendoza called on Dr. James Hallmark, A&M System Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Dr. Blake Decker, A&M System Assistant Vice Chancellor for Data Science, who discussed enrollment policies and challenges.

Dr. Patrick Stover, A&M System Vice Chancellor and Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, presented an update on nutrition research programs.

Mr. Billy Hamilton, A&M System Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Joseph Duron, A&M System Budgets and Accounting Executive Director, presented a review of System revenue trends.

Ms. Gina Joseph, A&M System Managing Counsel of Property and Construction, and Mr. John Sodolak, Manager of the A&M System Energy Resources Office (SERO), discussed management of System mineral interests.

Ms. Vickie Spillers, Executive Director, A&M System Board of Regents, along with representatives from Perkins&Will, provided an update regarding the BOR Annex facility.

Following the presentations and discussions, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Elaine Mendoza, Chairman, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Revisions to System Policy *02.01, Board of Regents*

Proposed Board Action:

Approve revisions to System Policy *02.01, Board of Regents*.

Background Information:

Section 2.1: The proposed revisions to this policy add e-mail as an approved method for a member of the public to request to present written or oral testimony at a board meeting. Such e-mail requests will not be accepted unless the e-mail is sent to the address designated for public testimony requests on the board's website.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This item advances all six strategic plan imperatives by helping ensure that the board can receive public input as part of its consideration of agenda items that advance one or more of the strategic imperatives.

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Board of Regents
May 5, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Revisions to System Policy *02.01, Board of Regents*

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The revisions to System Policy *02.01, Board of Regents*, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.”

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mendoza
Chairman, Board of Regents

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

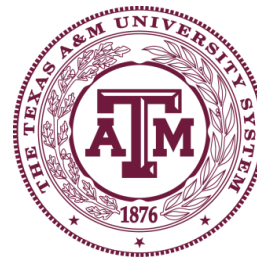
02.01 Board of Regents

~~Revised February 6, 2020 (MO 019-2020)~~

~~Revised May 14, 2020 (MO -2020)~~

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Policy

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The board accepts and adopts the following role and responsibilities assigned by law to governing boards of institutions of higher education:

- 1.1 The board will provide the policy direction for the system and its member universities and agencies. The board will formulate, update, adopt and publish official policies for the system as described in System Policy *01.01, System Policies and Regulations, and Member Rules and Procedures*.
- 1.2 The board, being composed of lay members, will exercise the traditional and time-honored role for such boards as its role has evolved in the United States and will constitute the keystone of the governance structure. In this regard the board will:
 - (a) preserve institutional independence and defend its right to manage its own affairs through its chosen administrators and employees;
 - (b) enhance the public image of each member under its governance;
 - (c) interpret the community to each campus and interpret each campus to the community;
 - (d) nurture each member under its governance to the end that each member achieves its full potential within its role and mission; and
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- 1.3 In addition to other powers and duties assigned in law, the board will:

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1.5 In fulfilling the responsibilities outlined in Section 1.3(c), the board will receive recommendations from the chancellor and, in Section 1.3(d), the board will receive recommendations from the respective presidents, agency directors and the chancellor.

1.6 No less than every two years, the board will conduct a self-evaluation of its responsibilities and expectations. The board will determine the appropriate method and scope of its assessment.

2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

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Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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02.01 Board of Regents

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Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
March 25, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of the Title of Emeritus, May 2020, The Texas A&M University System

In accordance with System Policy [31.08, Emeritus](#), the designation of “Emeritus,” to be added to the rank or position upon retirement of a person, may be granted by the board upon the recommendation of the chancellor.

The chief executive officers of The Texas A&M University System recognize individuals from their respective institutions and agencies, as shown on the attached Emeritus list, who have made outstanding contributions through their dedicated and loyal service.

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus” upon the individuals as shown in the attached exhibit, Emeritus Title List No. 20-03, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.”

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Patrick J. Stover
Vice Chancellor and Dean
Agriculture and Life Sciences

Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Michael K. Young, President
Texas A&M University

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
CONFIRMATION OF EMERITUS TITLES
EMERITUS TITLE LIST NO. 20-03**

System Member Honoree	Years of Service	Current Rank	Title Conferred	Effective Date
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY				
Dr. Gary R. Acuff	39	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Nutrition and Food Science	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Karl J. Aufderheide	39	Associate Professor	Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Claudia L. Barton	43	Professor	Professor Emerita of Small Animal Clinical Sciences	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Ali Bolouri	43	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Comprehensive Dentistry	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Ganesa Gopalakrishnan	39	Senior Lecturer	Senior Lecturer Emeritus of Chemistry	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. W. Michael Kemp	44	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Biology	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Karen S. Kubena	40	Professor	Professor Emerita of Nutrition and Food Science	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement

System Member Honoree	Years of Service	Current Rank	Title Conferred	Effective Date
Dr. Michael D. Manson	32	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Biology	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Rudy D. Martinez	13	Instructional Assistant Professor	Instructional Assistant Professor Emeritus of Marine Engineering Technology	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Julian Creighton Miller, Jr.	44	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Horticultural Sciences Posthumous	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Michael A. Morrisey	6	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Health Policy and Management	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Thomas Pollock	42	Senior Associate Professor	Associate Professor Emeritus of Aerospace Engineering	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Gregory D. Reinhart	25	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry and Biophysics	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Terry L. Thomas	36	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Biology	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Donald E. Willett	35	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Liberal Studies	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement

System Member Honoree	Years of Service	Current Rank	Title Conferred	Effective Date
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Mr. Ronald (Ron) L. Workman	20	Senior Lecturer	Senior Lecturer Emeritus of Construction Science	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Dr. Moustafa H. Abdelsamad	28	Professor and Dean	Dean Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Dr. Margaret Lucero	17	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Management	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Mr. Gregory R. Reuter	40.5	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Art and Design	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Dr. Pablo Tarazaga	15.5	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Mathematics	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Dr. M. Awni Zebda	25.5	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Accounting	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Cynthia Bryant	11	County Extension Agent – 4-H and Youth Development	County Extension Agent Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Robert Hogan, Jr.	12	Associate Professor and Extension Specialist	Associate Professor and Extension Specialist Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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System Member Honoree	Years of Service	Current Rank	Title Conferred	Effective Date
Dr. John Jacob	22	Professor and Extension Specialist	Professor and Extension Specialist Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Joan Jacobsen	33	County Extension Director	County Extension Director Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Allen Knutson	39	Professor and Extension Specialist	Professor and Extension Specialist Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Darlene Myatt	42	Extension Agent- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program	Extension Agent Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
David R. (Randy) Reeves	35	County Extension Agent	County Extension Agent Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Dale Rollins	26	Professor and Extension Specialist	Professor and Extension Specialist Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Deana Sageser	29	County Extension Agent – Family and Community Health	County Extension Agent Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement

System Member Honoree	Years of Service	Current Rank	Title Conferred	Effective Date
James “Todd” Vineyard	30	County Extension Agent – Ag and Natural Resources	County Extension Agent Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree’s Retirement
Alan Mac Young	15	Extension Program Specialist III	Extension Program Specialist III Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree’s Retirement

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Phillip Ray, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers

Proposed Board Action:

In accordance with System Policy [34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers](#), the Board of Regents shall confirm the appointment and commissioning of peace officers by the presidents of their respective members of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in the exhibit.

Background Information:

Presidents of member universities are authorized by system policy to appoint and commission campus police as peace officers, subject to confirmation by the Board of Regents.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

5. The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas by providing a safe place to learn, work and visit. Police Officers are an imperative part of providing these services to Texans.

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

System Office of Business Affairs

April 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“In accordance with System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System confirms the appointment and commissioning of campus peace officers by the presidents of their respective system member universities, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and as shown in the exhibit, attached to the official minutes, subject to their taking the oath required of peace officers.”

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Ray
Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Michael K. Young, President
Texas A&M University

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Dr. James Hurley, President
Tarleton State University

Col. Michael E. Fossum
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Texas A&M University at Galveston

Ruth J. Simmons, President
Prairie View A&M University

The Texas A&M University System
Appointed and Commissioned Peace Officers
April 6, 2020

University Officer's Name	Title	Hire Date
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY		
Holliday, Ariel J.	Peace Officer	01/07/2020
Wilson, Deon K.	Peace Officer	01/14/2020
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY		
Berry, Michelle M.	Peace Officer	03/05/2020
Matai, Mauro C.	Peace Officer	01/22/2020
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI		
Garza, Jesse M.	Peace Officer	03/06/2020
Pineda, John R.	Peace Officer	03/06/2020
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON		
Moore, Tyler P.	Peace Officer	01/03/2020
Tice, Jason E.	Peace Officer	01/03/2020
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO		
Snow, James E., Jr.	Peace Officer	04/06/2020
Worley, James P.	Peace Officer	12/16/2019

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: John Sharp, Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Holiday Schedules

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the 2020-2021 holiday schedules for The Texas A&M University System.

Background Information:

In accordance with Chapter 662, Texas Government Code, state employees will be entitled to observe **14** holidays during the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021. Section [662.011](#) of the Government Code allows institutions of higher education to adjust their schedules within the total number of holidays authorized by law. Pursuant to System Policy [31.04, Holidays](#), the holiday schedule is submitted by the chancellor for approval by the Board of Regents.

Recommendations by the system members are incorporated into the attached agenda item and reviewed by the chancellor. Exceptions to the holiday schedule proposed by the system are listed individually.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Addresses:

This item advances all six Strategic Imperatives by helping each member attract and retain the best workforce.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of the Chancellor

April 14, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Holiday Schedules

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“Holidays for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021, for the System Offices of The Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, West Texas A&M University, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (A&M campus employees) and Texas A&M AgriLife Research (A&M campus employees), shall be as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Thanksgiving	2	November 26-27, 2020
Winter Break	7	December 24, 2020-January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 18, 2021
Spring Break	3	March 17-19, 2021
Memorial Day	1	May 31, 2021

Exceptions are established as set forth below:

The proposed holiday schedule for Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University-Commerce and Texas A&M University-Kingsville is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Labor Day	1	September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving	2	November 26-27, 2020
Winter Break	7	December 24, 2020-January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 18, 2021
Spring Break	2	March 11-12, 2021
Memorial Day	1	May 31, 2021

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M International University is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Thanksgiving	2	November 26-27, 2020
Winter Break	8	December 23, 2020-January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 18, 2021
Spring Break	2	March 18-19, 2021
Memorial Day	1	May 31, 2021

The proposed holiday schedule for Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-San Antonio and Texas A&M University-Texarkana is as follows:

Labor Day	1	September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving	2	November 26-27, 2020
Winter Break	7	December 24, 2020-January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 18, 2021
Spring Break	2	March 18-19, 2021
Memorial Day	1	May 31, 2021

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Central Texas is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Labor Day	1	September 7, 2020
Veteran's Day	1	November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving	2	November 26-27, 2020
Winter Break	7	December 24, 2020-January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 18, 2021
Memorial Day	1	May 31, 2021
Independence Day (Day after)	1	July 5, 2021

The proposed holiday schedule for the Texas Division of Emergency Management is as follows:

Labor Day	1	September 7, 2020
Veteran's Day	1	November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving	2	November 26-27, 2020
Winter Break	2	December 24-25, 2020
New Year's Eve & Day	2	December 31, 2020-January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 18, 2021
Presidents' Day	1	February 15, 2021
Texas Independence Day	1	March 2, 2021
Memorial Day	1	May 31, 2021
Independence Day (Day after)	1	July 5, 2021
LBJ's Birthday	1	August 27, 2021

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University College of Dentistry is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Labor Day	1	September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving	2	November 26-27, 2020
Winter Break	8	December 23, 2020-January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 18, 2021
Memorial Day	1	May 31, 2021
Independence Day	1	July 5, 2021

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University School of Law is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Labor Day	1	September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving	2	November 26-27, 2020
Winter Break	7	December 24, 2020-January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 18, 2021
Spring Break	2	March 18-19, 2021
Memorial Day	1	May 31, 2021

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University at Qatar* is as follows:

Holiday*	Number of Days	Date
<small>(Standard work week is Sunday-Thursday)</small>		
Qatar National Day	1	December 17, 2020
Semester Break	5	December 20-24, 2020
Qatar National Sports Day**	1	February 9, 2021
Eid Al-Fitr (projected)	3	May 13, 16-17, 2021
Eid Al-Adha (projected)	4	July 19-22, 2021

- * While Texas A&M at Qatar's proposed schedule does NOT observe Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or Memorial Day as required by System Policy 31.04, the Board may choose to waive this requirement in light of the fact that Texas A&M at Qatar is required to observe eight days of state/cultural holidays (of 14 total days) and also attempts to adopt a schedule similar to that of other academic institutions in Education City.

Texas A&M University is required in its agreement with the Qatar Foundation to 'abide by the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Qatar, and shall respect the cultural, religious and social customs of the State of Qatar.'

- ** The State of Qatar issued an Emiri decree that the 2nd Tuesday of February each year would be a required holiday. This holiday, Qatar National Sports Day, is to promote sports and physical activity.

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The proposed holiday schedules for certain units of Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and Texas A&M Forest Service are shown on the attached exhibit.

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to modify the holiday schedules when such a change is deemed to be in the public interest.”

Respectfully submitted,

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: John Sharp, Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Ratification of Temporary Waiver of ACT/SAT Requirement for Fall 2020

Proposed Board Action:

Ratify Chancellor John Sharp's action providing The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) university presidents authority to waive the ACT/SAT for fall 2020 admissions standards.

Background Information:

System Policy [11.04, Admissions Standards](#), requires changes to the admissions standards for universities in the A&M System be approved by the Board of Regents (board). In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College Board and the ACT canceled all testing from mid-March through May. It is unknown if currently scheduled testing dates between June and August will be conducted.

A&M System universities require students applying for freshman admission to submit either SAT or ACT scores. With the cancellation of testing dates and no assurance the tests will be administered prior to the fall semester, some applicants for the fall 2020 may not have taken either test, and may not have the opportunity to do so.

Due to the current situation and the timing of the next board meeting, the chancellor issued a memorandum to A&M System university presidents authorizing them to consider and admit freshman applicants without required standardized test scores for fall 2020.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Without this action, A&M System universities may enroll fewer students in their freshman class and experience a loss of tuition and fees.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Approval of this agenda item will advance the A&M System strategic imperative 1. to allow all qualified students to find a place in the A&M System and enable them to pursue their ambitions and interests.

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of the Chancellor

April 13, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Ratification of Temporary Waiver of ACT/SAT Requirement for Fall 2020

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System ratifies Chancellor John Sharp’s action providing The Texas A&M University System university presidents authority to waive the ACT/SAT requirement for fall 2020 admissions standards, as shown in the attached exhibit.”

Respectfully submitted,

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



ITEM
EXHIBIT

Office of the Chancellor

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

April 2, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Executive Officers
The Texas A&M University System

SUBJECT: College Board and ACT to Suspend the Availability of Testing During the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic

In light of the decision made by the College Board and ACT to suspend the availability of testing during the COVID-19 virus pandemic, prospective students applying for admission in fall 2020 may not be able to submit an ACT or SAT score. I am granting you, as president, the authority to waive this requirement in this instance. All other admissions standards approved by the Board of Regents for your institution continue to apply.

A student who has scores is still free to submit them, and you should feel free to utilize those scores to decide admission in the established way when provided.

Prospective first year students must meet all other admission requirements.

John Sharp
Chancellor

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Ray Bonilla, General Counsel
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Revisions to System Policy *18.01, Athletic Council*, and Deletion of System Policies *18.02, Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics Participation*, and *18.03, Post-Season Athletics Competition*

Proposed Board Action:

Approve revisions to System Policy *18.01, Athletic Council*, and the deletion of System Policies *18.02, Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics Participation*, and *18.03, Post-Season Athletics Competition*

Background Information:

It is proposed to consolidate System Policies *18.01, 18.02*, and *18.03* into one policy stating that the board expects member presidents to have direct oversight and responsibility for compliance of their intercollegiate programs with all ethical, fiscal, intercollegiate athletics association governing body (NCAA, NAIA) and conference requirements. The proposed revisions to System Policy *18.01* align with other similarly situated university systems in Texas, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Current Policy *18.01* requires the creation of an athletic council to advise the university's president on the development and supervision of the institution's intercollegiate athletics programs. The governing body does not require such a council, but certain intercollegiate athletics association governing body requirements will apply if an institution chooses to create an athletic council/committee. As contemplated when the policy was originally created in the early 1900s, these councils had primary responsibility for maintaining the university's intercollegiate athletics, predating the athletics director position. The member athletic directors now have operational and compliance responsibility within the system universities' athletics program and the board no longer takes such an active role in routine, internal governance decisions. The universities' presidents are further responsible on these issues to the chancellor and the board. However, this does not preclude presidents, under their broad authority and responsibility for the university's athletics program, to have an athletic council – so long as it adheres to applicable intercollegiate athletics association governing body bylaws.

Policy *18.02* places responsibility for athletics compliance with presidents; however, the policy also requires reporting and certification requirements that are outdated and inconsistent with intercollegiate athletics association governing body requirements and a president's responsibility to the board for campus-wide compliance matters. Currently, athletic compliance has been reported to the board through periodic audits, SECO reviews and OGC legal briefings – these methods have been more effective than periodic certifications or reports required by this policy.

Current Policy *18.03* addresses post-season compensation. This issue can be handled by each university's Athletics Department, under the supervision of the president, without the requirement of an A&M System policy.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This item advances Strategic Imperative 6, which provides that “The A&M System, in adhering to the high standard of excellence and growth required in this strategic plan, will display prudent financial stewardship and sustainability.”

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
System Office of General Counsel
April 17, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Revisions to System Policy *18.01, Athletic Council*, and Deletion of System Policies *18.02, Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics Participation*, and *18.03, Post-Season Athletics Competition*

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The revisions to System Policy *18.01, Athletic Council*, and the deletion of System Policies *18.02, Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics Participation*, and *18.03, Post-Season Athletics Competition*, as shown in the attached exhibits, are approved, effective immediately.”

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

18.01 Intercollegiate Athletics ~~Council~~

Reviewed ~~January 2, 2017~~

Revised May 14, 2020 (MO -2020)

Next Scheduled Review: ~~May 14, 2025~~ January 2, 2022

Click to view [Revision History](#).



Policy Summary ~~statement~~

~~The Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) recognizes the value and importance of intercollegiate athletics to member universities and their campus communities. While supporting member university athletics programs, the board expresses its strongest expectation that member universities meet the requirements of this policy. This policy provides that every system member university with intercollegiate athletics shall create and maintain an Athletic Council (council), made up of faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members, to advise the president in the development and administration of the intercollegiate athletics program.~~

~~Reason for Policy~~

~~The council provides a means by which the president may receive recommendations and advice from stakeholders in the system member university's intercollegiate athletics program.~~

Policy ~~procedures and Responsibilities~~

- ~~1. All member universities that operate intercollegiate athletics programs must do so in an ethically and fiscally responsible manner consistent with applicable laws, system and athletic association and conference requirements.~~
- ~~2. Member university presidents are responsible for the operation, fiscal integrity, and personnel of the university's athletics program, including appointment and supervision of the athletics director(s). Each president is also responsible for ensuring that the program is in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, system policies and regulations, national intercollegiate athletic association and athletic conference regulations, and that the mission, values, and goals of the athletics program are compatible with those of the member. Each system member university that participates in intercollegiate athletics competition shall have an athletic council nominated by the president of such university.~~
 - ~~1. The council of each system member university is established to advise the president in the development and supervision of intercollegiate athletics programs.~~
 - ~~2. The council of the university may:~~

- ~~(a) review and make recommendations to the president of the university on any matters pertaining to the enforcement of eligibility rules and regulations established by any athletics conference or national association in which the university holds membership; and~~
- ~~(b) review and make recommendations on any pertinent matters related to the university's intercollegiate athletics program; however, such recommendations and suggestions shall be made to and channeled through the president of the university.~~

~~3. Appointment and Terms of Council~~

- ~~3.1 The president of each system member university shall appoint membership of the council and shall assure the diversity of the council and shall include members of the faculty, administration, students, alumni, and members at large, consistent with appropriate conference and national association rules. The president shall submit a description of the makeup of the council to the chancellor.~~
- ~~3.2 All appointments to the council shall be for a term of three years, with the exception of the student member whose term will be for one year. Council members shall serve at the pleasure of the president. The president shall appoint the chairperson of the council and shall fill vacancies whenever necessary.~~

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

~~System Policy 07.01, Ethics~~

~~System Policy 07.03, Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Activities~~

~~System Policy 07.04, Benefits, Gifts and Honoraria~~

~~System Policy 07.05, Nepotism~~

~~System Regulation 07.05.01, Consensual Relationships~~

~~System Regulation 08.01.01, Civil Rights Compliance~~

~~System Regulation 16.01.01, Ethics and Compliance Programs~~

~~System Policy 25.07, Contract Administration~~

~~System Policy 18.02, Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics Participation~~

~~System Policy, 18.03, Post Season Athletics Competition~~

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

18.01 ~~Intercollegiate Athletics Council~~

Contact Office

System Ethics and Compliance Office ~~of Academic Affairs~~
(979) 458-60086072

18.02 — Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics — Participation



~~Approved February 27, 1995 (MO 44-95)
Revised October 28, 2005 (MO 199-2005)
Revised September 26, 2008 (MO 328-2008)
Reviewed September 30, 2011
Next Scheduled Review: September 30, 2016~~

Policy Statement

~~This policy states the requirement of the Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) that all intercollegiate athletics programs be maintained in an academically and fiscally accountable manner with full compliance with conference and national rules.~~

Reason for Policy

~~The board recognizes that intercollegiate athletics programs can bring much recognition to the system member university, but that it is imperative that such recognition be based upon the positive aspects of the program. The board has the strongest expectation that all intercollegiate athletics programs be operated in an ethical manner in full compliance with conference and national rules.~~

Procedures and Responsibilities

- ~~1. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be operated by the system member university to ensure accountability to the values and principles of American higher education and The Texas A&M University System.~~
- ~~2. The board is committed to a philosophy of firm institutional control of athletics, to the unquestioned academic and financial integrity of our athletics program and to the accountability of the athletics department to the values and goals befitting higher education.~~
- ~~3. The president of each system member university shall take all appropriate steps to carry out the expressed commitment of the board to ensure full compliance with all athletic conference and national association rules, regulations, constitutions and bylaws, and take immediate and affirmative steps in each instance where noncompliance is suspected or reported to ensure compliance with the spirit, letter and intent of all such rules. In accordance with requirements for certification to each athletic conference and the national association, the president of each system member university shall furnish a copy of such certification to the vice chancellor for~~

academic affairs, who will send notice to the chancellor and the board to fully affirm that such programs are in full compliance.

- ~~4. The board and chancellor expect all intercollegiate athletics programs to operate under institutional control, with academic and financial integrity and in full compliance with conference and national association rules. Annually, the chancellor will review academic and financial matters related to intercollegiate athletics programs operated by system member universities and report to the board on the academic achievement of student athletes, compliance with conference and national association rules and financial status of the program.~~
- ~~5. All intercollegiate athletics department funds, regardless of source, shall be deposited in the institutional fiscal office, and all accounting and disbursement of such funds shall be subject to institutional fiscal rules and procedures.~~

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 18.01, Athletic Council

System Policy 18.03, Post Season Athletics Competition

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

Office of Academic Affairs
(979) 458-6072



~~18.03 Post Season Athletics Competition~~

~~Approved February 27, 1995 (MO 44-95)
Revised September 26, 2008 (MO 328-2008)
Reviewed September 30, 2011
Next Scheduled Review: September 30, 2016~~

~~Policy Statement~~

~~This policy provides that each system member university shall develop a procedure by which coaches and administrators are compensated for post-season successes.~~

~~Reason for Policy~~

~~It is essential that there be a specific procedure in place for the compensation of coaches and administrators whose efforts yield success on the playing fields so that clear incentives are provided which meet conference and national requirements.~~

~~Procedures and Responsibilities~~

~~The presidents of system member universities, with the approval of the chancellor and the board, shall develop post-season procedures governing the method and amount of incentives for those responsible for the accomplishments of any athletic team.~~

~~Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements~~

~~System Policy 18.01, Athletic Council~~

~~System Policy 18.02, Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics Participation~~

~~Member Rule Requirements~~

~~A rule is not required to supplement this policy.~~

Contact Office

~~Office of Academic Affairs~~
~~(979) 458-6072~~

18.01 Intercollegiate Athletics

Revised [May 14, 2020](#) (MO -2020)
Next Scheduled Review: May 14, 2025
Click to view [Revision History](#).



Policy Summary

The Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) recognizes the value and importance of intercollegiate athletics to member universities and their campus communities. While supporting member university athletics programs, the board expresses its strongest expectation that member universities meet the requirements of this policy.

Policy

1. All member universities that operate intercollegiate athletics programs must do so in an ethically and fiscally responsible manner consistent with applicable laws, system and athletic association and conference requirements.
 2. Member university presidents are responsible for the operation, fiscal integrity, and personnel of the university's athletics program, including appointment and supervision of the athletics director(s). Each president is also responsible for ensuring that the program is in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, system policies and regulations, national intercollegiate athletic association and athletic conference regulations, and that the mission, values, and goals of the athletics program are compatible with those of the member.
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Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[System Policy 07.01, Ethics](#)

[System Policy 07.03, Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Activities](#)

[System Policy 07.04, Benefits, Gifts and Honoraria](#)

[System Policy 07.05, Nepotism](#)

[System Regulation 07.05.01, Consensual Relationships](#)

[System Regulation 08.01.01, Civil Rights Compliance](#)

[System Regulation 16.01.01, Ethics and Compliance Programs](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

System Ethics and Compliance Office
(979) 458-6008

Agenda Item No.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

March 3, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Prairie View A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Prairie View A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth J. Simmons
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u> <u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES						
Dr. Derek R. Blackwell	Assistant Professor Languages and Communication	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of Pennsylvania	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Prairie View A&M University
Dr. Farrah G. Cambrice	Assistant Professor Social Work, Political and Behavioral Sciences	4	7	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) Tulane University	Fa 2007 – Fa 2014 Assistant Professor Xavier University Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Prairie View A&M University
WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION						
Dr. Jasmine M. Hamilton	Assistant Professor Health and Kinesiology	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Louisiana State University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Prairie View A&M University

* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Ruth J. Simmons, President
Prairie View A&M University

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Prairie View A&M University

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2021 at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU).

Background Information:

System Policy [31.03, Leaves of Absence](#), and System Regulation [12.99.01, Faculty Development Leave](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, university development leave committee, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs and president.

As shown in the exhibit, PVAMU requests approval for faculty development leave for one faculty member for FY 2021.

PVAMU is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

No additional funding is required. Department faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty member's teaching load by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

TAMUS Imperative 4: The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio. Providing faculty development leave opportunities further supports PVAMU Goal Theme 4 (Research and Innovation) by increasing innovative research and scholarly productivity as well as Goal Theme 8 (Institutional Image) which seeks to advance the University's image through innovative, relevant, and meaningful research.

Agenda Item No.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

March 4, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021, Prairie View A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, “Faculty Development Leave List FY 2021, Prairie View A&M University.”

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth J. Simmons
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST
FY 2021
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

Name/ Title/ Department	Years of Prairie View A&M University Tenured, Tenure- Track Service	Semester of Leave	Location and Brief Description of Leave
BRAILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES			
Jennifer Erdely Associate Professor of Communication	9	Fall 2020	Leave will be spent in Prairie View, Texas. During the leave, research activities will be conducted to investigate chronic pain and communication. These activities will contribute to an understanding of the social and cultural norms regarding chronic pain communication and seek to develop empathetic communication. The purpose of this leave is also to develop course lectures in health communication which will prepare students to become better equipped to communicate with patients and their family members in health care settings.

Agenda Item No.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Tarleton State University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Tarleton State University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Hurley
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>	<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>	<u>Effective Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES							
Dr. Lea Ann Kinman	Assistant Professor Animal Science and Veterinary Technology	6		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D.(2009) Oklahoma State University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. G. Curtis Langley	Assistant Professor Agricultural and Consumer Sciences	6		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of Missouri	Su 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION							
Dr. James Goodpasture	Assistant Professor Accounting, Finance, & Economics	6		4	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (1999) Florida State University	Fa 2010 – Su 2014 Assistant Professor American University of Kuwait Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Jacob Heller	Assistant Professor Management	6		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Arizona State University	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Dr. Ceyhan Kilic	Assistant Professor Marketing & Computer Information Systems	4	4	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2004) Old Dominion University	Fa 2005 – Sp 2009 Assistant Professor New York Institute of Technology Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Dianna Krueger	Assistant Professor Management	6	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Texas at San Antonio	Fa 2012 – Sp 2014 Assistant Professor Henderson State University Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Nina Rogers	Assistant Professor Accounting, Finance, & Economics	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of North Texas	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Ms. Ashley Schieck	Assistant Professor Accounting, Finance, & Economics	8	0	09/01/2020	J.D. (2008) Southern Methodist University	Fa 2012 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dr. Ryan Foster	Assistant Professor Counseling	4	4	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) University of North Texas	Fa 2012 – Su 2016 Assistant Professor Marymount University Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES (Continued)

Dr. Subi Gandhi	Assistant Professor Medical Laboratory Science & Public Health	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph. D. (2014) University of North Texas Health and Science Center	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Samantha Headstream-Pehl	Assistant Professor Nursing	6	0	09/01/2020	D.N.P (2012) Frontier Nursing University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Tiffany Wigington	Assistant Professor Social Work	4	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Fa 2011 – Sp 2014 Assistant Professor Stephen F. Austin State University Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Mary Winton	Assistant Professor Nursing	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) The University of Texas at Tyler	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Jennifer Yeager	Assistant Professor Nursing	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) The University of Texas at Tyler	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND FINE ARTS

Dr. Nathaniel Cogley	Assistant Professor Social Sciences	4	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Yale University	Fa 2013 – Fa 2015 Political Science Faculty International University of Gran-Bassam (Côte d’Ivoire) Sp 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Mr. Timothy Harding	Assistant Professor Fine Arts	6	0	09/01/2020	M.F.A. (2010) Texas Christian University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Cynthia McPherson	Assistant Professor English & Languages	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) Texas Tech University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Dymytro Perevertailenko	Assistant Professor Fine Arts	6	0	09/01/2020	D.M.A. (2008) University of North Texas	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Paul Stafford	Assistant Professor Communication Studies	7	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) University of Southern Mississippi	Fa 2013 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Benjamin Sword	Assistant Professor English & Languages	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) Texas Woman’s University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Scott Cook	Assistant Professor Mathematics	5	1	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) Washington University in St. Louis	Fa 2014 – Sp 2015 Visiting Assistant Professor Swarthmore College Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Dustin Edwards	Assistant Professor Biological Sciences	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2008) Baylor College of Medicine	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Billy Gray	Assistant Professor Engineering Technology	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2015) University of Texas at Arlington	Fa 2014 – Sp 16 Non-Tenure Track Assistant Professor Tarleton State University Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University
Dr. Ryan Morgan	Assistant Professor Chemistry, Geoscience, & Physics	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2015) Baylor University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Tarleton State University

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Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Dr. James Hurley, President
Tarleton State University

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Tarleton State University

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2021 at Tarleton State University (Tarleton).

Background Information:

System Policy [31.03, Leaves of Absence](#), and System Regulation [12.99.01, Faculty Development Leave](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At Tarleton the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, university development leave committee (elected by the general faculty), provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and president.

As shown in the exhibit, Tarleton requests approval for faculty development leave for one faculty member for FY 2021.

Tarleton is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

No additional funding is required. Department faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty member's teaching load by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This request for Faculty Development Leave advances the A&M System's Strategic Initiative 4: The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio. The requested leave will advance the body of knowledge in mathematics education, contributing to both published research and instructional efficacy.

Agenda Item No.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 18, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Tarleton State University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2021, Tarleton State University.”

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Hurley
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST
FY 2021
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Name/ Title/ Department	Years of Tarleton State University Tenured, Tenure- Track Service	Semester of Leave	Location and Brief Description of Leave
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY			
Katherine Horak Smith Associate Professor Mathematics	15	Spring 2021	Leave will be spent observing mathematics instruction in public school classrooms in the North Texas area, analyzing data, reviewing literature and reporting results to improve teaching and scholarship. Integration of the research and public school experiences will be added to current mathematics education courses after returning from leave. Objectives of leave include: (1) Review latest research regarding mathematics education in emerging multilingual learners in math and science classroom, communication/discourse in math classrooms, and word walls in all level classrooms; (2) Write on use of mathematics in science, communication/discourse in the middle school mathematics classroom, the use of children's literature in mathematics classrooms and the use of word walls in all level mathematics classrooms; (3) Analyze a data set collected with colleagues from Texas Christian University (TCU) regarding math, science, and language learning of emerging multilingual learners; (4) Collaborate on a second book with TCU colleagues regarding math, science, and language learning of emerging multilingual learners; and (5) Integrate research and K-12 classroom experiences in junior and senior-level math education courses.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Dr. James Hurley, President
Tarleton State University

Subject: Authorization to Establish Two Quasi-Endowments in the System Endowment Fund

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the president of Tarleton State University to establish two quasi-endowments in the System Endowment Fund entitled as follows:

- ‘The Crystal Apple Society Scholarship Quasi-Endowment’
- ‘Tarleton Staff Council Scholarship Quasi-Endowment.’

Background Information:

See attached documentation.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

See attached documentation.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

In accordance with A&M System Imperative 6, “The A&M System, in adhering to the high standard of excellence and growth required in the strategic plan, will display prudent financial stewardship and sustainability,” thus, external financial support has been secured through “expansion of [our] donor base and overall funds raised (Measurement 26).” The wise investment of these funds will allow scholarships to continue to be available for qualified Tarleton students.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

Office of the President

April 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization to Establish Two Quasi-Endowments in the System Endowment Fund

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Tarleton State University to establish two quasi-endowments in the System Endowment Fund entitled as follows. Background information and funding implications for each of these quasi-endowments are detailed on the attached documentation.

- **‘The Crystal Apple Society Scholarship Quasi-Endowment’**
- **‘Tarleton Staff Council Scholarship Quasi-Endowment.’ ”**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Hurley
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Maria L. Robinson
Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer

‘The Crystal Apple Society Scholarship Quasi Endowment’

Background Information:

In 2012, the College of Education established the Crystal Apple Society Scholarship in order to support students majoring in areas within the College of Education. Since 2012, the College of Education has annually received gifts from donors wishing to nominate teachers, coaches, other school personnel, and friends of education for induction into the College of Education’s Crystal Apple Society. With nominations for the 2017 academic year, the current scholarship account reached \$20,000. As such, college leadership is requesting permission to formally endow the Crystal Apple Society Scholarship.

It is recommended by Dr. Kimberly Rynearson, Dean of the College of Education, that funds be used to establish a quasi-endowment in the amount of \$10,000 to be invested with the System Endowment Fund. Each year following the Crystal Apple Event, the college will add proceeds to the endowment corpus. The earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support students majoring in disciplines within the College of Education.

A&M System Funding or Other Funding Implications:

Income generated from this quasi-endowment will be used to support students majoring in disciplines within the College of Education.

‘Tarleton Staff Council Scholarship Quasi Endowment’

Background Information:

Tarleton State University Staff Council operates as a committee of the university and provides staff development opportunities, staff appreciation events and scholarships to staff members pursuing a degree at Tarleton. The University agrees to establish an endowment to be entitled Tarleton Staff Council Scholarship Quasi-Endowment. The earnings from the endowment will be used to provide scholarships for staff enrolled at Tarleton.

It is recommended by Ms. Lori Beaty, Vice President & CFO for Finance and Administration, that an initial \$10,000 be used to establish a quasi-endowment to be invested with the System Endowment Fund. Staff Council will add to the endowment through fundraising campaigns, such as the annual holiday showcase. The earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for staff enrolled at Tarleton.

A&M System Funding or Other Funding Implications:

Income generated from this quasi-endowment will be used to support staff pursuing a degree at Tarleton and will provide Staff Council with an initial balance that will sustain these scholarships in future years.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 21, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Texas A&M International University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M International University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Pablo Arenaz
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

**TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank Department</u>	<u>Years Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment Towards Tenure</u>
		<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>			
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES						
Dr. Ediza Garcia	Assistant Professor Psychology & Communication	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2007) Regent University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M International University
Dr. Muhammad Z. Hasan	Assistant Professor Engineering	6	4	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2008) New Jersey Institute of Technology	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M International University
Dr. Kate A. Houston	Assistant Professor Social Sciences	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) University of Aberdeen	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M International University
Dr. Aaron A. Olivas	Assistant Professor Humanities	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) University of California	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M International University
Dr. Elizabeth C. Terrazas- Carrillo	Assistant Professor Psychology & Communication	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of Oklahoma	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M International University

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank Department</u>	<u>Years Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment Towards Tenure</u>
		<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>			
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION						
Dr. Puneet S. Gill	Assistant Professor Educational Programs	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) University of Alabama	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A& M International University
Dr. Won Gyoung Kim	Assistant Professor Educational Programs	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) University of Texas at Austin	Fa 2013 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M International University
Dr. Jason M. Norris	Assistant Professor Educational Programs	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) Arizona State University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M International University
Dr. Maria de Lourdes Viloria	Assistant Professor Educational Programs	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Texas A&M University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M International University

* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Pablo Arenaz, President
Texas A&M International University

Subject: Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Criminal Justice, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Criminal Justice, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

Laredo maintains a unique and strategic position along the U.S.-Mexico border as the gateway to Mexico and the largest U.S. inland port for international trade. Relative to the field of criminal justice, Laredo is a significant convergence point for examining local, state, and federal agencies' law enforcement practices, policy influences and outcomes, collaborations, and interoperability. In conjunction with TAMIU's historically popular and rapidly growing bachelor's and master's in criminal justice programs, and its cadre of trained scholars, TAMIU is poised to combine scholarly practice, student interest, faculty expertise, successful technological pedagogy, and Laredo's unique criminal justice activity to create a rich, doctoral opportunity.

TAMIU's proposed Ph.D. in Criminal Justice degree will be a high-quality and cost-effective program that trains students in the classical, contemporary, and cutting-edge theoretical knowledge-base of criminal justice as an academic discipline. In addition, the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice will train students in the latest developments of social research methods, quantitative analyses, and qualitative techniques to critically examine and engage current criminal justice issues relating to law, policy, salient border issues, and national security.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

The program will be self-supporting on the basis of projected enrollment, formula funding, and tuition and fees. There are no broader financial implications for The Texas A&M University System (A&M System).

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The proposed program addresses many of the A&M System's strategic plan imperatives including #2 (The A&M System will remain affordable and accessible), #3 (Our students will leave the A&M System as responsible and engaged citizens prepared for successful careers in an increasingly global economy), and #5 (the A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state's economy).

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 21, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Criminal Justice, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M International University leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M International University’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Pablo Arenaz
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M International University

Doctor of Philosophy
with a major in Criminal Justice
(CIP 43.0104.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Social Sciences

The current proposal is a formal request by Texas A&M International (TAMIU) to be granted the authority to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Criminal Justice. As the vast majority of Ph.D. programs focus on a traditional Ph.D. education, this program will be unique in two primary aspects. First, the coursework in the proposed program is intended to provide a solid foundation for critical analysis of emerging crime and border security issues (e.g., homeland security, cybercrime, immigration and crime, human trafficking and smuggling, intelligence gathering, and terrorism). Second, this program will be on the cutting edge of doctoral pedagogy by using the hybrid approach to service student needs in a Ph.D. program since the vast majority of programs eschew any online components to courses.

The educational objectives of the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice are to:

1. To guide students through an advanced, supervised course of study in criminology, crime, and the criminal justice system;
2. To educate students on contemporary crime problems and the viability of potential policy and criminal justice agency responses to crime, nationally and internationally;
3. To provide students with teaching opportunities and the pedagogy for online instruction in criminal justice and criminology;
4. To mentor students on the value of research on crime, criminology and criminal justice;
5. To provide collaborative grant opportunities for research among faculty, students and agencies in the field of criminal justice;
6. To effectively communicate with criminal justice organizations and other professional agencies on crime issues and best practices for reducing crime; and
7. To provide students with the most up-to-date knowledge on homeland security issues such as immigration, human trafficking, intelligence gathering, and terrorism.

The Ph.D. in Criminal Justice will require 49 semester credit hours for those entering with a master's degree.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2021.

TAMIU certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.460, in regards to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards, and costs.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

The Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology & Criminal Justice conducted a nationwide survey and found 68% of 146 doctoral students in the 2016-2017 academic year were employed in tenure-track faculty positions, while 8% were employed by local, state, and/or federal agencies. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the post-secondary and criminal justice-based institutional job markets project a healthy pattern of growth between 2018 and 2028. The national long-term need for post-secondary/social work teacher positions is projected to increase by 7.7%, while criminal justice and law enforcement educator positions are projected to increase by 8.1%. The cumulative increase of 15.8% indicates a significant long-term national job demand.

Within Texas in 2019, the Texas Workforce Commission also reported approximately 15 available Texas jobs that require a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice. Given the documented job market need for Ph.D. in Criminal Justice graduates at the local, state, and national levels, TAMIU's proposed Ph.D. in Criminal Justice degree program will play a critical and important role in addressing this need. This is especially true given our geographical location on the border and TAMIU being the only institution of higher education within a 120-mile radius.

B. Projected Enrollment

Using ultra-conservative estimations, we project an initial class of 10 students in 2021. By the 2024-2025 academic year, a total of 30 students per year will be serviced by this program.

C. Existing State Programs

Six Texas universities offer a doctoral degree in criminal justice/criminology: Prairie View A&M University, Sam Houston State University; Texas State University; Texas Southern University; Tarleton State University (enrolled first students fall 2019); and the University of Texas at Dallas. Due to location and focus on border-related crime issues, there should be little competition with these programs.

Doctoral Degrees Awarded in Criminal Justice & Criminology

Institution	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Texas Southern University	2		5	7	5	2
Texas State University	6	5	5	6	1	3
Sam Houston State University	15	11	10	8	8	12
Prairie View A&M University		4	3	1	1	4
The University of Texas at Dallas	1	5	6	6	7	3
Grand Total	24	25	29	28	22	24

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

Two new faculty will be hired in years three and four to enhance and expand the skills and substantive areas of existing faculty. One of the positions will be an assistant professor, and the other will be an associate professor. The total five-year allocated costs for faculty will be \$461,473.

B. Program Administration

No additional program administrators will be added. Current administrative assistants and faculty will be responsible for the administration of the proposed Ph.D. in Criminal Justice.

C. Other Personnel

No additional personnel are necessary for administering the proposed program.

D. Supplies, Materials

Funding for new faculty supplies and materials begins in year three at \$700 for one new faculty member. In years four and five, this sum increases to \$1,400 for both new faculty hires. The total five-year cost for supplies and materials is \$3,500.

E. Library

No new library resources are required. The library has access to the majority of books and critical databases in the area of criminal justice.

F. Equipment , Facilities

No new facilities or equipment are required.

G. Accreditation

The discipline of criminal justice/criminology does not have a national accrediting body.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$461,473	Formula Income	\$410,706
Program Administration	\$0	Statutory Tuition	\$0
Graduate Assistants	\$378,000	Reallocation	\$650,000
Supplies & Materials	\$3,500	Designated Tuition	\$638,700
Library & IT Resources	\$0	Other Funding:	\$0
Equipment, Facilities	\$0		
Student Support (Scholarships)	\$272,000		
Other	\$3,150		
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$1,118,123	Estimated 5-year Revenues	\$1,699,406

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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Michael K. Young, President
Texas A&M University

Subject: Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 2019-04001)

Background and Prior Actions:

The HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall Project was included as an approved project on the FY 2020 – FY 2024 A&M System Capital Plan approved by the Board at the August 2019 meeting.

Proposed Board Action:

- (1) Approve the project scope and budget.
- (2) Appropriate \$7,349,264 for construction services and related project costs. \$816,584 has been previously appropriated to this project.
- (3) Approve construction of the HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall Project at Texas A&M University (Texas A&M).

Funding/Budget Amount:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Average Estimated Annual Debt Service</u>	<u>Debt Service Source</u>
Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds	<u>\$8,165,848</u>	\$556,512	Housing Revenue
Total Project Funds	<u><u>\$8,165,848</u></u>		

Project Justification:

Originally constructed in 1989, Appelt Hall is a four-story concrete structure consisting of 160 modular style dorm rooms, shared bathrooms, study rooms and common areas.

Each room is conditioned by an individual fan coil unit (FCU) served by a four-pipe Chilled Water (CHW)/Heating Water (HW) piping distribution system. Each room has a pneumatic thermostat and fan speed control switch (Hi/Med/Lo). Corridors are conditioned by floor-mounted FCUs. Each stairwell has a wall-mounted FCU located on the 2nd and 3rd floor landings. Outside Air (OA) is introduced into the building by two first-floor Air Handler Units (AHU) located at opposite ends of the building, delivering air to the rooms by way of the corridor plenum through a small 4” hole.

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The HVAC system has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. Maintenance and humidity issues continue to increase resulting from the aged HVAC system.

Scope:

This project will replace all FCUs with new four-pipe FCUs with HW coils in the re-heat position. Each room will have a digital thermostat and humidistat to implement a humidity control strategy at the room level. A fan speed controller will be provided in each room to allow for student control of FCU. Corridor floor-mounted FCUs will be replaced. First-floor AHUs will be removed. Conditioned OA will be provided via new Roof Top Units (RTUs) with Integral Energy Recovery Unit (ERU). Existing bathroom exhaust fans will be removed. New OA and exhaust duct risers will be installed to introduce conditioned fresh air into each room. New FCUs will be provided to serve the stairwells. The existing Chilled Water Pump (CHP) and Hot Water Pump (HWP) will be replaced with Variable Frequency Driven (VFD) pumps. All thermal lines within the crawlspace will be replaced and insulated.

A new Direct Digital Control (DDC) system will be provided and will be tied into the campus-wide control system for better energy management and control by Utilities and Energy Services (UES). The Water Air Gas Electricity and Steam (WAGES) system will also be modified and upgraded to accommodate the replacement systems.

The Domestic Hot Water (DHW) main piping located in the crawlspace and valves located in the pipe chases will be replaced and re-insulated.

General construction shall consist of the removal and replacement of all existing ceiling grids and ceiling tiles to facilitate mechanical work. In lieu of cleaning and reinstalling existing light fixtures, this project will install new, more energy efficient LED light fixtures. A new safety rail will be installed at the existing roof hatch for fall protection. An alternate for the existing roof hatch will be requested if replacement is needed. An alternate for the two new floor hatches to be located in each stairwell will be issued to provide better access for future replacement and repair of mechanical and electrical components.

Due to an administrative error, construction on this project commenced in January 2020 and continued for a brief period. Upon discovery of the error, work immediately ceased and the project was placed on hold pending board approval. Construction on this project will re-commence in May 2020 with substantial completion scheduled for July 2020. The total project budget is \$8,165,848.

Other Major Fiscal Impacts:

None.

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

April 1, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 2019-0400)

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The project scope along with a project budget of \$8,165,848 for the HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall Project is approved.

The amount of \$7,349,264 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Housing Revenue) for construction services and related project costs.

The HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that

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the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.”

Respectfully submitted,

Michael K. Young
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Phillip Ray
Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs

HVAC REPLACEMENT APPELT HALL	PROJECT BUDGET
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	
PROJECT NO. 2019-04001	

1. Amount Available for Construction Contract	\$6,575,000
2. Architectural/Engineering Fees	526,000
3. Campus Services	22,474
4. Other Services	185,000
5. Contingency.....	619,534
6. SSC Fees.....	<u>237,840</u>
7. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT	<u>\$8,165,848</u>

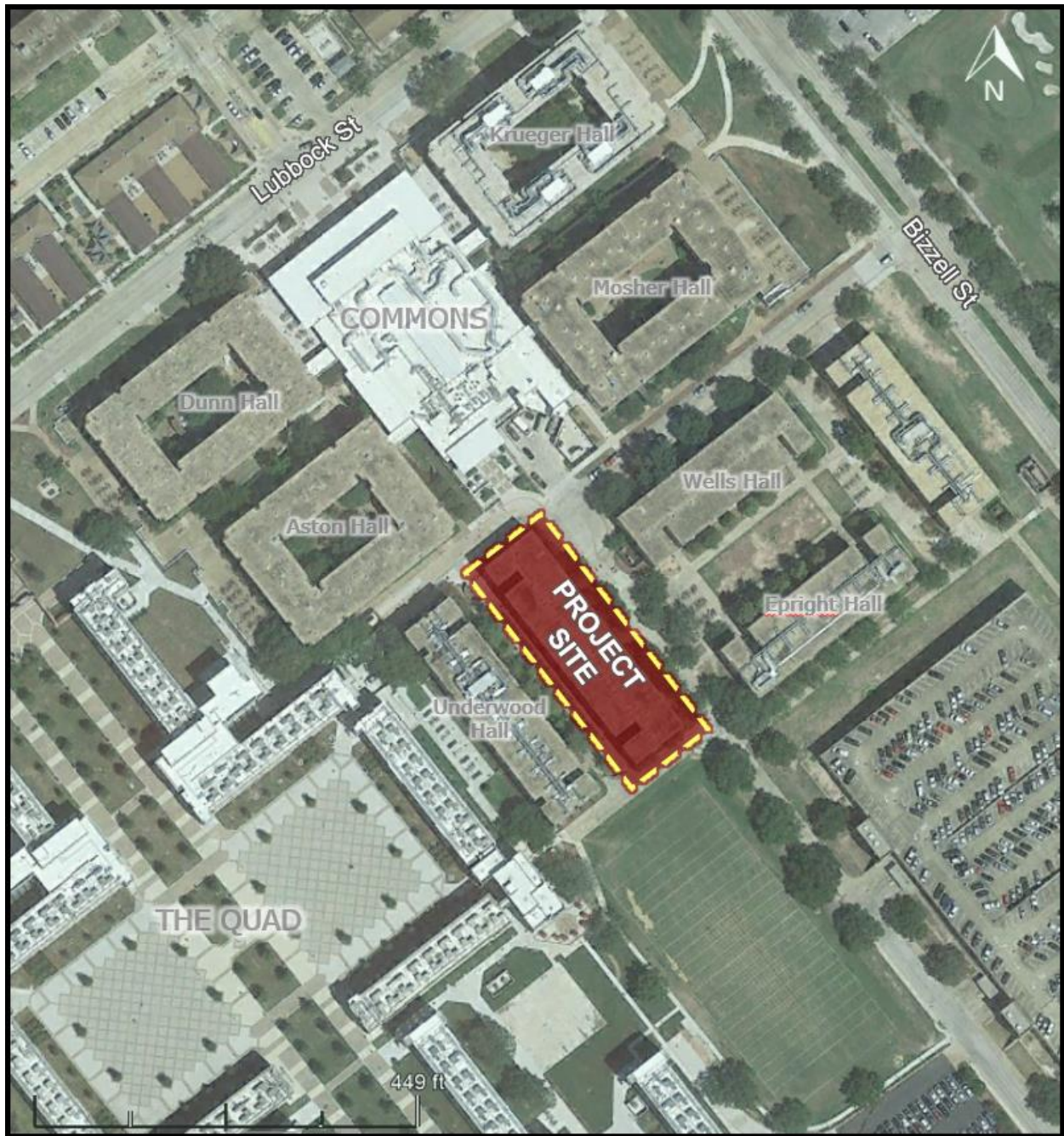
1. BOR Approval to Include in Capital Plan August 16, 2018
2. Sole Source Letter Approved for A/E..... February 19, 2019
3. Execute A/E Agreement March 18, 2019
4. A/E Design Kick-Off..... March 22, 2019
5. Complete Schematic Design April 3, 2019
6. Complete Design Development April 25, 2019
7. Complete Construction Documents May 16, 2019
8. BOR Approval for Construction May 14, 2020
9. Issue Construction Notice to Proceed May 15, 2020
10. Full Demolition & Construction Commences May 18, 2020
11. Substantial Completion July 26, 2020
12. Owner Occupancy July 31, 2020

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM
HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall
Housing Revenue**

Dates	Outstanding Principal	Principal Amount	Interest Amount	Annual Total	Coverage 1.15x
BONDS	8,250,000.00				
YEAR 1	8,065,000.00	185,000.00	371,250.00	556,250.00	639,687.50
YEAR 2	7,870,000.00	195,000.00	362,925.00	557,925.00	641,613.75
YEAR 3	7,670,000.00	200,000.00	354,150.00	554,150.00	637,272.50
YEAR 4	7,460,000.00	210,000.00	345,150.00	555,150.00	638,422.50
YEAR 5	7,240,000.00	220,000.00	335,700.00	555,700.00	639,055.00
YEAR 6	7,010,000.00	230,000.00	325,800.00	555,800.00	639,170.00
YEAR 7	6,770,000.00	240,000.00	315,450.00	555,450.00	638,767.50
YEAR 8	6,520,000.00	250,000.00	304,650.00	554,650.00	637,847.50
YEAR 9	6,255,000.00	265,000.00	293,400.00	558,400.00	642,160.00
YEAR 10	5,980,000.00	275,000.00	281,475.00	556,475.00	639,946.25
YEAR 11	5,695,000.00	285,000.00	269,100.00	554,100.00	637,215.00
YEAR 12	5,395,000.00	300,000.00	256,275.00	556,275.00	639,716.25
YEAR 13	5,080,000.00	315,000.00	242,775.00	557,775.00	641,441.25
YEAR 14	4,750,000.00	330,000.00	228,600.00	558,600.00	642,390.00
YEAR 15	4,405,000.00	345,000.00	213,750.00	558,750.00	642,562.50
YEAR 16	4,045,000.00	360,000.00	198,225.00	558,225.00	641,958.75
YEAR 17	3,670,000.00	375,000.00	182,025.00	557,025.00	640,578.75
YEAR 18	3,280,000.00	390,000.00	165,150.00	555,150.00	638,422.50
YEAR 19	2,870,000.00	410,000.00	147,600.00	557,600.00	641,240.00
YEAR 20	2,445,000.00	425,000.00	129,150.00	554,150.00	637,272.50
YEAR 21	2,000,000.00	445,000.00	110,025.00	555,025.00	638,278.75
YEAR 22	1,535,000.00	465,000.00	90,000.00	555,000.00	638,250.00
YEAR 23	1,045,000.00	490,000.00	69,075.00	559,075.00	642,936.25
YEAR 24	535,000.00	510,000.00	47,025.00	557,025.00	640,578.75
YEAR 25	-	535,000.00	24,075.00	559,075.00	642,936.25
		<u>\$ 8,250,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,662,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,912,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,999,720.00</u>

Estimated Issuance Costs of \$84,152.00 are included in this schedule.
Long-term rates are assumed to be 4.50%. Rates are subject to market change.
Prepared by the Office of the Treasurer - Treasury Services 03/19/2020

Rates are subject to market change. Amounts are preliminary estimates that will be revised at the time bonds are issued.



HVAC Replacement Appelt Hall

Texas A&M University

Project No. 2019-04001

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

March 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Texas A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Michael K. Young
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACADEMIC TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u> <u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE						
Dr. Justin B. Bullock	Assistant Professor Public Service and Administration	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) The University of Georgia	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Jessica Gottlieb	Assistant Professor International Affairs	7	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Stanford University	Fa 2013 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Robert A. Greer	Assistant Professor Public Service and Administration	4	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) University of Kentucky	Fa 2013 – Sp 2016 Assistant Professor University of Georgia Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES						
Dr. Claudio Casola	Assistant Professor Ecology and Conservation Biology	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2006) University of Pisa (Italy)	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES (Continued)

Dr. Phillip E. Kaufman	Professor Entomology	0	15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1997) University of Wyoming	Fa 2005 – Su 2011 Assistant Professor University of Florida Fa 2011 – Su 2017 Associate Professor (Tenured 2011) University of Florida Fa 2017 – Sp 2020 Professor University of Florida Su 2020 Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. A. Michelle Lawing	Assistant Professor Ecosystem Science and Management	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) Indiana University	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Holli R. Leggette (Archer)	Assistant Professor Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Texas A&M University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Junjie Zhang	Assistant Professor Biochemistry and Biophysics	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) Baylor College of Medicine	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Dr. Koichiro Aitani	Associate Professor Architecture	7	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2015) Kyushu University, Japan	Fa 2013 – Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Michelle A. Meyer	Assistant Professor Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning	2	4	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Colorado State University	Fa 2014 – Sp 2018 Assistant Professor Louisiana State University Fa 2018 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Jeffrey R. Gagne	Assistant Professor Educational Psychology	3	6	9/1/2020	Ph.D. (2007) Boston University	Fa 2011 – Su 2017 Assistant Professor (Tenured 2017) University of Texas at Arlington Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Paul R. Hernandez	Associate Professor Teaching, Learning and Culture	1	6	9/1/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Connecticut	Fa 2013 – Su 2014 Assistant Professor Colorado State University Fa 2014 – Su 2019 Assistant Professor West Virginia University Fa 2019 – Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

Dr. Karen E. Rambo– Hernandez	Associate Professor Teaching, Learning and Culture	1	8	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Connecticut	<p>Fa 2011 – Su 2014 Assistant Professor Colorado State University</p> <p>Fa 2014 – Su 2018 Assistant Professor West Virginia University</p> <p>Fa 2018 – Su 2019 (Tenured 2018) Associate Professor West Virginia University</p> <p>Fa 2019 – Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University</p>
Dr. Steven Woltering	Assistant Professor Educational Psychology	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) University of Toronto	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dr. Daniel L. Alge	Assistant Professor Biomedical Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) Purdue University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Douglas L. Allaire	Assistant Professor Mechanical Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Continued)

Dr. Mark J. Balas	Professor Mechanical Engineering	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1974) University of Denver, Colorado	<p>Fa 2004 – Su 2013 (Tenured 2004) Professor University of Wyoming</p> <p>Fa 2013 – Su 2017 (Tenured 2013) Professor Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University</p> <p>Fa 2017 – Fa 2019 (Tenured 2017) Professor University of Tennessee Space Institute</p> <p>Sp 2020 Professor Texas A&M University</p>
Dr. Moble Benedict	Assistant Professor Aerospace Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) University of Maryland	<p>Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University</p>
Dr. Ali Erdemir	Professor Mechanical Engineering	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1986) Georgia Institute of Technology	<p>2004 – 2010 Senior Scientist Argonne National Laboratory</p> <p>2010 – Sp 2020 Argonne Distinguished Fellow Argonne National Laboratory</p> <p>Sp 2020 Professor Texas A&M University</p>

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Continued)

Dr. Jonathan R. Felts	Assistant Professor Mechanical Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) University of Illinois Urbana– Champaign	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. M.M. Faruque Hasan	Assistant Professor Chemical Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) National University of Singapore	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Xia “Ben” Hu	Assistant Professor Computer Science and Engineering	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2015) Arizona State University	Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Jihoon Kim	Assistant Professor Petroleum Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) Stanford University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Michael R. Moreno	Assistant Professor Mechanical Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) Texas A&M University	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Ali Mostafavi	Assistant Professor Civil and Environmental Engineering	4	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Purdue University	Fa 2013 – Su 2016 Assistant Professor Florida International University Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Continued)

Dr. Michael Nastasi	Professor Nuclear Engineering	0	8	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1986) Cornell University	Fa 2012 – Su 2019 Professor (Tenured 2012) University of Nebraska, Lincoln Fa 2019 Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Zheng O'Neill	Associate Professor Mechanical Engineering	0	7	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2004) Oklahoma State University	Sp 2013 – Sp 2018 Assistant Professor The University of Alabama Sp 2018 – Fa 2019 Associate Professor (Tenured 2018) The University of Alabama Sp 2020 Associate Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Xingyong Song	Assistant Professor Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Minnesota	Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Bruce Li–Jung Tai	Assistant Professor Mechanical Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Michigan–Ann Arbor	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Hung–Jen Wu	Assistant Professor Chemical Engineering	7	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2006) Texas A&M University	Fa 2013 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES

Dr. Jessica N. Fitzsimmons	Assistant Professor Oceanography	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Hiroko Kitajima	Assistant Professor Geology and Geophysics	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) Texas A&M University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Christopher J. Nowotarski	Assistant Professor Atmospheric Sciences	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Pennsylvania State University	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Robert S. Reece	Assistant Professor Geology and Geophysics	7	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) The University of Texas at Austin	Fa 2013 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Jason B. Sylvan	Assistant Professor Oceanography	5	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2008) Rutgers University	Sp 2013 – Sp 2015 Research Assistant Professor University of Southern California Su 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Dr. Ernesto F. L. Amaral	Assistant Professor Sociology	3	7	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2007) The University of Texas at Austin	<p>Fa 2009 – Sp 2012 Assistant Professor Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil</p> <p>Fa 2012 – Sp 2014 Associate Professor (Tenured 2012) Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil</p> <p>Fa 2014 – Su 2017 Associate Sociologist RAND Corporation</p> <p>Fa 2016 – Su 2017 Professor Pardee RAND Graduate School</p> <p>Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University</p>
Dr. Brian A. Anderson	Assistant Professor Psychological and Brain Sciences	4	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) Johns Hopkins University	Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Timm Betz	Assistant Professor Political Science	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2015) University of Michigan	Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (Continued)

Dr. Robert F. Carley	Assistant Professor International Studies	4	1	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) Texas A&M University	Fa 2015 – Sp 2016 Assistant Professor Wright State University Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Scott J. Cook	Assistant Professor Political Science	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of Pittsburgh	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Kimberly Kattari	Assistant Professor Performance Studies	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Texas at Austin	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Chaitanya Lakkimsetti	Assistant Professor Sociology, and Women's & Gender Studies	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) University of Wisconsin – Madison	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Anna Wiederhold Wolfe	Assistant Professor Communication	4	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Ohio University	Fa 2013 – Sp 2016 Assistant Professor University of Nevada Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Dr. Michelle Hook	Assistant Professor Neuroscience and Experimental Therapeutics	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (1998) University of New England, Australia	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
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COLLEGE OF NURSING

Dr. Nora Montalvo– Liendo	Assistant Professor College of Nursing	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Dr. Michael Brannan	Assistant Professor Mathematics	5	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) Queen’s University	Fa 2012 – Sp 2015 Research Assistant Professor University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Arthur Laganowsky	Assistant Professor Chemistry	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of California, Los Angeles	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Michael Nippe	Assistant Professor Chemistry	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Wisconsin- Madison	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Eviatar B. Procaccia	Assistant Professor Mathematics	5	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) The Weizmann Institute of Science	Fa 2013 – Sp 2015 Hedrick Assistant Professor University of California Los Angeles Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE (Continued)

Dr. Robin D. Tucker– Drob	Assistant Professor Mathematics	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Raymond Ka Wai Wong	Assistant Professor Statistics	3	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of California at Davis	Fa 2014 – Su 2017 Assistant Professor Iowa State University Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Dr. Todd Michael O’Hara	Professor Veterinary Integrative Biosciences	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	D.V.M. (1992) University of Wisconsin	Fa 2003 – Fa 2019 Professor (Tenured 2008) University of Alaska, Fairbanks Fa 2019 Professor Texas A&M University
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COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (Continued)

Dr. Paul S. Morley	Professor Veterinary Large Animal Clinical Sciences	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1995) University of Saskatchewan	<p>Fa 1995 – Fa 1998 Assistant Professor The Ohio State University</p> <p>Fa 1998 – Su 2002 Assistant Professor Colorado State University</p> <p>Su 2002 – Su 2008 Associate Professor (Tenured 2002) Colorado State University</p> <p>Su 2008 – Sp 2019 Professor Colorado State University</p> <p>Sp 2019 Professor Texas A&M University</p>
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MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL

Dr. Matt Ege	Assistant Professor Accounting	5	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) The University of Texas at Austin	<p>Fa 2013 – Sp 2015 Assistant Professor University of Florida</p> <p>Su 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University</p>
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MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL (Continued)

Dr. Joel Koopman	Assistant Professor Management	3	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) Michigan State University	Fa 2014 – Su 2017 Assistant Professor University of Cincinnati Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Xiaoding Liu	Assistant Professor Finance	2	6	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) University of Florida	Fa 2012 – Su 2018 Assistant Professor University of Oregon Fa 2018 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Dr. Srikanth Paruchuri	Professor Management	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	D.V.M. (2003) Saint Istvan University	Fa 2004 – Su 2010 Assistant Professor University of Florida, Gainesville Fa 2010 – Su 2011 Associate Professor (Tenured 2010) University of Florida, Gainesville Fa 2011 – Su 2019 Associate Professor (Tenured 2011) Pennsylvania State University Fa 2019 – Su 2020 Professor Pennsylvania State University Fa 2020 Professor Texas A&M University

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dr. Alva O. Ferdinand	Assistant Professor Health Policy and Management	7	0	09/01/2020	DrPH (2013) University of Alabama at Birmingham	Fa 2013 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

Dr. Maria Pia Miglietta	Assistant Professor Marine Biology	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2005) Duke University	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University at Galveston
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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Ms. Elizabeth German	Assistant Professor University Libraries	6	0	09/01/2020	M.S. (2009) University of Illinois at Urbana– Champaign	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University
Ms. Simona G. Tabacaru	Assistant Professor University Libraries	7	0	09/01/2020	M.S. (2009) University of North Texas	Fa 2013 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 20, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Mr. T. Randall “Randy” Cain ’82 for His Outstanding Dedication and Service as Trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation

I respectfully request the Board of Regents’ approval of the following resolution honoring Mr. T. Randall “Randy” Cain ’82 for his service to Texas A&M University.

“WHEREAS, Mr. T. Randall “Randy” Cain, a member of the Class of 1982, has served Texas A&M University with honor and distinction in a variety of capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration (accounting) from the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University in 1982; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. Cain began a more than 30-year career with Ernst & Young, a professional services firm, in which he oversaw operations in twelve offices and nine states prior to his retirement as Vice Chairman and Southwest Region Managing Partner in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain has previously served as chairman of the 12th Man Foundation, a member of the Dean’s Development Council at the Mays Business School and a former member of the Chancellor’s Century Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain is a Distinguished Alumnus (2019) of Texas A&M University; a member of the A&M Legacy and Heritage societies and a Mays Distinguished Alumnus Award honoree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain will from this day forward be known as a valued partner to Texas A&M University for the generous support he and his wife, Jyl, have provided, including the establishment of the Randy ’82 and Jyl Cain Accounting Education Excellence Fund in the Mays Business School to support excellence in accounting education; establishing the Tom Richter ’72 Ernst & Young Scholarship fund to provide scholarships to full-time students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in accounting in the Mays Business School; for being a loyal donor to The Association of Former Students as a Diamond Century Club member; and for generously supporting the 12th Man Foundation as a loyal donor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain has served the Texas A&M Foundation’s Board of Trustees with distinction for seven years, during which time he was also chairman from July 2017 to June 2018; and dedicated a great deal of leadership and service to Texas A&M University’s *Lead by Example* comprehensive fundraising campaign, serving as a member of the *Lead by Example* National Committee; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, gratefully recognize the outstanding dedication and service of Mr. Cain as a trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation, and his efforts to maintain the excellence that defines Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M Foundation; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Mr. Cain and to the Archives of Texas A&M University as an expression of appreciation and respect for Mr. T. Randall “Randy” Cain ’82.

ADOPTED, this 14th day of May 2020.”

Respectfully submitted,

Michael K. Young
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Michael K. Young, President
Texas A&M University

Subject: Approval of Two New Graduate Degree Programs with a Major in Marine Biology, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of two new graduate degree programs at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Marine Biology, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The proposed programs will replace the current joint graduate degree programs in Marine Biology among Texas A&M University, TAMUG, and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi). While the 12-year existing program has been very successful, the institutions are each proposing that independent degree-granting authority be given to TAMUG and A&M-Corpus Christi. Both locations have demonstrated a strong need and steady increases in enrollment. Surveys from alumni prove a strong job market growth.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Because the new degree programs will be a transition from the existing joint degree programs, the expectation is that implementing the Ph.D. and M.S. program at TAMUG will be cost and funding neutral.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Approval of this agenda item will advance The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) strategic imperatives 3. (Our students will leave the A&M System as responsible and engaged citizens prepared for successful careers in an increasingly global economy) and 4. (The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio). In particular, our students will become responsible and engaged citizens with successful careers within marine biology as a direct result of the training that they receive from our graduate faculty in Marine Biology. With the blue economy and more challenges in coastal areas and the ocean, our graduates will be at the forefront of solving these complex and ever-changing issues by utilizing the skills obtained during their graduate careers at TAMUG. In addition, our students will have access to vast resources within the research realm to build their knowledge, skills, and competencies. Faculty and graduate students will tackle challenges affecting the Gulf of Mexico and beyond through the building of collaborative networks and the benefit of interdisciplinary relationships throughout Texas and beyond.

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 20, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Two New Graduate Degree Programs with a Major in Marine Biology,
and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of two new graduate degree programs at Texas A&M University at Galveston leading to a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Michael K. Young
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University

Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science
with a major in Marine Biology
(CIP 26.1302.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Department of Marine Biology at Texas A&M University at Galveston

The proposed new Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master of Science (M.S.) in Marine Biology graduate program at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) will replace the existing joint degree in Marine Biology among Texas A&M University (Texas A&M), TAMUG, and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi). While the joint degree programs have been successful, the institutions are each proposing that independent degree-granting authority be given to TAMUG and A&M-Corpus Christi. At TAMUG, the new graduate program will be housed in the Department of Marine Biology.

The program will emphasize research methods and design to ensure scholarly activity and productivity upon graduation. Each Ph.D. and M.S. thesis-option graduate will possess the skills to succeed as a researcher at a top university or a research institution, even if they may choose not to pursue this career track. Student competitiveness is accomplished by providing a challenging curriculum that develops practical and applied critical thinking and analysis skills, and, for M.S. thesis-option and Ph.D. students, a rigorous program of field and/or laboratory research, culminating in a written thesis and public thesis defense. Non-thesis option M.S. students have a larger course load than thesis-option students. All students will be supervised by graduate advisory committees responsible for the development of the final degree plan.

The curricula will include general principles of ecology and evolution and broad knowledge of marine and coastal ecosystems. Students will demonstrate skills in the analysis of data (e.g., research design and quantitative analysis) and written and oral communication of scientific concepts to a variety of audiences. Assessment of this knowledge on an individual student basis will be through course work completed as well as requirements specific to the degree:

- Ph.D.: dissertation proposal, preliminary examination, written dissertation, dissertation defense
- Thesis-option M.S.: thesis proposal, thesis, defense
- Non-thesis option M.S.: professional paper, defense

The proposed implementation date is fall 2021.

Texas A&M certifies that the proposed new Ph.D. and M.S. degree programs meet the criteria under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.46 and 5.45 in regards to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards and costs.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

The components on the TAMUG campus of the joint Ph.D. and M.S. degrees have graduated 14 Ph.D. students and 50 M.S. students in its 12 years of existence. Out of the 64 alumni of the joint Ph.D. and M.S. degrees, faculty from the Marine Biology Department chaired 86% of the student committees. Students were sent an exit interview upon graduation, followed by a post-graduation survey two years and five years after graduation. Out of the 14 Ph.D. alumni who responded, 71% were able to secure employment within one year from degree completion. Out of these 64 alumni of the joint degree programs who responded, 70% of them were working in the field or pursuing further education in the area of biological sciences (e.g., TAMUG, Virginia Tech, and Deakin University). With an ever-increasing move towards the blue economy globally, we anticipate continued demand for our graduates at the Ph.D. and M.S. levels in the marine biology and related disciplines, with employment at state and federal agencies, non-profit governmental organizations, academic, education, and the private sector.

B. Projected Enrollment

Based on past enrollment in the joint Marine Biology graduate program at the TAMUG campus, projected enrollment is four-five new students per year in the Ph.D. program and ten new students per year in the M.S. program.

C. Existing State Programs

The existing joint Ph.D. and M.S. degree programs are the only graduate programs in Marine Biology in Texas. If independent degree granting authority is approved, TAMUG and A&M-Corpus Christi will have the only graduate programs in Marine Biology in the state.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

TAMUG currently has 25 core and three support faculty members to teach and/or serve as mentors to the Ph.D. and M.S. students. No new faculty are expected to be hired specifically for this program.

B. Program Administration

The Head of the Department of Marine Biology will be the person directly responsible for the overall management of the proposed Marine Biology graduate program. A program chair will be appointed to aid in the coordination and oversight of the program's administrative processes. No new administration will be required.

C. Other Personnel

Five full-time staff members are available to support the proposed program. Specialist staff members are available for IT, communications and engagement, assessment, and recruitment at TAMUG. No new staff will be required.

D. Supplies, Materials

No new supplies or materials will be required.

E. Library

Current library resources are sufficient to support the proposed program.

F. Equipment, Facilities

No new equipment and facilities are needed.

G. Accreditation

There is no national accrediting body for the field of the proposed graduate program. Accreditation will be through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges concomitant with the accreditation process that occurs every 10 years for Texas A&M.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

Because the new degree programs will be a transition from the existing joint degree programs, the expectation is that implementing full degree-granting authority for the M.S. and Ph.D. program at TAMUG will not result in additional new costs and will be cost and funding neutral.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Michael K. Young, President
Texas A&M University

Subject: Authorization for the Texas A&M University Health Science Center to Make Intergovernmental Transfers on Behalf of Qualifying Entities

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the Texas A&M University Health Science Center (TAMHSC), a health-related institution under the administration of Texas A&M University, to make one or more Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs), not to exceed \$10 million in the aggregate, during fiscal year 2021 in support of qualifying entities participating in the Texas Healthcare Transformation Quality Improvement Program Section 1115 Waiver (1115 Waiver) and the Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP) administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), subject to final review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel and outside counsel.

Background Information:

The 1115 Waiver and NAIP provide opportunities to improve health care in Texas and allow for additional Medicaid funding opportunities.

Under the 1115 Waiver, eligible hospital and physician providers can receive supplemental and incentive payments under two funding pools for uncompensated care (UC) and for Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) initiatives. As a governmental entity, TAMHSC is able to make UC and DSRIP IGTs to HHSC, on behalf of a qualified provider (including TAMHSC and its clinics), to fund the non-federal share (from available public funds) to draw down the federal matching share. The combined amount is then distributed by HHSC to the qualified provider. TAMHSC is also able to make IGTs to support its administrative services as an anchoring entity under the 1115 Waiver.

Under NAIP, pursuant to an Interagency Contract, TAMHSC as a Health Related Institution (HRI) can make IGTs to HHSC on behalf of its physician providers, and HHSC in turn increases the payment and directs a managed care organization to pass through a certain amount to the HRI.

TAMHSC and its students and residents benefit from participation in the 1115 Waiver and NAIP which expands access to and availability of healthcare services, increases quality of existing care, improves the cost-effectiveness of care provided, and improves the health of patients across Texas.

The 1115 Waiver and NAIP activities will require ongoing advice from outside counsel and final review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

The proposed IGT(s) to be made by the TAMHSC would be paid from public funds available within the TAMHSC.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Approval of this agenda item will advance the A&M System strategic imperative #3 by producing responsible and engaged citizens prepared for successful careers, and strategic imperative #5 by providing services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas. Specifically, TAMHSC and its students and residents benefit from participation in the 1115 Waiver and NAIP which expands access to and availability of healthcare services, increases quality of existing care, improves the cost-effectiveness of care provided, and improves the health of patients across Texas.

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Office of the President
March 18, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization for the Texas A&M University Health Science Center to Make
Intergovernmental Transfers on Behalf of Qualifying Entities

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the Senior Vice President of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, under the administration of Texas A&M University, to make one or more Intergovernmental Transfers to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in support of qualifying entities participating in the 1115 Waiver Program and Network Access Improvement Program, subject to final review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel and outside counsel with respect to each transaction. The total amount of such IGTs shall not exceed \$10 million in the aggregate during fiscal year 2021.”

Respectfully submitted,

Michael K. Young
President

Submission Recommended:

Greg Hartman
Interim Senior Vice President
Texas A&M University Health Science Center

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Michael K. Young, President
Texas A&M University

Subject: Establishment of the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas

Proposed Board Action: Establish the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas (IDRT) as a component of Texas A&M University (Texas A&M).

Background Information:

Establishment of the IDRT will effectively implement Texas Education Code §86.82, enacted during the 86th Texas Legislative session, as recommended by the Commission to Rebuild Texas (CRT) in its *Eye of the Storm* report. The IDRT will seek to: 1) develop data analytics tools to support disaster planning, mitigation, response, and recovery; 2) create and maintain web-based analytical and visual tools to communicate disaster risks and ways to reduce those risks; 3) provide evidence-based information and solutions; 4) collect, display, and communicate comprehensive flood-related information; and 5) collaborate with institutions of higher education, state agencies, local governments, and other political subdivisions to accomplish its goals. By working with The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) partners, other institutions of higher education, public agencies, and other entities, the IDRT will become the leader in developing analytical tools that support more disaster-resilient communities. The IDRT will be a component of Texas A&M.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Start-up funds will be provided by the Chancellor's Research Initiative of \$1 million per year for four years. These start-up funds will enable the IDRT to become fully operational and generate external funding to ensure its sustainability. Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) commits to return 50% of the indirect costs (IDC) generated from IDRT contracts and grants (15% of the IDC normally returned to the unit and 35% of the IDC normally allocated to the Research Office) when those contracts and grants are submitted and routed through TAMUG's Research Office. This agreement will be valid for five years and reviewed for potential adjustments or renewal at the end of the period. Other units that are interested in developing close collaborations with the IDRT are encouraged to develop MOUs that identify the type of relationships and potential support provided.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Approval of this agenda item will advance the A&M System strategic imperative #4 by increasing the prominence of the A&M System through the development of robust and targeted research portfolios recognized nationally, and strategic imperative #5 by providing services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state's economy. Specifically, the IDRT will build cross-institution and cross-disciplinary collaborations with multiple member institutions and support the research pursuit and recognition of the entire A&M System. Secondly, the IDRT will generate fundamental and applied research that will help protect people and property in the state and help support economic stability through community resilience.

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 20, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Establishment of the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas is hereby established as a component of Texas A&M University.”

Respectfully submitted,

Michael K. Young, President
Texas A&M University

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas (IDRT)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Rationale for the Creation of the Institute

At least one major natural disaster is declared somewhere in Texas every year. The state has endured tornadoes, floods, droughts, wildfires and coastal hurricanes from the deadliest storm in American history, the Galveston Storm of 1900 that killed an estimated 8,000 people, to one of the costliest disasters, Hurricane Harvey, that struck Texas as a Category 4 hurricane in 2017.

Hurricane Harvey brought record rainfall to the Texas coast, causing catastrophic losses to an area covering 49 counties – 20% of the counties in the state. Initial reports estimate that over 200,000 residential structures were inundated by flood waters and damage estimates range in the 100's of billions of dollars. Only two years later, Harvey was followed-up by Tropical Storm Imelda that dumped 43 inches of rain on southeastern Texas in just 72 hours. Both of these storms exposed an underlying problem of chronic and repetitive disasters Texas communities are experiencing on a more regular basis. For example, for many households in the Houston metro area, Imelda was the fourth major storm in five years that adversely impacted their neighborhood.

The occurrence of regular billion-dollar disaster events has placed Texas at the center of a national debate on the need to more effectively reduce risk and foster the development of more hazard resilient communities. There is a tremendous opportunity for the state, and The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) in particular, to become the leader in research, innovation, training, and policy for how to successfully live in a disaster-prone landscape. This opportunity became more solidified after the 86th Texas State Legislature enacted Texas Education Code §86.82 which created the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas (IDRT) as a component of Texas A&M University (Texas A&M). The formation of this entity fills a critical need for a Texas A&M-led collaborative initiative that collects, stores and disseminates data, develops analytical tools, and promotes the use of web-based technologies to inform decision makers, residents, and other interested parties on reducing the adverse impacts of disasters. There is no other entity in Texas, or across the nation, that can leverage cutting-edge research capabilities, expertise across multiple disciplines, and access a broad local extension-based network with vast experience in education and community engagement. An entity dedicated to understanding and solving problems associated with natural disasters (floods, wind, fire, etc.) not just after, but in advance of the next major event, will be the only way to effectively protect the Texas economy and safety of its residents.

The purpose of this proposal is to formally establish the IDRT as a component of Texas A&M.

2. General Description of the IDRT and its Mission and Goals

As a university-wide institute, the IDRT will report to the Vice President for Research or designee. The IDRT will build upon and formalize the extensive role that the A&M System has played through the Commission to Rebuild Texas (CRT) in responding to Hurricane Harvey and

developing recommendations for long-term disaster resilience (one of which was to establish the IDRT itself). This initiative will focus on developing data information systems, analytical tools, and technological innovations to support the state in reducing the adverse impacts of disasters over the long term. Through this approach, Texas A&M can become the national leader in research, innovation, training, and policy for how to successfully live and thrive in a disaster-prone landscape.

As specified in Texas Education Code §86.82, the IDRT shall:

- (1) develop data analytics tools to support disaster planning, mitigation, response, and recovery by the state, its political subdivisions, and the public;
- (2) create and maintain web-based analytical and visual tools to communicate disaster risks and ways to reduce those risks, including tools that work on the level of individual parcels of land;
- (3) provide evidence-based information and solutions to aid in the formation of state and local partnerships to support disaster planning, mitigation, response, and recovery;
- (4) collect, display, and communicate comprehensive flood-related information, including applicable updated inundation maps, for use by decision-makers and the public; and
- (5) collaborate with institutions of higher education, as that term is defined by Section 61.003, state agencies, local governments, and other political subdivisions to accomplish the purposes of this section.

One of the main objectives for the IDRT is to develop a comprehensive disaster information system that collects, stores, analyzes, and predicts disaster impacts to inform stakeholders at multiple scales. This system will create a multi-level, multi-sourced repository for disaster-related data that can be utilized to address queries from state agencies, regional entities, local governments, and individual residents. The IDRT will provide a virtual and physical hub for data analytics and applied research that will engage and benefit local communities across Texas. The institute will act as a living laboratory that brings together and leverages the research activities and partnerships already taking place across multiple campuses within the A&M System, including Texas A&M, Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG), Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), and Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi). The IDRT will also partner and work with key A&M System agencies across the state, including the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Collaboration will also be sought with other universities in Texas with substantial disaster research programs, beginning with existing partnerships with the University of Texas at Austin, University of Houston, and Rice University.

3. Potential Faculty, Collaborations and Activities Associated with the IDRT

The faculty and researchers who will engage and work with the IDRT are numerous, coming from different campuses and colleges across the A&M System and other universities in Texas.

Examples of institutions and units (colleges and departments) that count expertise in data analytics associated with disasters and that are already collaborating on research projects include:

- TAMUG;
- Texas A&M, College of Engineering;
- Texas A&M, College of Geosciences;
- Texas A&M, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management;
- Texas A&M, Bush School of Government and Public Service;
- Texas A&M, College of Architecture;
- A&M-Corpus Christi;
- PVAMU;
- University of Texas at Austin;
- Rice University;
- University of Houston

Additional partners may also include the Energy Institute, the Smart Grid Center, the Texas A&M Institute of Data Science (TAMIDS), the University of Houston Hurricane Resilience and Research Institute, and the University of Houston Texas Hurricane Center.

4. Impact on Education and Training of Students

The IDRT will provide an education and training ground for students from multiple disciplines and university programs. The Commission to Rebuild Texas (CRT) has already involved students from engineering, geography, urban planning, and marine sciences. These students not only work on statistical models and data analytics, but also assist in the development of web communication tools and flood mitigation solutions. The IDRT will enable students and faculty to work directly with local communities, organizations, and other stakeholders along the Texas coast, providing a unique opportunity to better link “knowledge with action” and “learning with doing.”

Current and emerging high-impact educational experiences that the IDRT can facilitate include:

- Serve as the intellectual nexus for the new Ph.D. in Marine and Coastal Management and Science at TAMUG, a multidisciplinary program drawing upon expertise from faculty members in multiple fields from several campuses;
- Serve as a research nexus for dissertations and theses focused on disaster resilience across the A&M System;
- Provide opportunities for undergraduate research experiences and service learning/internships;
- Coordinate semester-away study and research, such as the existing program on flood risk reduction in the Netherlands; and
- Provide scholarships and fellowships for students engaging with the IDRT.

5. Broader Societal Impacts

A key function of the IDRT will be its ability to reduce the adverse impacts of disasters at the local level by linking research with extension and engagement. Partnering with various research and extension agencies in the A&M System and other state agencies will provide a prime opportunity to implement many of the solutions and products coming out of IDRT research. These outcomes will include web-based decision-making tools, training documents, and scenario impact models. A genuine connection between knowledge generation and resilient actions at the local level will protect Texas lives, property, and economies. Researchers will improve and expand existing web-dashboards being developed for the CRT that will help individuals better understand and analyze disaster risk.

6. Resource Requirements

Initial funding to lay the groundwork for the IDRT concepts and future funding was provided by the CRT in its response to Hurricane Harvey, leading to the legislative passage of the statute creating the IDRT. In addition, start-up funds of \$1 million per year for four years will be provided by the Chancellor's Research Initiative. These start-up funds will enable the IDRT to become fully operational and generate external funding to ensure its sustainability. Indirect funds from external grants and contracts will be used to support the administration of the IDRT.

7. Sources and Future Expectations of Financial Support

The IDRT will leverage and build upon the existing investments made by the CRT (\$750,000) and related currently funded projects to obtain additional external funds specific to the objectives stated above. Two existing projects funded by the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) and National Science Foundation (NSF) (see Table 1 below) totaling \$6 million will be folded into the IDRT. Near-term external funding opportunities and commitments from the TGLO and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) are designed to specifically support the IDRT total over \$43 million. Another key future opportunity is a proposal for an NSF Science and Technology Center or NSF Engineering Research Center.

Table 1: Funding Opportunities

Organization	Expected Contribution	Timing
Near-Term Funding Opportunities – Initial Proposals Accepted		
Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)	\$3.0 M	2020 – 2023
Texas General Land Office (TGLO)	\$40.00 M	2020-2032
Existing Funding		
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/National Academy of Science (NAS)	\$1.0 M	2019 – 2020
National Science Foundation - Partnerships for International Research and Education (NSF PIRE)	\$4.0 M (\$1.5M remaining)	2015 - 2020
TGLO	\$2.0 M	2019 – 2021
Future Opportunities – Proposals Submitted		
NSF	\$25.0M	2020 – 2025
US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)	\$12.0 M	2020-2032

8. Governance and Advisory Structure

The IDRT will be led by a Director (Dr. Sam Brody) who will report to the Vice President for Research or his/her designee. The IDRT will be governed by an Executive Advisory Committee comprised of A&M System and state representatives. With this approach, appropriate guidance can be given across the range of data analytical and web tool development activities the IDRT will pursue. Example membership and representation on the Executive Advisory Committee are as follows:

- Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services, A&M System
- Vice President for Research, Texas A&M
- Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, TAMUG
- TDEM
- Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering, Texas A&M
- Vice Chancellor and Dean of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Texas A&M

- Dean of Architecture, Texas A&M
- Dean of Geosciences, Texas A&M
- TTI
- Texas A&M Forest Service
- TEEX
- TGLO
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS)

9. Mechanisms for Periodic Review

A review committee will be established based on a subset of the Executive Advisory Committee described above. This committee will be charged with regular review and assessment of the IDRT's progress toward reaching its goals. In this respect, the Director will meet regularly with the review committee to ensure satisfactory progress is made. An annual report by the Director will also be delivered to this committee for more detailed and formal review. Each member of the review committee will serve a two-year term. The IDRT will be reviewed periodically in accordance with A&M System policies and Texas A&M procedures.

10. Conclusion

Establishment of the IDRT is a logical extension of the work already done by CRT participants working for the Chancellor of the A&M System. One of the main conclusions of CRT leadership is that there needs to be an entity that works on developing data-driven analytical tools to support a more disaster resilient Texas on a continual basis, not just in response to the last catastrophic storm event. The only way to significantly reduce the growing impact of disasters across Texas and facilitate the development of more resilient local communities is a constant presence for data analytics, collaborative databases, on-line tools, and risk communication. The formation and support of the IDRT would achieve these goals.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS

Office of the President

March 2, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Texas A&M University-Central Texas

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Central Texas as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Marc A. Nigliazzo, Ph.D.
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure</u>		<u>Effective Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment Towards Tenure</u>
		<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>			
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION						
Dr. Jeremy J. Berry	Assistant Professor Counseling and Psychology	6	4	Upon Approval by the Board	Ph.D. (2013) Texas Tech University	2010 - 2014 Assistant Professor South Plains College 2014 - Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University- Central Texas
Dr. Hao-Min Chen	Associate Professor Counseling and Psychology	3	4	Upon Approval by the Board	Ph.D. (2013) The University of Georgia	2013 - 2017 Assistant Professor Alliant International University 2017 - 2019 Assistant Professor Texas A&M University- Central Texas 2019 - Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University- Central Texas

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Marc A. Nigliazzo, Ph.D., President
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2021 at Texas A&M University-Central Texas (A&M-Central Texas).

Background Information:

System Policy [31.03, Leaves of Absence](#), and System Regulation [12.99.01, Faculty Development Leave](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At A&M-Central Texas, the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, University Faculty Development Leave Committee (elected by Faculty Senate), provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, and president.

As shown in the exhibit, A&M-Central Texas requests approval for faculty development leave for one faculty member for FY 2021.

A&M-Central Texas is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

No additional funding is required. Department faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty member's teaching load by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Strategic Imperative Four-The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio. This request supports strategic imperative four and will enhance A&M-Central Texas' ability to build its research portfolio by providing a faculty member at the rank of professor the opportunity to build on our research and increase prominence by conducting research in this interdisciplinary field.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS

Office of the President

February 22, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2021, Texas A&M University-Central Texas.”

Respectfully submitted,

Marc A. Nigliazzo
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST
FY 2021
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS**

Name/ Title/ Department	Years of Texas A&M University- Central Texas Tenured, Tenure- Track Service	Semester of Leave	Location and Brief Description of Leave
COLLEGE OF ARTS and SCIENCES			
Allen Redmon Professor English and Film Studies	11	Fall 2020	Dr. Allen Redmon's leave will take place in Killeen, Texas, De Montfort University in Leicester, UK, New Orleans, LA and New York, NY. He will spend his leave completing his monograph, <i>Rewatching on the Point of the Index</i> . This monograph develops a broader notion of indexicality and refocuses attention on the three specific types of spectatorial activity: the indefinite index, the imaginative index and the intertextual index. Dr. Redmon holds the position of president of the Literature/Film Association (LFA) which is the premier scholarly organization dedicated to the study of the intersections of literature and film in the world. He will establish formal interactions between the LFA and the Association for Adaptation Studies based at De Montfort University as a part of his faculty development leave. He will also organize <i>adaptation</i> as a standing forum within the Modern Language Association. The time spent conducting research will cement Dr. Redmon's position as a top scholar in film studies. A&M-Central Texas graduate and undergraduate students will benefit from his connections with top scholars across the United States and Europe and his expertise in the field. This activity is consistent with the university strategic plan and will help increase the international visibility and reputation of the College of Arts and Sciences, administration, and the university.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Office of the President

March 5, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Texas A&M University-Commerce

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Commerce as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Rudin
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards</u> <u>Tenure*</u> <u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS						
Dr. Caroline Hartmann	Assistant Professor Accounting and Finance	6	0	09/01/2020	D.B.A. (2015) Kennesaw State University	Fa 2014 – Su 2015 Assistant Professor Professional Track Texas A&M University Commerce Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES						
Dr. Amy Corp	Assistant Professor Curriculum and Instruction	6	0	09/01/2020	Ed.D. (2014) Baylor University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce
Dr. Kathryn V. Dixon	Assistant Professor Curriculum and Instruction	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of North Texas	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES (Continued)

Dr. Steven L. Prewitt	Assistant Professor Health and Human Performance	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of Utah	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce
Dr. Sarah L. Rodriguez	Associate Professor Higher Education and Learning Technologies	1	4	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2015) University of Texas	Fa 2015 – Su 2019 Assistant Professor Iowa State University Fa 2019 – Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce
Dr. Erika L. Schmit	Assistant Professor Counseling	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2015) Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi	Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ARTS

Dr. Andrew C. Baker	Assistant Professor History	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) Rice University	Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Dr. Lin Guo	Assistant Professor Biological and Environmental Sciences	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of Akron	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (Continued)

Dr. Rebecca-Anne Dibbs	Assistant Professor Mathematics	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of Northern Colorado	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce
Dr. Robynne M. Lock	Assistant Professor Physics and Astronomy	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Colorado	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce
Dr. Johanna Delgado-Acevedo	Assistant Professor Biological and Environmental Sciences	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) Texas A&M University- Kingsville	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Commerce

*Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Mark J. Rudin, President
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2021 at Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce).

Background Information:

System Policy [31.03, Leaves of Absence](#), and System Regulation [12.99.01, Faculty Development Leave](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At A&M-Commerce, the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, university development leave committee (elected by the general faculty), provost and vice president for academic affairs and president.

As shown in the exhibit, A&M-Commerce requests approval for faculty development leave for eight faculty members for FY 2021.

A&M-Commerce is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

No additional funding is required. Department faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty members' teaching loads by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The item advances Strategic Imperative 4, which provides: "The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio."

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Office of the President

March 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021, Texas A&M University-Commerce

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2021, Texas A&M University-Commerce.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Rudin
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor
and Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST
FY 2021
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

Name/ Title/ Department	Years of A&M- Commerce Tenured, Tenure-Track Service	Semester of Leave	Location and Brief Description of Leave
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Stephen Reysen Associate Professor Psychology and Special Education	10	Fall 2020	Dr. Reysen's leave will take place in Lexington, Kentucky, where he will write a manuscript detailing theory and research regarding anime fandom. Anime fans are individuals interested in Japanese animation and graphic novels. In collaboration with colleagues, Dr. Reysen has published multiple research papers on anime fandom over the past six years. While on leave, Dr. Reysen will review this research and provide new analysis not included in previous published works. The book will contribute to the field and scholarship of anime fandom by integrating prior and current research with a focus on anime fans. The estimated timeline for the completion of the manuscript is May 2021.
Karin Tochkov Associate Professor Psychology and Special Education	9	Spring 2021	Dr. Tochkov's leave will take place in Commerce and Rockwall, Texas. She will write a manuscript regarding the use of antidepressants, their benefits and consequences. Dr. Tochkov will work on a psychological case study of an identified female patient. The study will focus on psychiatric medication across the lifespan of individuals and the impact antidepressants have in their lives. The goal of the case study is to show the complicated role medications play in patients and to urge caution in prescribing practices and taking prescribed medication. The title of the project is "The Sad Side of Happy Pills."

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES & ARTS

Leigh Merrill Associate Professor Art	7.5	Fall 2020	Dr. Merrill's leave will take place in Dallas, Texas, with travel to Redwood National and State Parks in California, Cook Forest State Park in Pennsylvania, and the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico, where she will take source photographs. She will compile these photographs into a database from which to create digitally collaged images. These forest images visually explore the spatial formation of place and myth. The audience will include art museums, galleries, curators, and art historians at cultural institutions. This project work will create peer-review, exhibition, grant, and conference opportunities. Collaged images are to be completed in January 2021.
Mylynka Cardona Assistant Professor History	3	Fall 2020	Dr. Cardona's leave will take place in London, the Hague and New York, where she will focus on the completion of a historical monograph about the life and legacy of Alexandrine Petronella Tinne (1835-1869). This project provides the first historical account of Tinne and provides a case study to allow analysis of the role of Western women traveling and exploring in the East during the Victorian era. Her travels established her status as a female explorer of Africa in the mid-nineteenth century, a time when Western societies did not think of women as explorers. Dr. Cardona will focus on archival research and an examination of new materials acquired from the Tinne family within the last five years. As part of the project, Dr. Cardona will attend an intensive Dutch for Reading Knowledge graduate course at Columbia University.
Andrew Baker Associate Professor History	4.5	Spring 2021	Dr. Baker's leave will take place in Commerce, Texas. He will work on his peer-reviewed historical monograph that uses the methods of commodity history to trace the twentieth-century history of arsenic from copper mines in Montana, to smelters of Tacoma, Washington, to agrochemical companies, to the jungles of Vietnam and ultimately to the cotton fields of East Texas. The manuscript is expected to be ready for submission by the end of summer 2021.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING			
Kurtis A. Williams Associate Professor Physics & Astronomy	9	Spring 2021	Dr. Williams' leave will take place in California, where he will attend a multi-week, in-residence international research program at the University of California in Santa Barbara called "White Dwarfs as Probes of the Evolution of Planets, Stars, the Milky Way, and the Expanding Universe." Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics hosts this in-residence program which brings together international researchers to interact and collaborate. The focus of Dr. Williams' leave is to complete a catalog of open cluster white dwarf stars and combine other data to confirm the nature of white dwarfs, cluster membership and to flag objects of particular astrophysical interest. Dr. Williams was invited to participate in this program which runs from March 15 through May 7, 2021.
Nikolay Sirakov Professor Mathematics	15	Spring 2021	Dr. Sirakov's leave will take place in France, Turkey and Alabama, where he will conduct research with colleagues at the University of Paris; Yildiz Technical University in Istanbul; University of Alabama at Birmingham; and Texas A&M University-Commerce. His study will continue the development of new methods to calculate the multi-vectors coefficients in the CA Cl, and to develop new formulas for Clifford product calculation between multi-vectors in Cl. Plans are to develop new kernels for SVMs and CNNs for faces, melanoma recognition and tracking targets in video.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Mark J. Rudin, President
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Cybersecurity, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The proposed B.S. in Cybersecurity degree program at A&M-Commerce will prepare individuals to assess the security needs, recommend safeguard solutions, and manage the implementation and maintenance of computer and network systems, security devices and systems. The degree program will include instruction in computer architecture, programming, and systems analysis; networking; telecommunications; cryptography; Internet of Things (IoT); security system design; applicable law and regulations; risk assessment and policy analysis; contingency planning; user access issues; investigation techniques; and troubleshooting.

The program will be offered in a face-to-face format on campus at the RELLIS Academic Alliance located in Bryan, Texas. Faculty hired to teach at this location will be subject to and reviewed by the same criteria as faculty who instruct at the main campus in Commerce, Texas. Implementation is proposed for fall 2020.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Estimated costs for the first five years of program implementation total \$1,642,920 for faculty and staff salaries, program administration, library resources, and equipment. The estimated revenue for the first five years of program implementation is \$3,836,370. Sources of funding include designated tuition, formula funding, reallocation of existing resources, and other state funding, as well as anticipated grant and gift funding.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This item advances Imperative 5.

The B.S. Cybersecurity program will be under the guidance of the RELLIS Academic Alliance and the RELLIS Cybersecurity Alliance. This innovative partnership provides faculty and students access to resources and technology unique to RELLIS. This includes, but is not limited to, IoT/IoMT Apartment Laboratory, Texas Cyber-Range, Joint Industry/Education Security Laboratory, Cybersecurity Center and Security Operations Center.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Office of the President

January 31, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Commerce’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Rudin
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Bachelor of Science
with a major in Cybersecurity
(CIP 11.1003.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Department of Computer Science & Information Sciences within the College of Science & Engineering

A Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Cybersecurity prepares individuals to assess the security needs of computer and network systems, recommend safeguard solutions, and manage the implementation and maintenance of security devices, systems, and procedures. The degree includes instruction in computer architecture, programming, and systems analysis; networking; telecommunications; cryptography; Internet of Things (IoT); security system design; applicable law and regulations; risk assessment and policy analysis; contingency planning; user access issues; investigation techniques; and troubleshooting.

By following the standards set forth by the Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET, graduates from a cybersecurity program will have the ability to:

1. Analyze a complex computing problem and apply principles of computing and other relevant disciplines to identify solutions.
2. Design, implement, and evaluate a computing-based solution to meet a given set of computing requirements in the context of the program's discipline.
3. Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts.
4. Recognize professional responsibilities and make informed judgments in computing practice based on legal and ethical principles.
5. Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in activities appropriate to the program's discipline.
6. Apply security principles and practices to maintain operations in the presence of risks and threats.

The proposed B.S. in Cybersecurity will be offered on The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) RELIS campus in Bryan, Texas. RELIS Academic Alliance educational partners include Blinn College and A&M System institutions. Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) will offer upper-division degree courses in a face-to-face format.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2020.

A&M-Commerce certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.45 in regard to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards and costs.

NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

The ability of the United States to secure its cyberspace from both physical and cyber threats has become of vital concern. A recent ransomware cyberattack in Texas that affected numerous municipalities highlights the growing risk. According to the Texas Comptroller's Office report, Texas ranked third behind California and Florida in the total number of cyber victims and second in financial losses in 2017. The same report noted that the demand for a cybersecurity workforce is outpacing the supply of trained professionals. The Director of the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security at the University of Texas at San Antonio stated, *"the nation simply can't train enough people to fill all open positions and keep up with growing demand. We could double the number of people in school now and still not fill all open positions."*

In the Business Facilities' 15th Annual Rankings: State Rankings Report (2019), Texas was the highest-ranked state for cyber-related job growth. Nationally, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2018) projected a national growth rate of 32% over the next decade for information security analysts. The growth rate is even higher in Texas. The Texas Comptroller's Office projected an increase of more than 3,100 information security analysts, which equates to 40.1% for the top ten industry sectors in Texas by 2027. Cyber Seek, a project supported by the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education, a program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology in the U.S. Department of Commerce, indicated there are 504,316 job openings in the cyber fields across the United States. Of these 504,316 openings, Cyber Seek reported 43,170 are in Texas. The Texas Economic Development Corporation (2019) indicated Texas was the top employer for the Internet Service Provider sector and second nationally for the Computer Systems Design sector of the IT industry.

B. Projected Enrollment

Enrollment in the first year is anticipated to be 10 students and will reach 100 students in year five. Graduation and attrition rates were considered based upon actual data from the three engineering programs implemented at A&M-Commerce, all of which exceeded their first five-year enrollment projections.

Every student in the program at RELLIS will be a transfer student from a regional community/junior college. According to the American Association of Community Colleges, community colleges account for 41% of the total undergraduate population in the United States. The American Association of Community Colleges also reported that community college students represent 52% of the Hispanic and 42% of the African American undergraduate students in the United States. The American Society for Engineering Education reported that only 21.9% of all bachelor's degrees in engineering, including computer science, were earned by women in 2018. Women represent 56% of the students in community colleges.

C. Existing State Programs

While there are several engineering, computer science, and management information systems programs in Texas that integrate cybersecurity courses into their curriculum, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) reports three undergraduate programs under the CIP code 11.1003.00.

Institution	Program Name	CIP Code
Lamar University	CYBERSECURITY	11.1003.00
Sam Houston State University	DIGITAL AND CYBER FORENSICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY	11.1003.00
The University of Texas at San Antonio	CYBER SECURITY	11.1003.00

According to the THECB Accountability System, in 2018, there were 1,067 undergraduate students enrolled in the public universities in these programs and 94 bachelor's degrees awarded. It should be noted that if every student enrolled in these programs graduated over

the next four years, the total would fall well short of the Texas Comptroller Office's projection for information security analysts alone, not considering all of the cyber-related positions across the state.

I. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

The proposed cybersecurity curriculum requires 18 upper-level cybersecurity courses. It is estimated, based upon the projected enrollment, that the program will require 3.0 full-time equivalent faculty by the fourth year. There are two current faculty at the RELLIS campus teaching in the Computer Science program, which will be reallocated over the first two years. The faculty hold doctorates in Computer Science & Engineering and Electrical & Computer Engineering. Both have industry and research experience in the areas of computer science and cybersecurity. *(Projected 5-year faculty costs are \$373,230. Reallocated funds will be \$1,119,690.)*

B. Program Administration

The B.S. in Cybersecurity will be administered by the Department of Computer Science & Information Systems, under the College of Science & Engineering. No new administrative positions are anticipated. In addition to the A&M-Commerce Dean and Department Head who will oversee the program, the A&M System provides on-site administration to oversee the operational logistics of the RELLIS campus and facilities. *(There are no new 5-year projected costs associated with program administration.)*

C. Other Personnel

In addition to the administration, other staff and resources provided at RELLIS by the Texas A&M System can be found at <https://rellis.tamusc.edu/academicalliance/resources/>. Blinn College provides full administration and student support services for the lower-level undergraduate courses and associate's degree programs for students preparing to enter programs within the RELLIS Academic Alliance. *(There are no 5-year projected costs associated with personnel other than faculty.)*

D. Supplies, Materials

Instructional supplies and materials are estimated to require \$20,000 as startup in the first year but reduced to \$10,000 for years two through five. *(Projected 5-year supplies and materials cost is \$60,000.)*

E. Library

"The Collection Development Committee will continue to review and assess the cybersecurity collections of peer and aspirational institutions for opportunities to enhance collection materials. I am confident that the library already has sufficient collection resources in place to support the needs of the proposed program."

Lanee Dunlap | Dean of Libraries
Texas A&M University-Commerce

(There are no 5-year projected costs associated with the library.)

F. Equipment and Facilities

The cybersecurity program will be housed in the A&M System Academic Building on the RELLIS campus. The following facilities and resources are available to faculty/students at RELLIS: 1) Collaborative Computer Classroom/Laboratory; 2) Residential IoT Apartment

Laboratory; 3) Server Room; 4) Texas Cyber Range; 5) Texas A&M Cybersecurity Center; and 6) Texas A&M System Security Operations Center. The second RELLIS Academic Building will provide additional facilities, including a Joint Industry/Education Security Laboratory. *(There are no 5-year projected costs associated with facilities.)*

G. Accreditation

The curriculum has been aligned with the program criteria for Cybersecurity programs defined by the CAC of ABET and the NSF CAE Knowledge Units. A&M-Commerce will seek ABET accreditation within five years of program inception as well as CAE Designation. Departmental supplies, travel, and expenses are associated with ABET accreditation and NSF designation. *(Projected 5-year costs are \$90,000.)*

II. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

Five-Year Costs		Five-Year Funding	
Personnel ¹		Reallocated Funds ³	\$1,119,690
Faculty	\$1,492,920		
Administration	\$0		
Graduate Assistants	\$0		
Clerical/Staff	\$0		
Other Personnel	\$0		
Facilities, Equipment & IT Resources	\$0	Anticipated New Formula Funding ⁴	\$375,918
Supplies and Materials	\$60,000	Special Item Funding	\$0
Library	\$0	Designated Tuition	\$2,340,762
Other ²	\$90,000	Other ⁵	\$0
Total Costs	\$1,642,920	Total Funding	\$3,836,370

1. Includes costs for new faculty hires, reallocated faculty, program administration, clerical, and technical support staff. For new faculty and reallocated faculty and staff, individual salaries are prorated as a percentage of the time assigned to the program.
2. Includes costs associated with departmental operating expenses, professional development travel, expenses associated with ABET accreditation, and NSF National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education designation.
3. Reallocated funds include faculty and staff reassignments as well as University institutional funds.
4. Indicates formula funding for students new to the institution because of the program. Formula funding included only for years three through five of the program and reflects enrollment projections for years three through five.
5. Other sources of funding include statutory tuition, HEAF, and designated tuition. A&M-Commerce will actively seek to raise industry support over the five-year funding period. This anticipated revenue is not included in the table.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Mark J. Rudin, President
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science with a Major in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The B.S. in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems is an interdisciplinary degree program that combines courses from a variety of agricultural-related disciplines to provide students with a systems approach to studying the challenges and opportunities affecting current and future food systems. The program will be 120 semester credit hours and consist of the university core curriculum, major field of study courses, a minor, and electives. The minor and electives will allow students to tailor the degree to their specific career objectives.

The proposed implementation date for the degree program is fall 2020.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

This program will utilize existing faculty, facilities, and university resources. Program growth will be monitored, and an additional tenured or tenure-track faculty position will be added if needed. No additional Texas A&M University System (A&M System) funding is anticipated. New costs during the first five years of the program will not exceed \$2 million.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This new degree request advances Strategic Imperatives #1 and #3. This program will provide an educational opportunity that addresses a specific interest of students in Texas as well as a need identified by industry, consumers, and trade partners. Presently, no A&M System university offers a bachelor's degree in this field. The B.S. in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems will offer students a new perspective on agricultural production methods as well as career pathways in the agriculture and food sectors of our economy. The program will help in the recruitment and retention of a more diverse student body and applies to Texans from rural and urban areas.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Office of the President

February 21, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science with a Major in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Commerce’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Rudin
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University-Commerce

**Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
(CIP 01.0308.00)**

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems is an interdisciplinary degree program that combines courses from a variety of agricultural-related disciplines to provide students a systems approach to studying the challenges and opportunities affecting current and future food systems.

The following educational objectives will guide the program:

1. Identify economic, environmental, political, and social factors that impact global food security.
2. Apply appropriate technology to solve problems in food production, processing, and distribution.
3. Utilize communication and leadership skills to formulate and disseminate good agricultural practices.
4. Recognize distinctions and contributions from various segments of farming and agribusiness.
5. Advocate for ethical treatment of agricultural and food workers in rural and urban communities.
6. Conserve natural resources and effectively manage land, water, crops, and livestock.
7. Analyze food and farm policies for barriers to sustainability.

Marketable skills included in the educational objectives will be identified and communicated to students through program recruitment materials and syllabi for individual courses included in the major.

The program will use a variety of instructional practices to deliver courses that are consistent with best practices in sustainable agriculture and food systems. Experiential learning will serve to connect classroom content to practical application through laboratory instruction and internships.

This program requires 120 SCH consisting of 42 semester credit hours (SCH) for the core curriculum, 48 SCH for the major, 18 SCH for a minor, and 12 SCH for electives. The curriculum includes courses in agriculture, agribusiness, animal science, food science, plant and soil sciences, and natural resources management. The 48 SCH major is comprehensive but emphasizes sustainability for enterprise, industry, and society. The 18 SCH minor and 12 SCH of electives allow students to tailor the degree to personal and professional interests.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2020.

Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Subchapter C, Section 5.45 in regard to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in its 2017 report, *The Future of Food and Agriculture-Trends and Challenges*, food systems should be more efficient, inclusive, and resilient. The agriculture industry needs leaders, managers, educators, and advocates in addition to farmers and farm operators who understand the principles of sustainability and how these apply to food production, processing, and distribution. Data obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics does not allow identification of occupational trends for those who have specific education or career interests in sustainable agriculture and food systems; FAO and industry trends suggest that this training will be preferred in the future. Agriculture and food science technicians can anticipate a 6% growth in employment in 2018-2028 with conservation scientists seeing a 3% growth in that time. Food scientists and technologists and soil and plant scientists industries anticipate a 7% growth in that time, respectively. The median annual salaries for those occupations range from \$44,170-\$72,570.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2018

B. Projected Enrollment

Student demand for this program is based upon student inquiries and emerging enrollment trends nationwide. Enrollment in FDSC 421 Food Systems: Farm to Fork, as well as student feedback in other agriculture courses, and student inquiries for courses or a major in sustainable agriculture or food systems provide sufficient evidence that this should be a popular major at A&M-Commerce.

A&M-Commerce has experienced a steady increase in enrollment over the past three years. Many of these students come from non-farm backgrounds and are interested in how and where their food is produced. This major will feed that curiosity and prepare students for rewarding careers in the food and agriculture industries.

We anticipate enrollment to grow over the next five years, as indicated in Table 2.

Table 2 Projected Enrollment and Graduates for the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems

Academic Year	Projected Enrollment	Projected Graduates
2020-2021	8-10	0
2021-2022	16	0
2022-2023	25	8
2023-2024	35	12
2024-2025	48	16

C. Existing State Programs

This relatively new major field of study has been added at several land-grant and regional universities across the country as well as several liberal arts colleges, yet there is but one baccalaureate program in Texas. The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley added this major in fall 2018 in the School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences. It is an interdisciplinary program from an institution that has little history with agricultural instruction.

Sam Houston State University offers a master's degree program in this field. No other public institutions in the state were found to offer a bachelor's degree in this area or one with a similar name or CIP code.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

The program will not require new faculty to start. Currently, the university has two faculty positions that will teach the sustainable agriculture and food systems courses required by the major. With the anticipated growth of this program, the department expects to need to add another additional faculty member by year four of the program. We do not anticipate a need for adjunct faculty to support this program in the first five years.

B. Program Administration

This program will be administered by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources under the direct supervision of the assistant dean. No additional administrative costs, beyond recruitment, are anticipated with the addition of this program.

C. Other Personnel

Two additional graduate assistants to assist with experiential learning and laboratory teaching will be needed beginning in year two and a second in year three.

D. Supplies, Materials

The need for additional supplies to accommodate new courses and field experiences at the farm and greenhouse should not exceed \$2,000 per year.

E. Library

A&M-Commerce has conducted a program of study and research in the area of sustainable agriculture for many years. The library has obtained and maintained the resources necessary to support this area and no additional costs are anticipated to establish the proposed degree program.

F. Equipment, Facilities

Faculty and students for this program will have access to the Twin Oaks Farm for experiential learning, greenhouses, and a fenced two-acre plot designated for growing vegetables that are managed by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. We do not anticipate a need for additional facilities or equipment for this program.

G. Accreditation

There is no national accreditation for programs in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems. This program will fall under SACSCOC accreditation with the university.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$ 991,504	Formula Income	\$91,352
Program Administration		Statutory Tuition	\$406,500
Graduate Assistants	\$113,750	Reallocation	\$847,074
Supplies & Materials	\$10,000	Designated Tuition	\$891,698
Library & IT Resources		Other Funding:	
Equipment, Facilities		List other funding	
Other			
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$1,115,254	Estimated 5-Year Revenues	\$2,236,624

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Mark J. Rudin, President
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Subject: Approval of a New Master of Public Health Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The M.P.H. will produce graduates with the competencies needed for effective public health practice in Texas. With a firm grounding in public health principles and practices, these graduates will also have the foundation for advance certifications in public health specialty areas and training in other health professions. With gaps in the current workforce and the growth in new aspects of public health practice in health departments, health care systems, non-governmental agencies and community-based organizations, there is a strong market for master's-prepared graduates. Furthermore, as the large baby-boomer population ages and people remain active later in life, increased demands for healthcare services and ways to improve quality of life will continue.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

New costs during the first five years of the program will not exceed \$2 million. Sources of support funding and estimations include: formula income (\$72,824), statutory tuition (\$79,200), reallocation (\$467,492), and designated tuition (\$173,733).

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The agenda item proposing a new M.P.H. degree aligns with the System Strategic Plan initiative, specifically items 2 (The A&M System will remain affordable and accessible) and 5 (The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state's economy). The new program will be online, therefore decreasing student constraints related to accessibility, while providing support to assure students' progress to graduate on time based on the curriculum. For the second initiative, graduates from the M.P.H. will obtain necessary skills needed to meet the demands of the people of Texas. As statewide chronic disease rates increase and our population retires and ages, the demands for highly trained public health workers will continue. During the program, students will have the opportunity to design and implement programs aimed at preventing or controlling chronic diseases at the local and state levels. Ultimately, our M.P.H. graduates will have the necessary skills to drive innovative public health solutions that improve quality of life for all Texans.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Office of the President

February 20, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Master of Public Health Degree Program, and Authorization to
Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Master of Public Health.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Commerce’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Rudin
President

Approval Recommended:

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Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Master of Public Health
(CIP 51.2201.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Education and Human Services

The Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) will produce graduates with the competencies needed for effective public health practice. With gaps in the current workforce and the growth in new aspects of public health practice, there is a strong market for master's-prepared graduates. Furthermore, as the large baby-boomer population ages and people remain active later in life, increased demands for healthcare services and ways to improve quality of life will continue.

The M.P.H. degree will prepare students with the skillset needed to become leading public health professionals capable of addressing current health problems with multidisciplinary and evidence-based approaches. This includes a background in the public health sciences of epidemiology, demography, environmental sciences, and social sciences for population health improvement; and an understanding of health policy. Also included are practical skills for population health practice including collection and use of data to measure community health, disease surveillance, outbreak and disaster response, and program and project management; and the ability to lead health service organizations and communities to protect and improve health. The M.P.H. curriculum will consist of 42 semester credit hours with a general public health track focused on social and behavioral health.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2020.

Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Subchapter C, Section 5.45 in regard to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook forecasts job growth from 2018 to 2028 in several public health-related positions that prefer or require a master's degree for entry. Employment for medical and health services managers is projected to grow 18 percent, "much faster than average" job growth; and environmental science technicians and health service, social service and community service managers are expected to have "faster than average growth."

B. Job Market Need

Current literature reports that serious public health workforce shortages limit the nation's capacity and plans for enhancement. Between 1980 and 2000, the public health workforce dwindled by 50,000 workers while the U.S. population increased, got older and more diverse. This growth is expected to increase 19% from 2000 to 2020, and the number of Americans ages 65 and older projected to nearly double from 52 million to 95 million by 2060. The Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) estimates that 250,000 more public health workers will be needed by 2020 to dodge a workforce shortage that would leave the nation vulnerable to a range of pending threats, including infectious diseases such as pandemic flu, bioterrorism and natural disasters.

To add to this seemingly daunting reality, age-based and early retirement losses are also occurring. Currently, according to the Public Health Workforce interests and needs survey (PHWINS), 37% of the public health workforce are baby boomers. Surveys show that in public health agencies, 25% of the workforce plan to retire before 2020, with an additional 18% reporting intentions to leave their current organizations within a year. Since 2008, more than 52,200 state and local governmental public health positions have been lost; a loss of 17% of the state and territorial public health workforce and a loss of 22% of the local public health workforce. Even without the current workforce shortfall, there has been a long-term demand for public health workers with appropriate levels of training. The estimation that four out of five current public health workers have not had formal training for their specific job functions has become a rallying point for workforce development initiatives. Graduate-level public health training is becoming increasingly preferred by both employers and professionals who are demanding higher educated workers.

C. Student Demand

Student demand is reflected in the growth of graduate public health programs nationally reflective in number of degrees awarded over time. Between 1992 and 2016, the number of graduate degrees awarded in public health almost quadrupled, increasing from 4,481 to 19,124, while M.P.H. specific degrees awarded tripled, increasing from 3,845 to 12,533 respectively.

Rapid growth has continued since the original 1992 data, particularly for the M.P.H. degree. Although undergraduate public health degrees are also on the rise, M.P.H. degrees consistently remain higher and of interest to students. M.P.H. programs attract public health graduates or professionals as well as individuals from other backgrounds looking to explore interdisciplinary options.

D. Projected Enrollment

Currently, we have approximately 17 students enrolled in the health promotion concentration master's degree track, with an average of five students enrolling each calendar year. The following enrollment projections are based on demonstrable student demand and consider several factors such as attrition and graduation.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total New Students	15	5	6	10	10
Attrition	0	2	3	5	5
Cumulative Headcount	15	18	21	26	31
FTSE (New only)	15	20	26	36	46
Graduates	0	0	10	15	20

E. Existing State Programs

The M.P.H. degree is the most common graduate-level degree awarded by Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accredited schools and programs of public health. An inquiry from the National Center for Education Statistics on four-year institutions that offer an advanced degree in public health generated a list inclusive of 329 institutions. According to CEPH, in 2016, a total of 91 CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health conferred graduate-level degrees.

In total, there are 11 universities, nine in health-related institutions, five authorized by certificate including three for profit colleges and universities and two other institutions that offer these degrees in Texas. Those offering specific M.P.H. degrees similar to the proposed program include: Texas Woman's University, University of Texas at Arlington and El Paso, Texas Tech University Health Science Center (HSC), University of Texas HSC in Houston and Tyler, and University of North Texas HSC. The closest institutions are the University of Texas HSC in Tyler, the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of North Texas HSC in Fort Worth. Program delivery for these institutions is a mix of online and in person compared to fully online as the new M.P.H. program at A&M-Commerce proposes. Online delivery provides an innovative method of learning that allows working professionals the flexibility to attain a graduate degree.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

The program will begin with one tenured and two tenure-track faculty. An additional tenured or tenure-track faculty position is anticipated in the fourth year.

B. Program Administration

Initially, no additional administrative costs will be required as existing resources within the department will be utilized. As the program grows, estimated costs could increase to \$45,275.

C. Other Personnel

No additional personnel will be required as existing resources within the department will be utilized.

D. Supplies, Materials

Although this is a fully online program, the program will use existing supplies and materials to conduct the degree program.

E. Library

The library's collection includes over 500,000 print books, 55,000 print serials, 100,000 online journals, 335,000 eBooks, and 255 research databases. Public health and related discipline resources (i.e., health behavior, epidemiology, policy and management, environmental health, and biostatistics) include subscriptions to 1,267 journals, 3,924 books/e-Books, and 19 research databases. The current public health resources combined with additional multidisciplinary databases are adequate to support a M.P.H. degree.

F. Equipment, Facilities

Although this is a fully online program, the program will use existing facilities of the A&M-Commerce Field House for office space and computer labs later on in the new Nursing and Health Science building. Students will also have access to computer labs located at the A&M-Commerce main campus, with facilities and equipment made available and adequate to conduct this program and to ensure quality in teaching and learning, and consistent with standards of similar programs in Texas and the U.S.

G. Accreditation

As the program grows, A&M-Commerce plans to seek accreditation with the CEPH according to its criteria to be considered for specialized accreditation. Costs for initial accreditation and upkeep will be approximately \$12,000.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$635,841	Formula Income	\$ 72,824
Program Administration	\$45,275	Statutory Tuition	\$79,200
Graduate Assistants	\$0	Reallocation	\$467,492
Supplies & Materials	\$0	Designated Tuition	\$173,733
Library & IT Resources	\$0	Other Funding:	\$0
Equipment, Facilities	\$0	List other funding	\$0
Other	\$0		
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$681,116	Estimated 5-Year Revenues	\$793,249

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Subject: Approval to Amend the FY 2020 – FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to Add the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project with a Fiscal Year 2021 Start Date and Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for the Pre-Construction and Construction Services, and Approval for Construction of the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (Project No. 15-840120)

Proposed Board Action:

- (1) Amend the approved FY 2020 – FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) with an FY 2021 start date and a total planning amount up to \$9,500,000.
- (2) Approve the project scope and budget.
- (3) Appropriate an amount up to \$9,500,000 for construction services and related project costs.
- (4) Approve construction of the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project at A&M-Corpus Christi.

Funding/Budget Amount:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Average Estimated Annual Debt Service</u>	<u>Debt Service Source</u>
Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds*	<u>\$9,500,000</u>	\$655,850	Energy Savings
Total Project Funds	<u>\$9,500,000</u>		

*** A&M-Corpus Christi is evaluating financing options to include Revenue Financing System debt and third-party financing. Either way, energy savings will be used to repay the debt. In order to complete the energy savings projects, an amount up to \$9.5 Million will be appropriated.**

Project Justification:

Through The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) negotiated energy savings program contracts, A&M-Corpus Christi invited three of the A&M System-approved Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) to conduct presentations and participate in a Preliminary Utility Audit (PUA) at its campus. The selected ESCO's utility audit evaluated 34 campus facilities totaling 1,934,078 square feet and showed utility consumption reduction opportunities of approximately 17%, which would yield more than \$649,000 in projected annual utility cost savings. An Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase I Project was completed by the selected ESCO in 2019, wherein utility consumption reduction was reduced by 15%. The Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project is an expansion of that initial process.

A&M-Corpus Christi selected Ameresco as the ESCO contractor to proceed with for negotiation of a campus-wide Investment Grade Audit (IGA). Through the IGA (or Energy Audit Report), the ESCO contractor (i) collected data related to Owner's use and operation of the premises, which included observations of the premises, determination of the base year energy consumption, financial analyses of the cost and benefit of energy and water conservation measures; and (ii) prepared a detailed Energy Audit Report, which analyzed current energy consumption at the premises, made recommendations for energy efficient equipment upgrades and energy conservation measures, and a detailed analysis of implementation costs and anticipated energy and water savings resulting from such improvements and assumptions upon which the projected savings are based. The Energy Audit Report provided A&M-Corpus Christi with the information necessary for the evaluation of the costs and benefits of proceeding with the utility consumption reduction project.

The implementation of these measures will result in reduced energy consumption, a minimized carbon footprint, and an enhanced campus infrastructure which will create a better environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The \$9,500,000 includes a GMP from the ESCO and will be repaid over the project term through purchased utility cost avoidance. If the guaranteed utility savings are not achieved, the ESCO is responsible to make up savings shortfalls to the university at the ESCO's cost.

Scope:

The Investment Grade Audit evaluated every major building on campus for opportunities to save electricity, natural gas, water, and sewer. Through continuous refinement during the process, measures were optimized for each building. The scope of works includes a comprehensive retrofit of the interior and exterior building lighting to high efficiency LED; water conservation fixture retrofits; high efficiency transformer replacements; and replacement of three chillers beyond their useful lives in the Central Utility Plant.

The following table shows the buildings included in the recommended scope of work.

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No.	Building	Building Full Name	Abbr.	Built	Floors	Rooms	Gross Square Feet
1	101	Classroom West	CLSW	1960	2	71	21,893
2	103	Student Services Center	SSCR	1963	2	89	23,016
3	104	Faculty Center	FCTR	1981	2	239	62,047
4	106	Glasscock Student Success Center	GSSC	1967	2	79	18,152
5	107	Athletic Field House	FLDH	1968	1	45	26,005
6	108	Corpus Christi Hall	CCHL	1976	2	215	62,322
7	111	Physical Plant	PYSC	1978	1	80	18,370
8	113	Mary And Jeff Bell Library	BLIB	1978	2	156	106,110
9	114	Center for The Sciences	CSCI	1978	2	124	51,877
10	115	Classroom East	CLSE	1960	2	80	19,134
11	116	Center for The Arts	CART	1979	2	183	84,331
12	118	Driftwood Hall	DRIFT	1985	2	60	7,200
13	119	Sandpiper Hall	SAND	1985	2	63	7,200
14	121	Central Utility Plant	CUPT	1994	1	14	27,291
15	122	Center for Instruction	CINS	1994	3	157	78,104
16	123	Carlos F Truan Natural Resources Center	RCTR	1996	3	251	95,285
17	124	Conrad Blucher Institute	BINS	1968	1	34	8,172
18	125	University Services Center	USCR	1996	2	125	21,284
19	126	Early Childhood Development Center	ECDC	1996	2	161	53,416
20	133	University Center	UNCR	1999	3	155	136,734
21	151	Dr Robert R Furgason Engineering Building	ENGB	2001	4	138	67,050
22	152	Performing Arts Center	PACR	2005	4	70	62,850
23	158	Harte Research Institute	HRTI	2005	3	198	54,808
24	159	Bay Hall	BAYH	2005	3	172	63,474
25	165	Jack and Susie Dugan Wellness Center	DWCR	2009	3	131	72,009
26	166	Michael And Karen O'Connor Building	OCNR	2011	3	259	76,242
27	167	Island Hall	ISHL	2010	3	245	147,764
28	168	Concession-Press Box	CPBX	2008	3	21	2,921
29	169	Purchasing	PROC	2005	1	23	2,942
30	175	Math and Science Education Center	MSEC	2006	2	34	11,375
31	180	Dining Hall	DINH	2014	1	25	18,700
32	181	Bayside Parking Garage	BSPG	2011	3	39	418,000
33	185	Science Lab 1	SCI1	2013	1	14	4,000
34	186	Science Lab 2	SCI2	2013	1	14	4,000
Total:						3,764	1,934,078

The proposed project will use a Design Build (DB) delivery method in which the first step was Investment Grade Audit (IGA) and Project Proposal Contract. As the project criteria identified within the IGA have been met, the project may move to the next step, an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC), after all approval requirements have been satisfied.

All construction in this project shall meet all applicable codes and standards identified within the FP&C Facility Design Guidelines, including NFPA Life Safety Codes and Texas Accessibility Standards.

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Although A&M-Corpus Christi has identified Revenue Financing System as the financing vehicle for this project, it is also considering third-party financing. Any related agreements prepared for this project must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to execution.

Construction on this project is scheduled to start in October 2020 with substantial completion scheduled for October 2021. The total project budget is \$9,500,000.

Other Major Fiscal Impacts:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

“Our Vision: Imperatives for the Future”

“6. The A&M System, in adhering to the high standard of excellence and growth required in this strategic plan, will display prudent financial stewardship and sustainability. Our member institutions will be diligent about their plans for growth, and the A&M System will ensure financially sound decision-making at the aggregate level. We have robust financial management capabilities in place and will continue to manage the A&M System’s financial health in a holistic manner.”

A&M-Corpus Christi is leveraging available electricity, natural gas, and water savings to fund utility consumption reduction measures that are both economically and environmentally sustainable. This will be accomplished by providing lighting, infrastructure, and water upgrades throughout buildings across campus, as well as central utility plant upgrades in a budget neutral manner. These measures will improve the quality of facilities for students, faculty, and staff and provide a meaningful reduction in A&M-Corpus Christi’s deferred maintenance backlog. One of the chillers proposed for replacement in the central utility plant is out of service and inoperable; thus, this project will also expand A&M-Corpus Christi’s capacity for growth with future chilled water infrastructure needs.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Office of the President

April 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval to Amend the FY 2020 – FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to Add the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project with a Fiscal Year 2021 Start Date and Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for the Pre-Construction and Construction Services, and Approval for Construction of the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (Project No. 15-840120)

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The request to amend the FY 2020-FY 2024 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi with an FY 2021 start date is approved.

“The project scope along with a project budget up to \$9,500,000 for the Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project is approved.

The amount up to \$9,500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds, (Energy Savings), for construction services and related project costs.

The Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas, is approved for construction.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that

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the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Phillip Ray
Vice Chancellor for Business Services

ATTACHMENT TO ITEM

ENERGY CONSUMPTION REDUCTION – PHASE II TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI PROJECT NO. 15-840120	PROJECT BUDGET
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1. Amount Available for Construction Contract	\$9,136,417
2. Project Owner Contingency	\$ 358,583
3. 3 rd Party Engineering Verification	\$ 5,000
4. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT	<u>\$9,500,000</u>

ENERGY CONSUMPTION REDUCTION – PHASE II
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
PROJECT NO. 15-840120

PROJECT SCHEDULE

1. General Counsel Review of IGA Contract September 25, 2019
2. Authorization to Proceed with Investment Grade Audit.....October 10, 2019
3. Receive GMP March 10, 2020
4. Submit IGA Package for Review March 10, 2020
5. Investment Grade Audit Complete March 20, 2020
6. Complete Program of Requirements..... March 20, 2020
7. Submit IGA Report for 3rd Party Verification March 31, 2020
8. Submit Agenda Item to Chancellor’s Office for May 2020 BOR April 6, 2020
9. Comments Submitted to ESCO April 20, 2020
10. Third Party Verification Complete May 8, 2020
11. BOR Approval for Construction..... May 14, 2020
12. Submit THECB Application July 6, 2020
13. Approval by THECB Committee September 7, 2020
14. Begin ConstructionOctober 2020
15. Substantial CompletionOctober 1, 2021
16. Owner OccupancyNovember 2021

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY -
CORPUS CHRISTI REVENUE
FINANCING SYSTEM
Energy Consumption Reduction -
Phase II Energy Savings

Dates	Outstanding Principal	Principal Amount	Interest Amount	Annual Total	Coverage 1.15x
BONDS	9,535,000.00				
YEAR 1	9,180,000.00	355,000.00	286,050.00	641,050.00	737,207.50
YEAR 2	8,935,000.00	245,000.00	275,400.00	520,400.00	598,460.00
YEAR 3	8,685,000.00	250,000.00	268,050.00	518,050.00	595,757.50
YEAR 4	8,410,000.00	275,000.00	260,550.00	535,550.00	615,882.50
YEAR 5	8,115,000.00	295,000.00	252,300.00	547,300.00	629,395.00
YEAR 6	7,795,000.00	320,000.00	243,450.00	563,450.00	647,967.50
YEAR 7	7,450,000.00	345,000.00	233,850.00	578,850.00	665,677.50
YEAR 8	7,075,000.00	375,000.00	223,500.00	598,500.00	688,275.00
YEAR 9	6,675,000.00	400,000.00	212,250.00	612,250.00	704,087.50
YEAR 10	6,245,000.00	430,000.00	200,250.00	630,250.00	724,787.50
YEAR 11	5,785,000.00	460,000.00	187,350.00	647,350.00	744,452.50
YEAR 12	5,290,000.00	495,000.00	173,550.00	668,550.00	768,832.50
YEAR 13	4,765,000.00	525,000.00	158,700.00	683,700.00	786,255.00
YEAR 14	4,205,000.00	560,000.00	142,950.00	702,950.00	808,392.50
YEAR 15	3,605,000.00	600,000.00	126,150.00	726,150.00	835,072.50
YEAR 16	2,970,000.00	635,000.00	108,150.00	743,150.00	854,622.50
YEAR 17	2,295,000.00	675,000.00	89,100.00	764,100.00	878,715.00
YEAR 18	1,575,000.00	720,000.00	68,850.00	788,850.00	907,177.50
YEAR 19	810,000.00	765,000.00	47,250.00	812,250.00	934,087.50
YEAR 20	-	<u>810,000.00</u>	<u>24,300.00</u>	<u>834,300.00</u>	<u>959,445.00</u>
		\$ <u>9,535,000.00</u>	\$ <u>3,582,000.00</u>	\$ <u>13,117,000.00</u>	\$ <u>15,084,550.00</u>

Estimated issuance costs and rounding of \$35,000 are included in this schedule. Long-term rates are assumed to be 3.00%. Rates are subject to market change. Prepared by the Office of the Treasurer - Treasury Services 3/23/2020

Rates are subject to market change. Amounts are preliminary estimates that will be revised at the time bonds are issued.



Energy Consumption Reduction – Phase II Project

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Project No. 15-840120

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Office of the President

March 3, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS						
Dr. Katherine T. Smith	Assistant Professor Management and Marketing	2	3	09/01/2020	D.B.A. (1986) Louisiana Tech University	Fa 2014 – Su 2017 Assistant Professor Murray State University Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT						
Dr. Toyin D. Ajisafe	Assistant Professor Kinesiology and Military Science	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) Georgia State University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Liana Davis	Assistant Professor Kinesiology and Military Science	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of South Carolina	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Kelly L. Bezio	Assistant Professor English	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

Dr. Robin M. Carstensen	Assistant Professor English	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) Oklahoma State University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Beth M. Rauhaus	Assistant Professor Social Sciences	2	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) Mississippi State University	Fa 2014 – Su 2017 Assistant Professor University of North Georgia Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Claudia P. Rueda	Assistant Professor Humanities	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) The University of Texas at Austin	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Dr. Hussain A. N. Abdulla	Assistant Professor Physical and Environmental Sciences	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) Old Dominion University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Jeremy L. Conkle	Assistant Professor Physical and Environmental Sciences	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) Louisiana State University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (Continued)

Dr. Celil Ekici	Assistant Professor Mathematics and Statistics	2	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) University of Georgia	Fa 2014 – Su 2017 Assistant Professor University of Virgin Islands Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Brandi Kiel Reese	Assistant Professor Life Sciences	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) Texas A&M University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Jeffrey W. Turner	Assistant Professor Life Sciences	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) University of Georgia	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Kim Withers	Assistant Professor Life Sciences	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (1994) Texas A&M University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

SCHOOL OF ART, MEDIA, AND COMMUNICATION

Ms. Leticia R. Bajuyo	Assistant Professor Art and Design	2	3	09/01/2020	M.F.A. (2001) The University of Tennessee Knoxville	Fa 2014 – Fa 2015 Professor Hanover College Sp 2016 – Sp 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor University of Notre Dame
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						Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Susan de Ghizé	Assistant Professor Music	3	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2003) University of California, Santa Barbara	Fa 2014 – Su 2016 Associate Professor The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
						Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Michael Sollitto	Assistant Professor Communication and Media	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) West Virginia University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING SCIENCES

Dr. Luis R. Garcia Carrillo	Assistant Professor Engineering	2	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Universite de Technologie de Compiegne (France)	Sp 2014 – Su 2015 Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Fa 2015 – Fa 2016 Assistant Professor University of Nevada-Reno Sp 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Iltai Isaac Kim	Assistant Professor Engineering	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2008) The University of Tennessee Knoxville	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Jian Sheng	Associate Professor Engineering	3	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2007) Johns Hopkins University	Fa 2014 – Su 2016 Associate Professor Texas Tech University Fa 2016 – Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Hua Zhang	Assistant Professor Engineering	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) University of Regina (Canada)	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2021 at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi).

Background Information:

System Policy [31.03, *Leaves of Absence*](#), and System Regulation [12.99.01, *Faculty Development Leave*](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At A&M-Corpus Christi, the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, university development leave committee (elected by the general faculty), provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and president.

As shown in the exhibit, A&M-Corpus Christi requests approval for faculty development leave for six faculty members for FY 2021.

A&M-Corpus Christi is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

No additional funding is required. Department faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty members' teaching loads by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The granting of Faculty Development Leave allows for the promotion of the fourth imperative by increasing prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio.

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Office of the President

February 21, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2021, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST
FY 2021
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

Name/ Title/ Department	Years of A&M- Corpus Christi Tenured, Tenure- Track Service	Semester of Leave	Location and Brief Description of Leave
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS			
Robert Cutshall Professor Decision Sciences and Economics	17	Fall 2020	Dr. Cutshall's leave will take place at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, where he will conduct research on consumer behavior theory by examining the factors that lead to the intention of online consumers to engage in social commerce. The findings may also help online merchants more effectively reach online consumers through social commerce and will help researchers better understand the perspectives of consumers. This information is useful for teaching courses involving the use of social commerce for business transactions. The manuscripts stemming from this research will benefit the department, college, and university since the conference proceedings and research publications will aid in the accreditation goals of the college and the university.
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS			
Peter N. Moore Professor Humanities	14	Fall 2020	Dr. Moore's leave will take place in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he will complete a book manuscript draft of Spanish archival research, which examines the history of Carolina's Stuarts Town Colony (a Scottish colony established on the island of Port Royal in 1684 and destroyed by Spanish and indigenous forces in 1686), and, more broadly, the 17 th Century Southeastern Borderlands. This project takes a transatlantic and borderlands approach to Stuarts Town, fully integrating the perspectives of Scottish colonizers, English traders, Spanish imperial officials, and especially Indians. By producing at least three peer-reviewed publications, including a monograph, this project will bring recognition to the university and enhance its research profile. Moreover, it will keep the A&M-Corpus Christi history program diverse, as Dr. Moore is the only historian whose main fields are religious history and early American Indian history.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (Continued)			
Michael Ramirez Associate Professor Psychology and Sociology	11	Fall 2020	Dr. Ramirez's leave will take place in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he will complete a proposal for a book that will expand the work-family literature by incorporating long-ignored contextual elements to examine the extent to which working life influences the gendered trends of family life participation. His contribution incorporates an analysis that begins with gender and social class, but also considers the oft-neglected influences of race, ethnicity, and job sector. This project will include a comparison of the experiences of working fathers in different job sectors (middle class and working class), job flexibility (the degree of autonomy in structuring and scheduling work hours), and racial and ethnic identities (Latinx vs. white). Ultimately, this work will examine an important dimension of gender inequality in the family and workplace and will generate new understandings of – and hopefully solutions to – important aspects of the work-family interface to allow for all parents to secure more satisfying work and family lives.
Sandrine Sanos Professor Humanities	11	Spring 2021	Dr. Sanos' leave will take place in Corpus Christi, Texas where she will draft six chapters of a book manuscript which traces how war, genocide, and exile in multiple countries shaped political ideas and cultural identities in France between 1954 and 1967. This book is a cultural and intellectual history. By focusing on ideas, images, and representations, Dr. Sanos will propose a radical revision to understanding the topic of violence in the 20 th century. From this research, two new courses will be proposed: one on comparative genocide and another on how philosophers, writers, and artists have tackled the question of violence during the Cold War. These classes and activities are especially important to a Hispanic-serving institution whose location in South Texas has put it at the forefront of debates regarding borders, migration, and citizenship. This project will continue to strengthen A&M-Corpus Christi's standing as a forward-looking university that promotes and supports professionally active and internationally and nationally-recognized faculty whose teaching and research are devoted to excellence.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING			
Xinping Hu Associate Professor Physical and Environmental Sciences	7	Fall 2020	Dr. Hu's leave will investigate a poorly-studied area in the Gulf of Mexico region. Dr. Hu's leave will take place in several locations, including Corpus Christi, Texas; Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS; and at the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Lab in Miami, FL. The information obtained will aid in both future ocean acidification (OA) monitoring efforts and making adaptation strategies for this ecologically sensitive region. Data from three major repositories (e.g., the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States Geological Survey, and the National Science Foundation) will be utilized. Both spatial distribution and temporal variations of carbonate parameters will be examined using numerical and statistical analysis and modeling, and the variations will be examined in the context of river nutrient input as well as changes in physical oceanographic conditions. At least one peer-reviewed publication will be produced from this project. Dr. Hu has developed a new course, CMSS 6590 Special Topic class "Ocean and Estuarine Acidification" that will train both graduate students and interested upper-level undergraduate students on issues relevant to the OA problem in our own backyard. Therefore, this study will not only have the benefit of scientific exploration, but also carry the function of generating new knowledge for broader dissemination through education and public presentations.
Lei Jin Associate Professor Mathematics and Statistics	6	Fall 2020	Dr. Jin's leave will take place at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, where he and colleagues will focus on the development of a novel statistical method to check stationarity of time series data, which is critical for data scientists to select correct models. In the proposed work, Dr. Jin and colleagues will show both theoretical and practical properties of the proposed method. The proposed research will provide a better tool for data scientists to select correct models in time series analysis. The proposed research is highly computationally intensive and will require much time for Dr. Jin and his collaborators to complete it. The developmental leave will provide ample research time to fully investigate and to complete the proposed research. The interaction between the statisticians at both universities will be mutually beneficially for their academic development and respective institutions.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Subject: Approval of Two New Graduate Degree Programs with a Major in Marine Biology, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of two new graduate degree programs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and a Master of Science (M.S.) in Marine Biology, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The proposed M.S. and Ph.D. in Marine Biology have existed and thrived for the past decade as part of a successful joint program with Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University at Galveston. The programs now wish to amicably separate and seek independent degree-granting authority for each campus. The programs have outgrown their viability as joint programs, and the demands relating to the administration and accreditation of a joint program call for the separation and move to authorization of degree-granting authority by each institution. Collaborative opportunities will continue through research and special projects but are no longer recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as a formal joint program on the universities' degree inventories.

The M.S. in Marine Biology will require 32 semester credit hours (SCH) and the Ph.D. will require 96 SCH for a person entering with a bachelor's degree. Both degrees will maintain the structure of the current joint program with the exception that the non-thesis option will no longer be an option.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

The program will be self-supporting on the basis of projected enrollment, formula funding, and tuition and fees. There are no broader financial implications for The Texas A&M University System.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The proposed program addresses many of the Texas A&M University System's strategic plan imperatives but is best poised to advance #4 by continuing to advance a robust and targeted research portfolio within the discipline of marine biology.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Office of the President

January 31, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Two New Graduate Degree Programs with a Major in Marine Biology,
and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of two new degree programs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leading to a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science
with a major in Marine Biology
(CIP 26.1302.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Department of Life Sciences within the College of Science & Engineering

Since 2008, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi), Texas A&M University at Galveston, and Texas A&M University have offered master's and doctorate degrees in marine biology in a joint degree arrangement. This proposal is a formal request for full degree-granting authority for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master of Science (M.S.) in Marine Biology (MARB).

The educational objectives of the MARB program are to:

1. Develop students with critical thinking skills, experience with modern equipment, and an understanding of research and fieldwork to prepare them for careers in the marine biological sciences;
2. Prepare graduates that are competent and knowledgeable in the fundamental biological concepts needed for productive careers in the marine biological sciences;
3. Show students how sciences integrate with other disciplines and give students the self-confidence that they can compete and adapt to evolving professions;
4. Provide student exposure to faculty who are well known in their fields and have diverse expertise and who provide opportunities for students to conduct innovative research;
5. Support, sustain, and encourage intellectual growth of the faculty through research, continued education, and collaborative interactions with the public and scientists elsewhere;
6. Support faculty in their desire to use their knowledge and skills to assist, enlighten, and serve the public and the community within the Coastal Bend, the Gulf of Mexico region, and the world; and
7. Foster a climate of responsibility among students to utilize their skills in solving critical community problems and better assist the community in finding practical solutions to problems.

The Ph.D. will continue to require 96 semester credit hours (SCH) for those entering with a bachelor's degree and the M.S. will require 32 SCH. Both degrees will maintain the identical structure of the current existing program.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2020.

A&M-Corpus Christi certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.450 and 5.460 in regards to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards, and costs.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

The Texas Workforce Commission projects job growth within marine biology to range from nearly 10% for conservation scientists (\$57,985 annual salary) to 19% for postsecondary biology teachers (\$99,941 annual salary). Of the 14 Ph.D. graduates from the MARB program at A&M-Corpus Christi, 93% are employed in a STEM field, and 79% are employed in a position directly related to their field of study. Ph.D. graduates are most employed in academic institutions, including tenure-track faculty, postdoctoral associates, or researchers and lab managers. Other graduates are employed in research or management positions at state and federal agencies (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration).

B. Projected Enrollment

Current enrollment at A&M-Corpus Christi is 41 students across Ph.D. and M.S. degrees, the highest enrollment to date since the program's inception in 2008. Continued hiring of faculty within the department is anticipated to support further growth to 47 students by 2024-2025.

C. Existing State Programs

The only other related graduate program in Texas is at the University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute, which offers a master's and doctorate in marine science rather than marine biology. This program has existed alongside the IDP program for its entire lifetime without competitive overlap.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

No new faculty lines will need to be created to support the stand-alone programs. The total five-year reallocated costs for faculty is \$905,075.

B. Program Administration

The program administrator requires an annual reallocated expense of \$6,553 for a total five-year reallocated expense of \$32,765.

C. Other Personnel

Other personnel includes reallocated workload for an academic adviser, laboratory coordinator, and three administrative assistants for a five-year reallocated cost of \$129,690.

D. Supplies, Materials

An annual budget of \$27,000 is earmarked for supplies and materials, for a five-year total of \$135,000 (reallocated).

E. Library

New resources totaling \$57,135 within the monographic collections and journals will be necessary.

F. Equipment, Facilities

A one-time allotment of \$150,000 will be made available in the second year for equipment. No new facilities will be needed.

G. Accreditation

The discipline of Marine Biology does not have a national accrediting body.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES (M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs)

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$905,075	Formula Income	\$2,164,884
Program Administration	32,765	Statutory Tuition	949,174
Graduate Assistants	1,092,000	Reallocation	2,005,030
Supplies & Materials	135,000	Designated Tuition	
Library & IT Resources	57,135	Other Funding:	135,000
Equipment, Facilities	150,000		
Other (Start-Up)	90,000	HEF	319,635
Other (Scholarships)	303,000		
Other (Clerical/Staff)	129,690		
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$2,894,665	Estimated 5-year Revenues	\$5,573,723

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

Office of the President

February 17, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Kingsville as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Hussey
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>	<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>	<u>Effective Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES							
Dr. Veronica Ancona	Assistant Professor Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Environmental Sciences	6		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) Texas A&M University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Clayton D. Hilton	Associate Professor Animal Science & Veterinary Technology	6		0	09/01/2020	D.V.M. (1997) Auburn University	Sp 2014 – Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Humberto Perotto	Assistant Professor Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences	5		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2005) Texas A&M University	Su 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Jason Sawyer	Associate Professor Animal Science & Veterinary Technology	0		>15	Upon Board Approval	Ph.D. (2000) New Mexico State University	Su 2003 to Su 2009 Assistant Professor Texas A&M University Fa 2009 – Fa 2019 Associate Professor Texas A&M University Sp 2020 – Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Barbara J. Cooke	Assistant Professor History, Political Science, and Philosophy	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of Cambridge	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Christine E. Fiestas	Assistant Professor Clinical Health Sciences	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2008) The University of Texas at Austin	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Daehoon Han	Assistant Professor Psychology and Sociology	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Missouri	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Simona Hodis	Assistant Professor Mathematics	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2010) University of Western Ontario	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Scott A. Jones	Assistant Professor Music	6	0	09/01/2020	D.M. (2013) Indiana University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Kenneth R. Price	Assistant Professor Language and Literature	4	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (1996) University of North Texas	Fa 2003 – Sp 2006 Assistant Professor University of Alaska Anchorage Fa 2006 – Sp 2012 Assistant Professor Western Carolina University Fa 2012 – Sp 2016 Assistant Professor University of Wisconsin Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Anne-Marie Lelkes	Assistant Professor Accounting and Finance	3	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) Oklahoma State University	Sp 2011 – Su 2011 Assistant Professor Pittsburg State University Fa 2011 – Su 2017 Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Dr. Gina L. Garza-Reyna	Assistant Professor Teacher and Bilingual Education	6	0	09/01/2020	Ed.D. (2012) Texas A&M University- Kingsville	Fa 2013 – Sp 2014 Visiting Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Brian E. Menaker	Assistant Professor Health & Kinesiology	5	1	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) University of Florida	Fa 2012 – Sp 2013 Visiting Assistant Professor Georgia Southern University Fa 2013 – Sp 2015 Assistant Professor Lake Erie College Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dr. Jong-Won Choi	Assistant Professor Civil and Architectural Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) Georgia Institute of Technology	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Fei He	Assistant Professor Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) The State University of New York at Buffalo	Fall 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Hui Shen	Assistant Professor Civil and Architectural Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Purdue University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Tushar Sinha	Assistant Professor Environmental Engineering	6	1	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2008) Purdue University	Sp 2013 – Su 2014 Research Assistant Professor North Carolina State University
						Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Xue Yang	Assistant Professor Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Purdue University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-Kingsville

* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Mark A. Hussey, President
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2021 at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (Texas A&M-Kingsville).

Background Information:

System Policy [31.03, Leaves of Absence](#), and System Regulation [12.99.01, Faculty Development Leave](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At Texas A&M-Kingsville, the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, university development leave committee (elected by the general faculty), provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, and president.

As shown in the exhibit, Texas A&M-Kingsville requests approval for faculty development leave for three faculty members for FY 2021.

Texas A&M-Kingsville is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

No additional funding is required. Department faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty members' teaching load by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The faculty development leave requested fulfills Texas A&M University System Strategic Plan Imperative #4 in increasing the research portfolio of the university through the research done by the faculty members requesting development leave.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

Office of the President

February 13, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2021,
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2021, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Hussey
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST
FY 2021
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

Name/ Title/ Department	Years of Texas A&M- Kingsville Tenured, Tenure- Track Service	Semester of Leave	Location and Brief Description of Leave
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES			
Horacio Duarte Associate Professor Chemical and Natural Gas Engineering	18	Fall 2020	Leave will be spent at the Thermodynamics Research Center, Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany. This research center is one of the premier research centers on thermodynamics in the world. During the leave, Dr. Duarte will be able to conduct research at this center which will allow him to update his skills in his expertise area of thermodynamics. The leave is also expected to benefit students by enhancing his knowledge basis for teaching in this area.
M. Catherine Downs Professor Language & Literature	19	Fall 2020	Leave will be spent in Kingsville, Texas. Dr. Downs will complete her book project, <i>A Little History of Earth in 18 Plates</i> , which has been accepted by Wooden Books for publication. This sort of book, in which scientific knowledge is packaged for curious and committed non-specialist, is Wooden Books' specialty. This project will provide benefit to the department as its research profile expands. Dr. Downs' expertise in poetry will be greatly enhanced by the geological perspective she is investigating.
Joachim Reinhuber Professor Music	11	Fall 2020	Leave will be spent in San Marcos, Texas conducting research on the relationship between art songs and piano works of two German composers, Franz Schubert and Robert Schumann. Dr. Reinhuber's research will result in lecture recitals and performances at various universities in the United States and Germany. Additionally, he plans to write one or possibly a series of articles based upon the results of his research. His performances and research would not only add to the profession, but could also be a source of piano students' recruitment for the university.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Mark A. Hussey, President
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Subject: Approval to Amend Online Distance Education Fees at Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Proposed Board Action:

Approve amending the online distance education fees at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (Texas A&M-Kingsville), effective with the fall 2020 semester.

Background Information:

At the May 26, 2011 Board meeting, Texas A&M-Kingsville received approval for online distance education fees to fund certain College of Business online classes. A primary fee of \$125 per semester credit hour was approved at that time for the online MBA program. Since that time, an additional 18 programs have been approved in other colleges in which a minimum of fifty percent of the program is offered online. No request for a distance education fee has been made to support these existing or future online programs. A financial need exists to amend and expand the university's existing online distance education fee in order to fund the development and operation of future online classes and programs. The proposed online distance education fee will range from \$40 to \$125 per semester credit hour.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Attached.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This item provides funding to assist Texas A&M-Kingsville in developing and maintaining online courses to enhance the faculty's teaching skills in existing and new online forums; strengthens graduate programs by making classes more accessible to working professionals; enhances the undergraduate academic experience by providing better connectivity to all students; enhances the university's global reach to international students; increases access to all the university's knowledge resources; and builds on the university's connections to its primary service area of South Texas. If approved, the university will create a process to waive the athletic fee, student recreation fee, and Group Hospital Fee for students taking all courses online and residing more than 50 miles from Kingsville, Texas.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

Office of the President

April 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval to Amend Online Distance Education Fees at Texas A&M University-Kingsville

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves amending the online distance education fees at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, effective with the fall 2020 semester.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Hussey
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE
Online Distance Education Fees

Current Fee:	<u>\$60 to \$125</u>	for Fall and Spring
		for Summer
Proposed Fee:	<u>\$40 to \$125</u>	for Fall and Spring
		for Summer
Basis:	<u>SCH</u>	Semester Credit Hour
Number of Students Affected:	<u>489</u>	
Current Semester Credit Hours:	<u>6,390</u>	
Projected Semester Credit Hours:	<u>7,335</u>	

	FY 2021 Proposed Increase with increase
BEGINNING BALANCE - Actual	
Revenues	498,675
Total Revenues	498,675
Expenses	
Salaries & Wages	220,000
Fringe Benefits	62,000
Departmental Operations	216,675
Scholarships	
Total Expenses	498,675
Increase/Decrease in Balance	
Revenues less Expenses	0

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

Office of the President

March 2, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-San Antonio as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Teniente-Matson
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES						
Dr. Katherine Bridgman	Assistant Professor Language, Literature, and Arts	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) Florida State University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Dr. James Finley	Assistant Professor Language, Literature, and Arts	4	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of New Hampshire	Fa 2014 – Sp 2016 Assistant Professor New Mexico State University Fa 2016 - Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Dr. Scott Gage	Assistant Professor Language, Literature, and Arts	4	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2011) Florida State University	Fa 2014 – Sp 2016 Assistant Professor Colorado State University-Pueblo Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Dr. Ho Huynh	Assistant Professor Science and Mathematics	3	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) University of California, Riverside	Fa 2015 – Sp 2017 Assistant Professor Armstrong State University Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Dr. Robert Page	Assistant Professor Science and Mathematics	4	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) University of Kentucky	Fa 2014 – Sp 2016 Assistant Professor College of Saint Benedict & St. John’s University Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Dr. Joseph Simpson	Assistant Professor Social Sciences	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Oklahoma State University	Sp 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-San Antonio
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS						
Dr. Izzat Alsmadi	Assistant Professor Computing and Cyber Security	4	2	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2008) North Dakota State University	Fa 2012 – Sp 2013 Assistant Professor Yarmouk University, Jordan Fa 2015 – Sp 2016 Assistant Professor University of New Haven

						Fa 2016 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Dr. Rohan Christie-David	Professor Accounting and Finance	0	9	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1994) University of South Carolina	Fa 2007 – Sp 2010 Associate Professor (Tenured) The University of Louisville
						Fa 2010 – Sp 2016 Professor (Tenured) The University of Louisville
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT						
Dr. Young Rae Kim	Assistant Professor Curriculum and Instruction	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) University of Minnesota	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University-San Antonio

* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science Degree Program with a Major in Cybersecurity, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Cybersecurity, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The objective of the B.S. in Cybersecurity is to prepare undergraduate students with the necessary cybersecurity knowledge and skill components using current cybersecurity technologies as required by business, government, and academic research. This program will prepare students to assess the cybersecurity needs of computer and network systems, recommend safeguard solutions, and manage the implementation, auditing, and maintenance of security devices, systems, and procedures.

A strong presence of the military including Air Force Base and governmental security agency centers, such as the National Security Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation, in San Antonio, strengthens the need for skilled cybersecurity professionals. Additionally, future projections indicate significant growth of jobs in the field of cybersecurity. A talented cybersecurity workforce of well-educated and skilled professionals is needed to support, sustain, and fuel the cybersecurity developments in San Antonio, Texas, and nationwide.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

There are minimal funding implications associated with this program. Revenue from reallocated faculty salaries, designated tuition and formula funding will provide sufficient funds to support the program.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This item advances Imperative 5.

Cybersecurity is critical in existing and new emerging domains, such as software systems and applications, Cloud Computing, embedded and mobile systems, and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies. The degree will meet the demands of the evolving field of cybersecurity and provide students many opportunities in a high demand area.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

Office of the President

February 21, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science Degree Program with a Major in Cybersecurity,
and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio leading to a Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in Cybersecurity.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-San Antonio’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Teniente-Matson
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Bachelor of Science
with a major in Cybersecurity
(CIP 11.1003.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: College of Business; Department of Computing and Cybersecurity

The objective of the proposed Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree Program with a major in Cybersecurity is to prepare undergraduate students with the necessary cybersecurity knowledge and skill components using current cybersecurity technologies required by business, government, and academic research. The program includes cybersecurity-focused courses along with hands-on labs and cybersecurity training. It will provide a unique computing-based cybersecurity undergraduate degree to address the city's and the nation's cybersecurity workforce demand.

This program will prepare students to assess the cybersecurity needs of computer and network systems, recommend safeguard solutions, and manage the implementation, auditing, and maintenance of security devices, systems, and procedures. Graduates will be able to:

- Analyze a problem, and identify and define the cybersecurity requirements and mechanisms appropriate to its solution;
- Design, implement, and evaluate cybersecurity controls, models, and applications based on a system, process, component, or program to meet desired security and privacy needs;
- Communicate effectively in cybersecurity terminology with a range of audiences;
- Utilize current cybersecurity techniques, skills, and tools necessary for securing any business and application; and
- Apply secure design and development principles in the construction of software systems and application domains, such as Cloud computing, the Internet of Things, etc., of varying complexity.

The B.S. in Cybersecurity will require 120 semester credit hours of coursework.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2021.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.45 in regards to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards, and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

Due to an increased focus on strengthening the national cybersecurity infrastructure and need of skilled cybersecurity professionals, cybersecurity education has become an

emerging discipline in computing and engineering fields. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, information security analyst jobs are projected to grow 32% from 2018 to 2028 (a long-term projection) with more than 35,000 jobs in the market. Currently, there are 112,300 jobs, and the median pay is around \$98,000. The National Security Agency (NSA) has recognized San Antonio as one of the nation's leading center for cybersecurity, naming it "Cyber City" due to its growing cybersecurity job market and increased presence of cybersecurity companies.

B. Projected Enrollment

The table below depicts the enrollment projections for the B.S. in Cybersecurity degree program.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total New Students	14	20	40	60	80
Attrition	2	4	9	17	22
Cumulative Headcount	14	32	68	118	158
FTSE	10	22	47	83	111
Graduates	0	0	0	24	32

C. Existing State Programs

While there are several engineering, computer science, and management information systems programs in Texas that integrate cybersecurity courses into their curriculum, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) reports three undergraduate programs under the CIP code 11.1003.00.

According to the THECB Accountability System, in 2018, there were 1,067 undergraduate students enrolled in the public universities in these programs and 94 bachelor's degrees awarded. It should be noted that if every student enrolled in these programs graduated over the next four years, the total would fall well short of the Texas Comptroller Office's projection for information security analysts alone, not considering all of the cyber-related positions across the state.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

This program will include eight core faculty and one support faculty for major-related coursework. Existing full-time faculty from the Department of Computing and Cybersecurity will teach courses relevant to their fields. The numbers provided above include a support faculty member to be hired in year one and a core faculty member to be hired in year two. The estimated cost of new faculty is \$107,826 based on the assigned workload for this program.

B. Program Administration

The program will be administered under the Department of Computing and Cybersecurity within the College of Business. No additional administrative positions will be required.

C. Other Personnel

No other personnel will be required to support the program.

D. Supplies, Materials

There will be no additional costs for supplies or materials.

E. Library

The University Library does not foresee additional funds needed for library database upgrades or additional one-time funds necessary for books.

F. Equipment, Facilities

The department moved into a new building in the fall 2018 with an entire floor dedicated to Computing and Cybersecurity faculty offices, laboratories, and student work areas. The program can be conducted within the current facilities without additional resources.

G. Accreditation

ABET accredits programs in technology, nationally and internationally. The proposed program is designed to meet current ABET educational requirements and its implementation will align with ABET best practices. The program will be submitted for ABET accreditation following the graduation of the first group of students.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$653,092	Formula Income	\$193,744
Program Administration		Statutory Tuition	\$154,700
Graduate Assistants		Reallocation	
Supplies & Materials		Designated Tuition	\$309,400
Library & IT Resources		Other Funding:	
Equipment, Facilities			
Other			
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$653,092	Estimated 5-Year Revenues	\$657,844

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA

Office of the President

March 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, Texas A&M University-Texarkana

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Emily F. Cutrer
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY						
Dr. Wai Yuen Chan	Assistant Professor Mathematics	3	3	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (1998) University of Louisiana	Fa 2003 – Sp 2006 Assistant Professor (Tenured) Southeast Missouri State Fa 2006 – Sp 2010 Associate Professor Southeast Missouri State Fa 2010 – Sp 2012 Professor Southeast Missouri State Fa 2017 – Present Assistant Professor Texas A&M University- Texarkana

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Emily F. Cutrer, President
Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Subject: Approval of a New Master of Science Degree Program with a Major in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana (A&M-Texarkana) leading to a Master of Science (M.S.N.) in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The M.S.N. in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialty prepares graduates to earn national certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and assume the role of a psychiatric mental care provider. The graduate will be prepared to deliver safe, competent, direct and indirect advanced nursing care to individuals, families, and communities with psychiatric and mental health disorders in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, public schools, and other practice areas.

Especially pertinent to this proposal is the pressing need within the local community and region for access to mental health care. Texarkana is a medical hub for many small and rural communities in East Texas. With just two major hospitals and a handful of small mental health agencies, the region and community need more qualified mental health providers to meet the demand of the population.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

The proposed program is part of the Better East Texas initiative, funded by the 86th Texas Legislature, in which A&M-Texarkana received a total of \$3.6 million for the 2019-2021 biennium. It is estimated that \$1.725 million of those funds will be used for new faculty salaries and equipment required to establish the proposed degree.

System Strategic Plan Imperatives this Item Addresses:

Imperative 5 – The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state’s economy.

The M.S.N. in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program is a component of A&M-Texarkana to address the educational, income, and health deficits of the underserved East Texas region.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA

Office of the President

February 21, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Master of Science Degree Program with a Major in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana leading to a Master of Science in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Texarkana’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Fourmey Cutrer
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Master of Science
with a major in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
(CIP 51.3810)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE)

In May 2019, the 86th Texas State Legislature funded Texas A&M University-Texarkana's (A&M-Texarkana) "Better East Texas" initiative at \$3.6 million over the 2019-2021 biennium. A nurse practitioner degree in psychiatric mental health was, in concept, part of that package and will share in the funding.

The proposed Master of Science (M.S.N.) degree program in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) specialty prepares graduates to earn national certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and assume the role of a psychiatric mental health care provider. The graduate will be prepared to deliver safe, competent, direct and indirect advanced nursing care to individuals, families, and communities with psychiatric and mental health disorders in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, public schools, and other practice areas.

In accordance with the standards established by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the national accrediting body in the field, the degree will consist of 50 graduate semester credit hours.

The proposed start date is spring 2021.

A&M-Texarkana certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.45 in regards to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, one in five people in the U.S. live with some type of mental illness. Of those living with a mental illness, fewer than half are treated each year. In 2017, suicide was the leading cause of death related to mental illness in the U.S. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/mental-illness.shtml>

Across the state, the Texas Health and Human Services Department currently operates a total of 37 local mental health authorities and two behavioral health agencies. That number is not adequate to serve the 254 counties in Texas.

A significant concentration of those in need live in A&M-Texarkana's service region (the Texas counties of Bowie, Cass, Red River, Titus, Harrison, and Nacogdoches as well as

adjacent counties in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma) –a region that the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) designates as having a shortage of health professionals. <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>

Especially pertinent to this proposal is the pressing need within the local community and region for access to mental health care. Texarkana is a medical hub for many small and rural communities in East Texas and Southwest Arkansas. With just two major hospitals and a handful of small mental health agencies, the region and community need more qualified mental health providers to meet the demands of the population.

The CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System Community Needs Assessment for 2019-2021 ranked mental health as the number one need for the community.

Stakeholders discussed at great length the lack of available inpatient and outpatient treatment options and long wait times. In tandem with these discussions were conversations about high drug use, particularly meth, opioid and crack, along with trauma within families with physical, sexual, and mental abuse.

Access to care was another area noted in the needs assessment. In Bowie County, the ratio for individuals to mental health providers is 1,140:1. Cass County is even higher, with a ratio of 10,130:1. Due to A&M-Texarkana's unique location, Arkansas residents also seek care in Texarkana. The current individual to mental health provider ratio for Miller County, AR, is 470:1, and Little River County, AR, is 12,450:1. Both counties are less than 50 miles from Texarkana. Depression is a diagnosed medical condition for 18.1% of the Medicare population in Bowie County and 16.2% in Cass County, which further validates the need for more mental health providers in East Texas. <https://www.christushealth.org/-/media/files/homepage/giving-back/chna/st-michael-chna-2019.ashx?la=en>

Pinpointing the actual number of current job openings in the region is difficult since most postings use the generic title "Nurse Practitioner" instead of specialty certification titles. This is also a challenge when collecting needs data in general due to one job code encompassing a wide array of nurse practitioner specialty areas. However, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) *Occupational Outlook Handbook* (2019) lists Advanced Practice Nurses as an occupation with a *faster than average* growth rate at 26% between 2018 and 2028. The BLS also provides a location quotient to assess labor trends. The location quotient for Texas is .80 for nurse practitioners. This statistic indicates a lower prevalence of nurse practitioners than other jobs in the state. O*Net (2019) lists Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses as a *Bright Outlook* occupation with a *much faster than average* growth at 11% or higher between 2018 and 2028 with a projection of 200,000 new jobs over the same timeframe.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nurse-anesthetists-nurse-midwives-and-nurse-practitioners.htm>

The Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (2016) projects the demand for nurse practitioners in Texas to grow from 13,826 in 2015 to 20,227 in 2030 or 46.3%. The supply is estimated to grow from 9,246 to 15,412. Thus, Texas will still experience a 25% deficit in the number of nurse practitioners needed to meet the demand. These numbers are for all specialties. East Texas and Rio Grande Valley have the highest percentage of projected unmet demand by 2030. www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/cnws

B. Projected Enrollment

Enrollment projections are based on the CCNE 1:6 clinical ratio. With the director and one full-time faculty member, an initial cohort of eight is a reasonable starting point. The cohort capacity will grow in Year 4 with the addition of another full-time faculty member.

The curriculum is designed for full-time status with 9 SCH per semester for all members of the cohort. A part-time track will be evaluated in the future based on student demand and clinical site availability.

Table 1. Enrollment Projections

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total New Students	8	8	16	16	24
Attrition	2	2	4	4	6
Cumulative Headcount	8	12	24	30	42
FTSE	6	9	18	22.5	31.5
Graduates	0	0	6	6	12

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

A&M-Texarkana is currently searching for two tenure-track core faculty members. The assignment of faculty to specific courses will vary according to the needs of each semester and by graduate faculty expertise. A third faculty member will be added in the fourth year.

B. Program Administration

One of the two initial faculty members being hired will serve as the program coordinator.

The Dean of CASE and Director of Nursing have overall responsibility for the management of the A&M-Texarkana nursing programs. The faculty terms of service, course release, responsibilities, and remuneration will be negotiated between the dean and director of nursing and in accordance with university policy.

C. Other Personnel

No additional new personnel are anticipated.

D. Supplies and Materials

The PMHNP program will not require the purchase of any new supplies or materials.

E. Library

An estimated \$19,000 in library resources will be required for the first five years.

F. Equipment, Facilities

The PMHNP program does not require new or renovated facilities, but it does require an upgrade in A&M-Texarkana's simulation software and standardized patient programs. We estimate that the costs will run as high as \$336,000 in the first five years of operation, but this investment will also benefit students in our traditional undergraduate nursing program.

G. Accreditation

A&M-Texarkana's M.S.N. program in Nursing Administration and Nursing Education is currently fully accredited by the CCNE until 2025. The new degree will fall under this accreditation and will be included in the 2025 on-site survey. Notification of a substantive change will be submitted to CCNE once approval has been received from The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW 5-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$1,558,712	Formula Income	\$352,579
Program Administration		Reallocation	
Clerical/Staff		Tuition & Fees	\$843,712
Student Support/Scholarship			
Supplies & Materials		Other Funding (86 th Legislative Special-Item Funding)	\$1,726,000
Library & IT Resources	\$19,000		
Equipment	\$336,000		
Facilities			
Estimated New 5-Year Costs	\$1,913,712	Estimated 5-Year Revenues	\$2,922,291

Agenda Item No.

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

March 3, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, May 2020, West Texas A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at West Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 20-03.”

Respectfully submitted,

Walter V. Wendler
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

**WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 20-03**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>	<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>	<u>Effective Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment Towards Tenure</u>
PAUL AND VIRGINIA ENGLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS							
Dr. Ryan Mattson	Assistant Professor Accounting, Economics and Finance	6		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) University of Kansas	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor West Texas A&M University
Dr. Kelly McCauley	Assistant Professor Management, Marketing and General Business	6		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2014) Texas Tech University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor West Texas A&M University
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES							
Dr. Elizabeth Garcia	Assistant Professor Education	6		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2013) Texas Tech University	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor West Texas A&M University
Dr. Crystal Hughes	Assistant Professor Education	6		0	09/01/2020	Ed.D. (2013) Texas A&M University- Commerce	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor West Texas A&M University
Dr. Ashley Pinkham	Assistant Professor Psychology	6		0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2009) University of Virginia	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor West Texas A&M University

SYBIL B. HARRINGTON COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Dr. Daniel Bloom	Assistant Professor English, Philosophy and Modern Languages	6	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2012) University of Georgia	Fa 2014 – Present Assistant Professor West Texas A&M University
Dr. Brian Ingrassia	Assistant Professor History	5	0	09/01/2020	Ph.D. (2008) University of Illinois at Urbana	Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor West Texas A&M University

* Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Walter V. Wendler, President
West Texas A&M University

Subject: Authorization to Award an Honorary Degree to Stanley Schaeffer

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the president of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) to award an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree to Stanley Schaeffer.

Background Information:

In accordance with Section 1.2 of System Policy [11.07, Granting of Honorary Degrees](#), WTAMU submits this request to award an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree to Stanley Schaeffer. This recognition is in tribute to his distinguished career and for the positive and significant impact his lifetime of service has made on WTAMU, the state of Texas, and the United States of America. This nomination received unanimous support from the Paul and Virginia Engler College of Business Faculty Ad Hoc committee, as required in the WTAMU Rule *11.07.99.W1*, Granting of Honorary Degrees.

Mr. Schaeffer earned a BBA degree in 1955 from WTAMU and became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in 1957. His professional career includes initial employment as an accountant for Pioneer Natural Gas Co. and JM West Oil Operations. From 1958 through 2006, he practiced in the public sector as a CPA with a home base located in Dimmitt, Texas. In the middle of his career, he continued his education and earned an MBA from WTAMU in 1970. Through the years, Mr. Schaeffer has been involved in a broad range of business activities including banking, financial and investment capital, oil and gas, cable television, manufacturing, real estate, cattle feedlot, grain elevator, and farming and ranching. He has also served in various management and board positions with these ventures. His professional career has been successful and distinctive.

Letters in support of Mr. Schaeffer's nomination from the Executive Vice President and Provost at WTAMU, State Representative Four Price, and the Engler College of Business faculty are available upon request.

With Board authorization, this honorary degree will be presented to Mr. Stanley Schaeffer at WTAMU's commencement ceremony in May 2020.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Imperative 5: The Texas A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state's economy. We will continue to address the needs of Texas and utilize technology to reach citizens in new ways.

Agenda Item No.

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 24, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization to Award an Honorary Degree to Stanley Schaeffer

I recommend approval of the following minute order:

“The president of West Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree to Stanley Schaeffer.”

Respectfully submitted,

Walter V. Wendler, President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Summary of Accomplishments Stanley Schaeffer

Mr. Stanley Schaeffer was born in Happy, Texas in 1933. He graduated high school and married Geneva Gressett in 1951. Stanley and Geneva are parents of three children—Jackie, David, and Jerry.

The professional career of Mr. Schaeffer has been successful and distinctive. Mr. Schaeffer earned a BBA degree in 1955 from WTAMU and became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in 1957. His professional career includes initial employment as an accountant for Pioneer Natural Gas Company and JM West Oil Operations. He practiced as a Certified Public Accountant in the public sector for 48 years in Dimmitt, Texas, where he was named Citizen of the Year in 1985. In the middle of his career, Mr. Schaeffer continued his education and earned an MBA from West Texas A&M University in 1970. Through the years, Mr. Schaeffer has been involved in a broad range of business activities including banking, financial and investment capital, oil and gas, cable television, manufacturing, real estate, cattle feedlot, grain elevator, farming, and ranching. He is probably most recognized for his role as a co-founder, along with Ray Bain of First United Bank. Today, First United Bank has expanded to fifteen locations across eleven West Texas cities. Mr. Schaeffer currently serves First United Bank as Director Emeritus.

Mr. Schaeffer has served on various boards related to private industry, community service, and public foundations. Mr. Schaeffer has served on the West Texas A&M University Foundation Board and has been named distinguished alumni at WTAMU, as well as receiving the first ever Pinnacle Award and the first-ever First Choice Award from the Department of Agricultural Sciences. He received a 1998 Golden Nail Award for his dedication to the arts by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. In 2006, he was honored with the Outstanding Philanthropist Award for the Texas Panhandle area. Highlights of his service and awards include the following:

Awards, Memberships, and Boards:

- Named Citizen of the Year by Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce
- Inducted into the Canyon High School Hall of Fame
- Outstanding Philanthropist Award presented by Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Named Distinguished Alumni at WTAMU
- Received first ever Pinnacle Award at WTAMU
- Golden Nail Award presented by Amarillo Chamber of Commerce
- Received first ever First Choice Award from Department of Agriculture at WTAMU
- Received WTAMU Hall of Champions Legacy Award
- Member of The Texas A&M University System Chancellor's Century Council, Chair of the WTAMU Chancellor's Century Council Chapter
- Served three terms on the Amarillo Area Foundation Board
- Served three terms on the WTAMU Foundation Board
- Served on Castro County Hospital Board for nine years
- Served on Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Board for twelve years

As noted by State Representative Four Price, "Stanley Schaffer is an iconic figure in the Texas Panhandle, widely recognized for his indelible accomplishments in business and philanthropy. He has strong community support for recognition of his lifelong achievements."

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Walter V. Wendler, President
West Texas A&M University

Subject: Approval to Amend Online Distance Education Fees at West Texas A&M University

Proposed Board Action:

Approve amending the online distance education fees at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), effective with the fall 2020 semester.

Background Information:

At the November 2019 Board meeting, WTAMU received approval for a new distance education fee to be charged to improve the university's development and quality of its online program. In addition, existing student service fees such as the athletic fee, health fee and the recreational sports fee would be waived. The initial approved fee of \$45 per semester credit hour was to be charged on all distance education courses. However, in an effort to remain competitive and keep student costs to a minimum, the university decided to apply the fee only to those students who are 100% online. As a result of this administrative decision, we respectfully request the authority to increase the distance education fee to \$56 per semester credit hour.

Due to the environmental changes caused by COVID 19, forcing courses online and the internal effort needed to implement timely billing for the fall semester, we respectfully submit this fee increase request.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Attached.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This item provides funding to assist WTAMU in developing and maintaining quality online courses and enhancing the faculty's teaching skills in existing and new online forums; strengthen graduate programs by making classes more accessible to working professionals; enhance the undergraduate academic experience by providing better connectivity to all students; enhance the university's global reach to international students; increase access to all the university's knowledge resources; and build on the university's connections to its primary service area of the Texas Panhandle. If approved, the university will automatically waive the athletic fee, recreational sports fee, and health Fee for students taking all courses online.

Agenda Item No.

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

April 24, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval to Amend Online Distance Education Fees at West Texas A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves amending the online distance education fees at West Texas A&M University, effective with the fall 2020 semester.”

Respectfully submitted,

Walter V. Wendler
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Number of Students Affected:	<u>3,395</u>
Projected Student Enrollment:	<u>10,053</u>
Projected Semester Credit Hours:	229,367

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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Patrick J. Stover, Director
Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Subject: Establishment of the Center for Integrated Analysis of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Proposed Board Action:

Establish the Center for Integrated Analysis of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CIANR) within Texas A&M AgriLife Research (AgriLife Research).

Background Information:

The CIANR will provide a stable institutional focal point for collaboration that draws on the related expertise in several existing AgriLife Research organizations. The main objective of this center is to provide an institutional home for ongoing grant and contract research that focuses on the use of a jointly developed Integrated Decision Support System (IDSS), currently being used in three long-term United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded projects at Texas A&M University (Texas A&M). The current collaborators involved in joint grant and contract activities are based in the Texas A&M AgriLife Blackland Research and Extension Center, the Texas A&M Spatial Sciences Laboratory and The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M (AFPC). The individual disciplinary expertise from these units of AgriLife Research will come together in the CIANR to form the interdisciplinary approach defined here. Faculty from relevant departments and centers will be invited to participate in the preparation of proposals that lead to funded projects and subsequent research on successful bids. The collaboration of these AgriLife Research units with other international, national, state and local agencies has evolved over more than 25 years through a series of externally funded grants and contracts amounting to more than \$100 million. The model components of the IDSS were developed to support decision-making in multiple federal and state government agencies.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

The CIANR will be supported almost entirely with grant funds; bridge funding from AgriLife Research may be requested between grant awards to maintain continuity of staffing.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

CIANR will contribute to The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) strategic plan goals of building a robust and targeted research portfolio and preparing our students to be responsible and engaged citizens prepared for successful careers in an increasingly global economy. CIANR will provide an institutional home for an interdisciplinary and inter-institutional research team that models the production, environmental, economic and nutritional consequences of agricultural production systems at state, national and international levels. Participating graduate and undergraduate students will be experienced in using the models for future work in research and practice.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH

Office of the Director

February 13, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Establishment of the Center for Integrated Analysis of Agriculture and Natural Resources

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Center for Integrated Analysis of Agriculture and Natural Resources is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M AgriLife Research.”

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Stover, Director
Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH
Center for Integrated Analysis of Agriculture and Natural Resources

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rationale for Creation of the Center

Establishment of the Center for Integrated Analysis of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CIANR) will provide a **stable institutional focal point for collaboration** that draws on the related expertise in several existing Texas A&M AgriLife Research organizations. The main objective of this center is to provide an institutional home for ongoing grant and contract research that focuses on the use of a jointly developed Integrated Decision Support System (IDSS) currently being used in three long-term United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded projects at Texas A&M University (Texas A&M).

The current collaborators involved in joint grant and contract activities are based in the Texas A&M AgriLife Blackland Research and Extension Center (Blackland Center), the Texas A&M Spatial Sciences Laboratory and The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M (AFPC). The individual disciplinary expertise from these units of AgriLife Research will come together in the CIANR to form the interdisciplinary approach defined here. Faculty from relevant departments and centers will be invited to participate in the preparation of proposals that lead to funded projects and subsequent research on successful bids

The collaboration of these AgriLife Research units with other international, national, state and local agencies has evolved over more than 25 years through a series of externally funded grants and contracts amounting to more than \$100 million. The model components of the IDSS were developed and used to support decision-making in multiple federal and state government agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Most of these models were jointly developed with USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at the Blackland Center. The economic model used in the IDSS is derived from a modeling system that is used by the AFPC to support Congress in evaluating options for the USDA Farm Bill. International conferences, training and outreach on the use of these models have involved thousands of students and scientists, including both short-term and formal graduate programs.

More recently, funding by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and USAID, amounting to approximately \$35 million over ten years has supported the development and application of a suite of models that provide an integrated assessment of the production, environmental, economic and nutritional consequences of options and alternatives for enhancing the well-being of smallholder farmers in multiple African countries. The suite of models is called the **Integrated Decision Support System (IDSS)**. It is being used to support decisions at the farm, regional and national levels in three countries. The IDSS is readily adaptable to use in other developing countries. CIANR will also facilitate collaborations applied to United States targets.

The following larger grants and contracts from 1995 to the present time are illustrative of the support for the emergence and application of the IDSS over time:

- USAID Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) on Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (SANREM)
- The National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center of Excellence
- USAID Feed the Future International Laboratory on Small Scale Irrigation (ILSSI)
- USDA ARS Conservation Effect Assessment Program
- USDA Hydrologic Unit Model for the US
- EPA Hydrologic and Water Quality System
- USDA base funding for NRCS and ARS scientists and staff at Blackland Center

General Description of the Center and Its Mission and Goals

The success of agricultural operations depends on the interaction of a number of externally and internally generated variables. Modeling the interaction of these variables in a quantitative framework requires the interaction of multiple interacting disciplinary approaches. The CIANR will bring together interdisciplinary teams that provide the ability to assess the production, environmental, economic and nutritional consequences of farming systems from farm to national and international levels of scale. Temporal outputs of the biophysical models can affect decisions made at the weekly, monthly, annual, and decadal scales. Products of this analysis are used to define best options for combinations of farming system inputs and outputs and to evaluate the consequences of government interventions, new crops, conservation practices, production costs, commodity prices, climate change, and other technologies at multiple levels of scale.

While there is a long and successful history of working together using this approach, the IDSS team lacks a recognized institutional home that would encourage and sustain the partnership that has developed through practice. The CIANR will fulfill this need by:

- linking faculty from related parts of AgriLife Research in a framework that provides an integrated strategy for maintaining the viability of the IDSS
- assuring focused and timely engagement with federal, state and industry sources of support
- developing innovative funding proposals
- sharing data and analytic results and integrating the products of analysis for a holistic view of options and alternatives
- providing leadership to develop and report the products of integrated analysis
- providing an institutional identity and visibility for the IDSS team
- assuring continuity and integrity of operations for the team effort between funded projects

Potential Faculty Associated with the CIANR

A team of faculty and research scientists are currently participating in three USAID projects that have the application of the IDSS as one central objective. It is anticipated that these scientists will continue to be involved in related and new funded projects over time.

The current core staff are based in the Blackland Center, the Spatial Sciences Laboratory and AFPC. There are three full-time international scientists working on funded projects under the main

USAID cooperative agreement. They collaborate with and are supported by senior faculty in each of these organizations. Depending on the expertise required, additional faculty and staff from these or other organizations are brought in as collaborators for funded projects.

The CIANR will have both national and international projects. In the latter case, it may be appropriate for the center to partner with the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture (Borlaug Institute). As plans for an increased role for international agriculture in AgriLife Research and Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences initiatives mature, the CIANR will seek partnerships in activities across departments and regional centers.

Potential Activities

The 25 annual international conferences of soil and water assessment tool (SWAT) modelers that have been conducted over 19 years will continue and expand to include other elements of the IDSS. Training on the use of the IDSS in multiple African countries will continue for a minimum of the remaining four years of the current USAID cooperative agreement. An intensive one-week training course is hosted by and provided to university students and includes new users from government and private sector in partner countries. On-line versions of the model training syllabus are being prepared and tested, and specially tailored training for new government and private sector users of the IDSS are also planned. Ongoing collaboration with the USDA ARS and NRCS is anticipated to continue for the continued development and application of IDSS-related methodologies. In addition, USDA ARS has announced and will soon begin a \$2 million restoration of its facilities in Temple, Texas.

The CIANR staff are being invited to participate in the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Institute for Precision Nutrition, Responsive Agriculture and Health (IPN) where the CIANR will organize and execute research on environmental consequences of research that lead to more healthy agricultural products and better nutrition to reduce the impact of chronic disease on the American public.

We anticipate that the capabilities of the IDSS, proven in the USAID ILSSI project in Africa, will be interesting to a variety of domestic and international cooperators and funding sources, including the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centers (CGIAR), and many others. Interest and potential collaboration is also anticipated from federal and state agencies, including the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), all of which have a history of working with components of the IDSS. The integration of IDSS components into a coherent platform will increase external interest in cooperating with AgriLife Research.

Areas for near-term expansion of activities include:

- enhancement of grazing land components into SWAT, Agricultural Policy/Environmental eXtender model (APEX), and FARMSIM
- improvement of urban hydrologic and water quality components of SWAT
- development of customized applications based on the Hydrologic & Water Quality System (HAWQS) platform for individual countries, states, river basins, and urban areas

- development of new and improved model input databases to facilitate use of the IDSS worldwide.

Impact on Education and Training of Students

Training on the use of IDSS will be periodically organized into one-week sessions for students, and other Texas A&M users and external partners will be invited to participate. Similar short courses will be provided to international users coming to the campus and tailored to their specific applications of the IDSS. Graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will have access to training and be mentored by IDSS team members as they apply the IDSS to their thesis research. The initial focus will be in those departments closely affiliated with the CIANR, but a broader interest is anticipated with time and growing awareness.

Currently, more than 22 international universities are using IDSS as part of undergraduate and graduate curricula for semester-long classes. In addition, about 8,000 graduate students are using the model for their graduate research. It is possible that specific formal courses on the use of the IDSS may be developed at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in related College of Agriculture and Life Sciences departments. Due to education and training efforts, the SWAT model alone has produced more than 4,000 peer-reviewed publications which is 40 times more than the next competing model.

Resource Requirements, Sources and Future Expectations of Financial Support

Two endowed chairs are being established in the Texas A&M Department of Ecosystems Science and Management (ESSM) to support leadership of the CIANR operations. Funds related to these chairs will enable and sustain longer-term continuing development of analytic methodologies to assure the continued growth and sustenance of the CIANR. It is proposed that a portion of the indirect costs from funded projects retained by AgriLife Research be shared with the CIANR, as is done for the Borlaug Institute. Short-term financial support may occasionally be requested from AgriLife Research to bridge gaps in funding between externally supported projects. Administrative support for externally funded projects will mostly be provided by these projects.

Sources and Future Expectations of Financial Support

External funding will provide the majority of support for the CIANR. There is a solid historical record of success for acquiring external funding for the IDSS and its elements. Success in continued funding will be tied to applications of the IDSS as a planning and evaluation methodology for specific outcome-oriented projects. Based on recent awards and ongoing contact with funding sources, it is estimated that annual income from IDSS-related awards will be no less than \$2 million annually. The income from the endowed chairs related to the CIANR will provide flexible support in further development of the capabilities and stabilization of the IDSS. Salaries and operational support for CIANR activities will generally be provided from grant and contract funds budgeted for this purpose.

Governance and Advisory Structure and Mechanisms for Periodic Review

The CIANR will be administered through AgriLife Research. Faculty from Texas A&M, A&M System members, and external entities with interest in the mission and goals of the CIANR will be invited to apply as members. The director of AgriLife Research is authorized to appoint the CIANR director. Initially, the center will be led by Dr. Raghavan Srinivasan.

For larger projects involving multiple institutions, a management committee comprised of one representative from each institution will participate in planning, budgeting, evaluating, and reporting results of the project. A center advisory committee will be chaired by a representative from AgriLife Research and comprised of the leaders of the entities from which center participants come. The CIANR will be reviewed annually by the advisory committee. Copies of the annual review will be forwarded to system leadership.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: David Coatney, Agency Director
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

Subject: Authorization for Time Sensitive Awards Signature Authority for FY21 and FY22

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) director, or designee, to execute **Time Sensitive Awards**.

For purposes of this item, **Time Sensitive Awards** means non-research agreements sponsored by organizations or entities in the government, private, or non-profit sectors (domestic and international) to provide training, technical assistance, and related services, such agreements requiring execution before the next scheduled Board of Regents (Board) meeting in order for TEEX to (a) begin performance; or (b) receive obligation of sponsor funds.

Background Information:

TEEX has received, and anticipates continued receipt of, Time Sensitive Award requests from the following types of organizations:

- (1) Federal agencies;
- (2) State agencies – Texas and other U.S. states;
- (3) Public and private corporations, companies, and partnerships, domestic or international;
- (4) City and county organizations – Texas and other U.S. states; and
- (5) Foreign entities, including governmental entities (state or local) and public or private business corporations, and companies.

TEEX anticipates that it will continue to receive Time Sensitive Award requests from the above-described types of organizations that need to expend (a) remaining funds before the end of a fiscal year or prime award end date; (b) additional funds in a fiscal year; or (c) funds added to an existing award that requires immediate expenditure or obligation.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Delaying the execution of the Time Sensitive Award until Board approval will result in a non-award to TEEX.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

This agenda item addresses Strategic Plan Imperative 6, displaying prudent financial stewardship and sustainability, by ensuring that TEEX does not forego awards that are time sensitive and that accomplish the TEEX mission of “Making a difference by providing training, developing practical solutions, and saving lives.”

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE

Office of the Director

March 27, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization for Time Sensitive Awards Signature Authority for FY21 and FY22

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The director of The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, or designee, is authorized to execute, following a review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, and following approval by the deputy chancellor and chief financial officer, Time Sensitive Awards to organizations in the government, private, or non-profit sectors (domestic and international) to provide training, technical assistance, and related services, for fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022.”

Respectfully submitted,

David Coatney
Agency Director
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

M. Katherine Banks
Vice Chancellor of Engineering and National Laboratories
Dean of Engineering, Texas A&M University
Director, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station

Nim Kidd
Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Tom G. Boggus, Director
Texas A&M Forest Service

Subject: Authorization to Execute FY 2020 Federal Non-research Grant Agreements, and any Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) director or designee to execute two federal, non-research grant agreements, each with a value in excess of \$500,000. All of the grants are funded by the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service.

Program Name	Estimated FY 2020 Award Amount
Consolidated Programs Grant	4,492,547
Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant	792,356

Background Information:

TFS has participated in these grants every year for decades. Work funded by previous grants has allowed TFS to provide technical assistance to citizens of Texas that has resulted in healthy and more productive trees and forests. TFS has become a leader in the development of innovative web-based tools for use by the citizens of Texas in determining the wildfire risk of their property.

TFS is currently leading an effort to re-establish Longleaf Pine stands in Texas with the help of funding from these grants. This outreach will result in Texans benefiting long-term economically from the proper management and harvesting of timber from these stands.

These grants are specifically intended by the USDA Forest Service to pass through to state forestry agencies like TFS.

Consolidated Programs Grant (CPG)

The Consolidated grant funds the following programs:

State Fire Assistance (SFA) – Address critical preparedness needs for firefighter safety, increased initial attack capability, and training.

National Fire Plan – Preparedness – Promote firefighter safety, capability and capacity through innovation and partnerships.

National Fire Plan – Mitigation – Reduce hazardous fuels and wildfire risk to communities, promote wildfire protection planning (CWPPs, Firewise, etc.), and implement wildfire prevention activities.

Forest Stewardship (FS) – Conduct forestry activities, such as: 1) prepare forest stewardship plans, 2) assist landowners to implement forest management activities, 3) provide seedlings for reforestation and restoration activities, 4) develop genetically improved tree seeds and seedlings, 5) educate landowners about forest management practices and issues, 6) coordinate with cooperators to improve program delivery, 7) provide landowner recognition for exemplary forest stewardship, 8) train state and cooperator staffs on program delivery, and 9) practice sustainable forestry on state-owned lands.

Urban & Community Forestry (U&CF) – Provide technical assistance through state forestry organizations to support U&CF planning, training and continuing education, demonstration projects, and assistance to local and state governments and non-profit, volunteer organizations in developing viable and continuing U&CF programs.

Cooperative Forest Health (CFH) – Detect, monitor, and evaluate forest health conditions on state and private lands.

Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) – Competitively funded projects that focus on issues and landscapes of national importance and are intended to shape and influence forest land use on a scale and in a way that optimizes public benefits from trees and forests for both current and future generations.

Volunteer Fire Assistance

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) – Address critical fire management needs and develop fire preparedness capabilities to address fire prevention, wildland urban interface, hazardous fuels treatments, firefighter training, and initial attack fire suppression capabilities.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

TFS would receive an estimated \$5,284,903 from the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service to fund the programs described above. TFS would also complete obligations on prior years' awards for the same grant programs.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

“The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state’s economy.” Grant funding supports TFS’s mission of providing outreach to landowners regarding forest stewardship and conservation and provides training and equipment to firefighters for wildfire fighting capacity and preparedness.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Office of the Director

February 25, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization to Execute FY 2020 Federal Non-research Grant Agreements, and any Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The director of the Texas A&M Forest Service, or designee, is authorized to execute, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, grant agreements, amendments, modifications or extensions with the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service for the Fiscal Year 2020 Consolidated Programs Grant and Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant.”

Respectfully submitted,

Tom G. Boggus
Director, Texas A&M Forest Service

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

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Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Phillip Ray
Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs

Patrick J. Stover
Vice Chancellor and Dean
Agriculture and Life Sciences

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: W. Nim Kidd, Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services
Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management

Subject: Approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management External Operations
Rule for Disaster Recovery Loan Program

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the Texas Division of Emergency Management's (TDEM) external operations rule, Disaster Recovery Loan Program.

Background Information:

Senate Bill 6 from the 86th Legislative Session established the Disaster Recovery Loan Program and requires TDEM to establish rules related to the implementation of the act.

The rule creates an application process for local governments to receive short-term loans to recover from state and federally declared disasters. The rule outlines loan eligibility requirements including restricting the loans for use in rebuilding critical infrastructure with a damage valuation exceeding 50% of a local government's annual revenue. The rule requires TDEM to issue the loans with an interest rate at or below the current market rate. The rule also details TDEM's loan management processes from awarding a loan through its closure.

This rule is created in accordance with TDEM's external operations rules development Plan approved by the Board of Regents at its February 6, 2020 meeting and is respectfully submitted for Board approval.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

TDEM is continually working to ensure that it is meeting the needs of the people of Texas with respect to emergency management and to integrate recommendations from the public, stakeholders, partner agencies and staff in its operations. The development of external operations rules provides a mechanism to improve upon TDEM's efforts to meet Imperative 5 of the System Strategic Plan for 2016-2021, *The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state's economy.*

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services
Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management
April 6, 2020

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management External Operations Rule
for Disaster Recovery Loan Program

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves
the Texas Division of Emergency Management’s external operations rule,
Disaster Recovery Loan Program, as shown in the exhibit.”**

Respectfully submitted,

W. Nim Kidd
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services
Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management

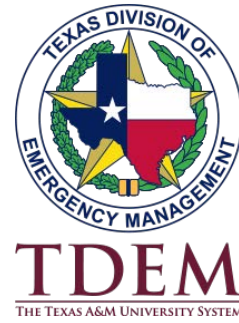
Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer



Disaster Recovery Loan Program Rule

Approved May 14, 2020
Next Scheduled Review: May 14, 2025

Rule Summary

- Texas Government Code, Sections 418.061 through 418.067 require the Texas Division of Emergency Management (Division) to develop rules to implement the Disaster Recovery Loan Program to provide short-term loans for disaster recovery projects in eligible political subdivisions.
 - These rules provide the requirements for the implementations of the program.
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Definitions

- Eligible political subdivision means a county, municipality, or school district that:
 - is located wholly or partly in an area declared to be a disaster area by the governor or the president of the United States; and
 - before applying to the division for a loan under this subchapter:
 - has submitted to the division, within 15 days of the date of its adoption by the governing body of the political subdivision, the political subdivision's operating budget for the most recent fiscal year; and
 - has submitted an application for a loan from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's community disaster loan program;
 - an assessment of damages due to the disaster for which the declaration was made has been conducted in the political subdivision; and
 - the division, in consultation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will determine that the estimated cost to rebuild the political subdivision's infrastructure damaged in the disaster is greater than 50 percent of the political subdivision's total revenue for the current year as shown in the most recent operating budget of the political subdivision submitted to the division under this section.
 - Disaster Recovery Loan Account means the account created in the general revenue fund with the comptroller and administered by the Division including money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the account by the legislature; money received by the comptroller for repayment of the loan principal and interest; gifts or grants contributed to the account; and interest earned on deposits and investments of the account. Funds in the account may only be used to provide short-term loans to eligible political subdivisions in the manner indicated in this rule.
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Rule

1. Disaster Recovery Loan Program

1.1 The Division shall develop a loan program to provide short-term loans to eligible political subdivisions for disaster recovery projects.

1.2 The loans must meet the following conditions:

1.2.1 the loan must be made at or below market interest rates for a term not to exceed 10 years; and

1.2.2 the loan proceeds must be expended by the eligible political subdivision solely for the applicable disaster recovery project.

2. Application for Disaster Recovery Loan Program

2.1 The Division shall develop and maintain an application which will provide sufficient information to verify the eligibility of the political subdivision and the applicable project for a loan.

2.2 The application will be posted to the Division website.

2.3 Determination of Eligibility of Political Subdivisions

2.3.1 Eligible political subdivision means a county, municipality, or school district that:

a. is located wholly or partly in an area declared to be a disaster area by the governor or the president of the United States; and

b. before applying to the division for a loan under this subchapter:

1. The political subdivision has submitted its operating budget for the most recent fiscal year to the division within 15 days of the date of its adoption by the governing body of the political subdivision; and

2. has submitted an application for a loan from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's community disaster loan program;

2.3.2 The political subdivision must show that an assessment of damages due to the disaster for which the declaration was made has been conducted in accordance with TDEM requirements in the political subdivision.

2.3.3 The political subdivision must provide to the Division sufficient information to show that the estimated cost to rebuild the political subdivision's infrastructure damaged in the disaster is greater than 50 percent of the

political subdivision's total revenue for the current year as shown in the most recent operating budget of the political subdivision submitted to the division under this section.

2.4 The loan application will contain at a minimum the following items:

- 2.4.1 A description of the disaster recovery project for which the applicant is requesting the loan;
- 2.4.2 An estimate of the total cost of the project;
- 2.4.3 A statement of the amount of federal money that the applicant will receive for the project, or, if that information is not available on the date the applicant submits the application, an estimate of the amount and the total requested amount;
- 2.4.4 A statement of the amount of insurance collected for the damage to the original structure, if any;
- 2.4.5 The revenue source from which payments on the loan principal and interest will be made.
- 2.4.6 Evidence that the applicant has staff, policies, and procedures in place adequate to complete the project.
- 2.4.7 The requested term of the loan, not to exceed ten years, and the requested amount of the loan.
- 2.4.8 Proof of authority for the chief elected official of the political subdivision to enter into the loan agreement. (This can be a resolution from the political subdivision or minutes of a meeting authorizing the loan agreement or specific authorizing statute.)
- 2.4.9 The signature of the chief elected official of the political subdivision authorizing the political subdivision to enter into the loan agreement with the Division.

3. Review of applications

- 3.1 The Division will verify that the information contained in 2.3 and 2.4 above.
- 3.2 The Division, in consultation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency will verify the information contained in 2.3.3 above.
- 3.3 Once the information in 3.1 and 3.2 are verified as accurate, the Division will determine the availability of funds in the Disaster Recovery Loan account to provide the loan.

4. Awarding of the Loan

4.1 After verification of available funds and the verification of information in Section 3, the Division will evaluate currently viable applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

4.1.1 In the event that funds are not available to provide the loan, the Division shall notify the local jurisdiction of the unavailability of funds.

4.1.2 If funds subsequently become available, all eligible and verified applicants will be notified, and the Division shall make additional awards.

4.2 Based upon the current market interest rates, the Division will determine the interest rate for the loan which will be at or below the market interest rate.

4.3 The Division will determine the term of the loan which shall not exceed ten years.

4.4 If the term of the loan exceeds two years, the Division shall notify the state auditor's office of the loan within 30 business days from when the loan is made.

5. Management of the Loan

5.1 The Division shall notify the political subdivision of the award of the loan, including all loan terms and repayment provisions.

5.2 The political subdivision shall have 60 days to accept the terms of the loan on the form provided by the division which shall be signed by the chief elected official of the political subdivision and returned to the Division.

5.3 The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) shall enter the loan terms into the Campus Receivables Collector (CRC) Program which will track the principal and interest payments required.

5.4 The political subdivision shall make repayments of the loan principal and interest to the Comptroller of Public Accounts monthly.

5.5 The political subdivision will receive a report monthly on the loan balance and payments made.

5.6 Missed Payment

5.6.1 In the event that a political subdivision fails to make a scheduled payment on the loan, the Division shall, within 10 business days, notify the political subdivision of the missed payment and request that the payment be made.

5.6.2 If a political subdivision fails to make two consecutive payments, the Division shall send a notice of the missed payments to the chief elected official of the political subdivision. The notice shall request that the missed payments be submitted within 10 business days.

- 5.6.3 If the political subdivision fails to make three consecutive payments, the Division shall notify the state auditor's office and take remedial actions as provided in Section 5.9.

5.7 Loan Forgiveness and Revision of Loan Terms

- 5.7.1 If the term of a loan from the account exceeds two years, the state auditor shall, on the second anniversary of the date on which the eligible political subdivision received the loan, conduct a limited audit of the political subdivision to determine whether the political subdivision has the ability to repay the loan under the terms of the loan. The state auditor's participation under this provision is subject to approval by the legislative audit committee for inclusion in the audit plan under Texas Government Code Section 321.013(c).
- 5.7.2 The Division may forgive a loan made to an eligible political subdivision if the state auditor determines that the political subdivision is unable to repay the loan.
- 5.7.3 Once the state auditor has determined that the political subdivision does not have the ability to repay the loan, the Division shall determine whether to reduce the payments on the loan to a level that is manageable by the political subdivision or to forgive the loan.
- 5.7.4 In the event that the Division chooses to renegotiate the loan terms to reduce the payments made by the political subdivision, the Division shall notify the political subdivision and negotiate a revision to the loan terms with the political subdivision.
- 5.7.5 If the political subdivision renegotiates the terms of the loan, the Division will revise the terms of the loan accordingly. The terms shall take effect upon receipt by the Division of the new loan terms signed by the chief elected officer of the political subdivision.

5.8 Remedies for Default of Payment

- 5.8.1 In the event that a political subdivision which has been found to have the ability to repay the loan by the State Auditor fails to make payments for three consecutive periods, or does not make up missed payments, the Division may take such actions as are necessary to ensure the viability of the loan program. The Division may use such methods as are routinely used in state-funded loan programs.

5.9 Loan Closure

- 5.9.1 Upon final repayment of the loan, the Division shall send to the political subdivision notification of the closure of the loan.
- 5.9.2 If the Division chooses to forgive a loan due to the political subdivision's inability to repay as determined by the state auditor's office, the Division

shall notify the political subdivision that the loan has been forgiven, and enter the information in the CRC.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

- [Texas Government Code Subchapter C-1](#)
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